



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Merry Christmas Everyone!

I hope you all have a bit of the festive feeling. I'm having a hard time tracking it down myself!

This is our last newsletter of the year. We are very appreciative of all the work put in by the committee, musicians and members who help pack up each club day. Next year our first club day will be 2 February, as the hall is being painted.

At this time of the year, it's nice to remember those we have lost. Last year it was Maureen, Larry, Athlene and Linda.

I hope you have a great Christmas and New Year. Stay safe and we'll see you all in February.

kindest regards
Elva



Hello Everyone

Well, can you believe this is the last newsletter of the year! Where has the time gone? It's been a busy year for the club, with a lot of extra work for the committee organising our 50th birthday celebrations - and what a success that was. Many thanks to everyone who was involved. Since then we've had some very good club afternoons, with big audience numbers and quite a lot of visitors throughout the year. Our last two club afternoons have been a little quieter, but with some good entertainment.



Last club day there was time for everyone to sing two songs. Dot and her husband called in on their travels one afternoon and Dot sang *Where Am I Going To Live When I Get Home*. Cathy

played and sang *Rock Around The Clock Tonight*. Last club day Chocky joined us again and, as Sue said, we love to



have him in the band. He even gave us a song, *Make The World Go Away*, as well as playing his guitar.



Sue sang Sweet Delta Dawn, Elva sang Honky Tonk Woman and Gail played her ukulele and sang Four Walls.



Here's advance notice about a club trip next year, when we hope to visit the Far North Country and Variety Club at Kaitaia. This is planned for 9 March and, depending on numbers, we may be able to hire a bus for the trip, so put this date in your diary. There will be more information about this when club starts again in February. Also, our Secretary, Judith, has had to resign for personal reasons, so we will be looking for new executive committee members next year.

Next Sunday, the 15th, will be our last club day for the year and we're hoping to have a great afternoon. Annette and Kim will be the guest artists and raffles will include three baskets of goodies. Tickets for these will be three for \$5 and it will be much appreciated if you can bring a plate for afternoon tea. Also, let's try and get into the spirit of Christmas and wear something festive and please remember - no talking when people are singing.

Some Dates to Remember

✚ The Wai Worri Country Muster will be on **4-5 January 2025** and this will be their 20th anniversary. All proceeds will go to the Breast Cancer Support Northland Trust. The cost will be \$40 per person to

stay for the week-end in your caravan or camper van, or \$20 per day and \$30 for two days. The pre-muster hoedown will be held in the woolshed and not at the Kaihu Tavern, on the Thursday evening, 2 January, 7 pm until late. Take your own drinks, nibbles and dancing shoes! There will be a food truck, raffles and walk-ups and please wear pink on the Saturday. There will be a prize for the best dressed person. The guest artists will be Annette and Kim, Carleen Still, who I expect will also be the MC, Kylie Austin, Tom Wood and Doug Kitchen. I hope to see you there.

Birthdays

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

Country Calendar

2 February	1.00-4.00 pm
16 February	1.00-4.00 pm
02 March	1.00-4.00 pm
16 March	1.00-4.00 pm
30 March	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. To those of you who've not been well, we hope to see you back at club again in 2025.

