



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

It looks like the humid weather has passed - the rain a welcome sight for the gardens and ducks!

Club has been well attended so far this year, which is nice to see. I keep saying that we very much appreciate the help we receive from everyone.

It was nice to visit the Hokianga and Far North Clubs over the past month. Their clubs start at 12 noon if you're interested in visiting.

We wish Yvonne and Maude a speedy recovery and I look forward to seeing you all at club.

Regards
Elva

Hello Everyone

What a good start to the year we've had with our club days. Numbers have been really good, with new faces in the audience each afternoon and some lovely afternoon teas! Thank you to those who bring a plate. So nice to have Pat back at club again, doing what she likes doing best.



It was good to have Wilkie playing rhythm that afternoon and Steve Detlaff was back with his steel guitar. Thanks to Mary for helping us out on the drums and

Steve Mete

played lead. We've had a few different musical performances during the



month. Helen,

Laurie and Sue gave us a blue grass number one afternoon and young Tyler played his bag pipes.



Last club day Chucky, Cher and Hine from the



Hokianga

visited us again, so we had some line dancing. Alanah had the 10 minute spot and she did very well. She had a

good variety of songs, including Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain.

Trish, who is new to club, played her ukulele and sang In The Middle of an Island. We hope to see her again at club.



This coming Sunday Lyn Roberts will have the 10 minute spot and on 17 March our first guest artist, Megan Johnson, will be entertaining us. Don't forget that the fifth

Sunday in March is Easter Sunday and we would like to have an Easter theme. See if you can find an Easter bonnet and a suitable song and there'll be prizes for the best dressed person and the best song. In the near future, we'll be asking everyone who wishes to sing to provide four copies of their chord charts for the band. It would be preferable if these were in a folder - if not and there are two sheets, please sellotape them together.

I'm sure you've all heard about our 50th birthday celebrations on 1 June. Tickets (\$10) will be for sale on club days, starting this Sunday. Murray will be in charge of this, so look out for him when you arrive. It might be helpful if you could have the correct amount of money and we suggest you put your name and phone number on the back of your ticket. There will be lucky number prizes on the day.

I'm sorry to say that we have no more news on workshops starting again at this stage, but Rob is still willing to help you practise a new song at his home.

A reminder about the AGM on 21 April, which will include discussion on the updated constitution. Copies of this are on the back table if you would like to look through it. If you wish to vote at the AGM your subs must be paid before then. Any notices of motion for the AGM will need to be in by the end of March and we will be looking for a new Secretary and Treasurer. Club will finish at 3.30 pm on that afternoon.



I have some sad news now. Yvonne Bingley, who is one of our regular band members, had a stroke last week. She's in Whangarei Hospital, Ward 15, Room 6, if anyone would like to visit her and she'll be there

for some time. While Yvonne is making steady progress, she's not able to talk very

much at this stage, but she'll be interested in your news. We're all thinking about her. Maude is making good progress and Maureen Smith has been staying with her daughter, but is now home again. Our best wishes go to them all and anyone else who may not be well at the moment.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ **Our AGM 21 April.**
Arapera Country Music Awards are on **19-21 April** at Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club.
- ✚ The Bay of Island Country Rock Festival is on **10-12 May.**
- ✚ Matamata Country Music Awards are on **18 May.**
- ✚ Our 50th birthday celebrations are on **1 June** at the Kamo Club - see poster on board for details.
- ✚ Te Puke Country Music Awards are on **22 June.**

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Norma Venables, Richard Goodall, Susan Marsh and Patsy Rudolph. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

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
07 April	1.00-4.00 pm
21 April (AGM)	1.00-3.30 pm

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

Keep it Country!

