



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

I hope you all realise that, at the end of this month, there's only six months to Christmas. That's just to keep you all in good cheer!



The passing of Maureen earlier this month was very sad. She was a loyal member of the club for about 30 years. It's hard to believe that time has gone so fast. Maureen and

Sam used to come over from Dargaville until they moved to Tikipunga. She used to enter awards and did very well, especially in the veterans' section. She will be sadly missed.

It was lovely to have visitors, Doris and Maree at club last month. It's always good to hear different singers.

Thanks again to all who help at club in whatever capacity - it's very much appreciated.

Regards

Elva

Hello Everyone

What a sad month it's been. Not only did we lose Maureen, but Athlene also.

Athlene had only been a member of the club for a few years, but she enjoyed singing and was improving all the time.



Here she is with Elva, who was giving her some encouragement one club day. I've just heard to-day that Linda Matheson has also passed away. She had been in hospital for a while and had been a club supporter for many years. Our thoughts are with their families at this time.



We shall also miss Larry, with his cheery smile and a kind word for everyone, as well as his antics on the dance floor!

Larry is very sick, but his daughters have taken him to Australia to spend the rest of his days with them.

As Elva mentioned, we had two visitors from other clubs during the month. Doris and her husband from the Morrinsville Club called in on their way to the Bay of Islands



Festival and she sang a couple of songs. Maree, from Taranaki, was also passing through and became our unexpected guest artist for the second club afternoon of the month. She

sang five songs, including Last Cheater's Waltz and Neon Moon. We will have five Sundays in June and Heather Carrigan will be the guest artist on the third Sunday, 16 June.

Some of our members enjoyed a good week-end of country music at the



Bay of Islands Festival. Carleen was also celebrating a wedding anniversary, so she dedicated this song to husband, Peter, who was the drummer for the week-end - I Picked A Winner When I

Fell In Love With You. It was good to see Annette and Kim on stage again. They always get a lot of support from audiences.



Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ Te Puke Country Music Awards are on **22 June**.
- ✚ Aotearoa Country Music Awards are on **20-22 September** at Palmerston North.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Elva Morgan, Bruce Stenhouse, Roberta Whitehead and Julia Kelly. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

02 June	1.00-4.00 pm
16 June	1.00-4.00 pm
30 June	1.00-4.00 pm
07 July	1.00-4.00 pm
21 July	1.00-4.00 pm

That's the news for this month. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday at the concert to celebrate fifty years of country music. Take care and

Keep it Country!

