



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

Thank you to all of you who turned up for our first club day of the year - it was an extremely humid afternoon. I can't say enough about how grateful we are to all of you who help on the day - musicians, kitchen ladies and those who set up and pack up at the end of the afternoon

This year we thought we'd try something different and have a guest artist every few months on the third Sunday of the month and a normal club afternoon on the fifth Sunday, so that we can get through all the singers. If anyone has any ideas of different things we could do, please let me know.

Regards

Elva

Hello everyone and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you've had an enjoyable and relaxing time and caught up with family and friends.

Just looking back to our Christmas break-up, what a lovely afternoon that was. We had a big audience, an amazing afternoon tea and all the raffles as well. I was a lucky winner of one of these! Thank you to everyone who brought a plate that day, special thanks to the hard working ladies in the kitchen and

also to those who organised the raffles - it all takes time. It was nice that a few people made the effort to embrace the Christmas spirit by wearing something appropriate and we had a good variety of Christmas songs from the singers. Here are Elva, Lorraine and Ruby, all looking very festive.



Murray sang Feliz Navidad and you can see what a crowd we had that afternoon. I wonder who those three ladies are - triple trouble I suspect!



The Wai Worri Country Muster went off well this year, although the weather was a bit unreliable on the Saturday! One minute you needed your umbrella to keep the rain off and the next minute it was useful as a sun

umbrella. There were some very good artists, including Kylie Austin and Megan Johnston (see below) and all the proceeds are going to the Stroke Foundation. Here's Ruby and Murray entertaining during the walk-ups.



Now, just a few housekeeping matters. Elva has already mentioned that we're planning to have a guest artist occasionally on the third Sunday of the month. Megan Johnston will be our first guest on 17 March and I'm sure you'll all enjoy her visit. Our first fifth Sunday is also in March and this will be Easter Sunday, so we'd like to have an Easter theme, just for fun. You could wear an Easter bonnet or sing a song about a rabbit and there will be prizes for the best dressed person and the best song - guess what they will be!

Workshops will resume once we find a rhythm guitarist who is happy to do this. Please remember also, that you need four copies of your chord charts on club days and speak to Elva if you think you would be interested in learning to use the sound system.

We've had to modify our Constitution slightly in order to comply with amendments to the Charitable Trusts' Act. Copies of this will be available on club days, so please feel free to look through it and comment if necessary. The changes will need to be approved at the AGM on 21 April.

We were sorry to hear that Maureen Smith had a fall recently. This left her badly bruised, but fortunately there were no serious injuries. Maude has also not been well and has had a few days in hospital. It's

good to see Pat at club again and our best wishes go to them all and anyone else who may not be well at the moment.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Either/Or (**Sue** and Duane) will be entertaining at the Quarry Gardens on **25 February** from 4-7 pm. Tickets available from the Gardens \$20. This will be contemporary folk and celtic style music.
- ✚ Taranaki Country Music Festival and Awards are on **15-18 February**.
- ✚ Arapera Country Music Awards are on **19-21 April**.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Merle Wrathall, Ray Taylor, Brenda McLeish, Ross Brabham, June Wallace and Ellie Corless. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

04 February	1.00-4.00 pm
18 February	1.00-4.00 pm
03 March	1.00-4.00 pm
17 March (guest artist)	1.00-4.00 pm
31 March (Easter Sunday)	1.00-4.00 pm

That's the news for this month. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Take care and

Keep it Country!

