



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

December/January Newsletter 2023/2024

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Hello Everyone

Our club days in the previous month have been well attended. Thank you for your support and welcome to new club members.

Many thanks to the band members, the ladies who work in the kitchen and to everyone who helps set up and pack away. Special thanks also to our committee for all their work during the year.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful break over Christmas/New Year and come back rejuvenated and all set to go for 2024.

Kindest regards
Elva

Hello Everyone

Well, can you believe this is the last newsletter of the year! Where has the time gone? As Elva has already mentioned, we've had another good month at club and a special



celebration on the first Sunday when Anne McComb and Barry Stott announced that they had just become newlyweds. I'm sure you'll all join me in congratulating them and we wish them every happiness



Thanks to Ross for helping us out that afternoon by playing bass and Steve Mete played lead. Here's Steve singing Fly



Like A Bird and JK sang All I Have For You Mom. Alan had the 10 minute spot that day and he did very well. Here he is singing All My



Exes Live In Texas. That afternoon we also had some first time visitors to club. Helen



and Laurie accompanied themselves on their mandolin and guitar and sang Ain't No Change and Pardon Me. We hope to see them at club again in the future.

Last club day we had a good crowd again and Elva had the 10 minute spot. We all enjoyed some of her favourite songs, including Blue Kentucky Girl. I



wasn't at club that afternoon, so thank you



Maude for these photos of Elva and a group of our strongest supporters, Norma, Ian and Adele!!



This Sunday will be our last club day for the year and we're hoping to have a great afternoon. Fay Joyce and Ripeka Nahi will be our guest artists and we're expecting some visitors from the Kaitaia Club.

Raffles will include three baskets of goodies and some ceramic pots - tickets for these will be three for \$5. In addition, we will have our usual \$3 fund-raising raffle.

You will be pleased to hear that Pat has picked up a little and is looking brighter. Of course she's missing club, the music and all of us. I know she would love to be able to come to the break-up. We'll just have to wait and see. On a sad note, Bruce Somers, who some older members may remember, passed away recently.

Just another reminder that we're looking for club members who might be interested in learning to use the sound system. It would be helpful to have a few people on stand-by who were able to do this. Please speak to Elva if you think you might like to try this. Also, we will be looking for a new Secretary next year, as Sue will be standing down at the AGM on 7 April.

Some Dates to Remember

✚ The Wai Worri Country Muster is on the week-end of **6-7 January**. There will be a pre-muster hoedown at the Kaihu Tavern with Carleen and Ted on **Thursday evening (4th)** from 6.30 pm. Bookings for dinner are essential, so ring Jolene on 027 288 2958 if you would like to have a meal. There will be a food truck on site and costs for the week-end will be \$35 per person if you're staying over in your campervan or caravan, \$15 per day for day visitors or \$25 for two



days. The guest artists will be Kylie Austin, En Tranzet, Megan Johnston and Carleen Still, who I expect will also be the MC. This year the proceeds will be going to the Stroke Foundation.

- ✚ **21 January 2024** will be our first club day next year.
- ✚ The Gisborne Awards are on **27-28 January 2024** at the War Memorial Theatre, Gisborne.
- ✚ The Taranaki Country Music Festival is on **15-18 February 2024** at Waitara.
- ✚ The Arapara Country Music Awards Auckland (formerly the Auckland Awards) are on **20-21 April 2024** at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Larry Webb, Warren Williams, Ian Venables, Lorraine Young, Glenice Simpson, Dale Watson, Derek Lemon and Sandy Whitehead. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

21 January	1.00-4.00 pm
04 February	1.00-4.00 pm
18 February	1.00-4.00 pm

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope you all have a joyful time with family and friends, with lots of good food and memories shared.

