



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

Time is moving so fast - first quarter of the year gone, daylight saving ending and the cooler weather is upon us.

We've had successful club days again this month - thanks to the supporters and workers making it possible. Don't forget the AGM on 21 April. You need to be a member to vote or go on committee. We really need some new faces on board, including a Secretary and Treasurer. Also, the club's 50th on 1 June should be a fun day, catching up with some of our 'used to be' members.

Sad to see that the Silver Notes Club will be finishing after 34 years. We've had some fun trips there.

Regards
Elva

Hello Everyone

We've had quite a busy month, with five club days. On the first Sunday Larry tried his



hand at being MC for the afternoon and made a very good job of it. It was nice to see Maureen back at club again, but unfortunately she's been in hospital again since

then and is still there. We send her our very best wishes.



We all enjoyed Lyn's 10 minute spot - she sang some old favourites, including My Mother's Eyes and Be Faithful Darling. On the third Sunday, our guest artist Megan did a great job, as did our band who

were backing her. She was very professional and obviously just loved what she was doing. She gave us a great variety of songs, including Blue Bayou, You're 16 and Travelling Soldier. It was so good to see Ahi again that afternoon.



Most of you won't know Ahi, but he goes back a long way for many of us. He's a drummer first and foremost, but that afternoon he sang A Roomful of People and here he is with Colin - two old mates together.



We finished off the month with a very good afternoon on Easter Sunday. Our friends from the Hokianga arrived, so Chucky helped out with the band again and, of course, there was line dancing. It was good



to see Ray and Yvonne at club - Yvonne is making steady progress towards a full recovery. One of the Hokianga ladies won the Easter raffle, we had two visitors from Marylands, Taranaki and Adele wore a very smart Easter bonnet! A great afternoon was had by all! Next club day (21st) Betty (that's me) has the 10 minute spot.



You will all know that Wilkie lost Bruce last month. Many of us went to his farewell at the Onerahi Hall and it was a lovely afternoon.

I know that Wilkie really appreciated everyone's support and we had a minute's silence in memory of Bruce at our club afternoon the next day. A few of our other members have had a few mishaps recently too. Bob has been in hospital, but is home now and has to take it easy. Colin also had a fall, but he's ok. Some of you will remember Bert Stevens - he passed away recently and I'm sure he would have been singing until the day he died.

Has everyone remembered to pay their subs? The AGM is coming up (21 April) and you'll need to be a financial member before then if you wish to vote. We will be looking for a new Secretary and Treasurer and there will be discussion on the updated constitution and also on door prices for visitors. If this is approved, visitors will be asked to pay \$5 as from 1 June. Club will finish at 3.30 pm on that afternoon

If you haven't already bought your tickets for the 50th birthday celebrations on 1 May, look out for Murray when you get to club. He'll sell you a ticket for \$10 and we suggest you put your name and phone number on the back of your ticket when you get it. There will be lucky number prizes on the day.

Just a reminder about having four copies of your chord charts for the band, preferably in a folder or sellotaped together if there are two sheets.

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Our AGM is on 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.
- ✚ South Waikato Awards are on 13-14 July at the Plaza Theatre, Putaruru.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Sue Drake, Ellen Bakker, Wilkie Major, Ruby Reihana, Don Cleary, Bev Hanson, Alanah Brabham, Diane Fidler and Steve Detlaff. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

07 April	1.00-4.00 pm
21 April (AGM)	1.00-3.30 pm
05 May	1.00-4.00 pm
19 May	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!

