



# Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

## February Newsletter 2025

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Hi Everyone

Hopefully you're all rested up from the long break, so let's look forward to another positive year of country music, with no bickering or criticism. We are here to foster country music and have a good time, so please accept people as they are and support one another to keep the club going.

The Far North Club would prefer us to visit them on 23 March, so there's another list on the table. Please add your name to this if you are still able to make the trip. The cost will be \$25, which needs to be paid urgently and you will need to pay the entry fee of \$5 when we arrive. The bus needs to be full, or I'm afraid we won't be going.

We have our AGM coming up (again) on 4 May. We desperately need new committee members and a Secretary and a Treasurer. Please consider putting your name forward if you feel able to. We will give you all the support you need.

Regards  
Elva

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you've all had a great break and enjoyed time with family and friends. We look forward to another good year at club and what a great afternoon we had to finish off 2024. So nice to have Kim playing in the band again, as well as being the guest artist with Annette that afternoon. Most of you won't remember, but Kim used to play in the band every single club day. Chocky helped us out that afternoon also and it was great to have Ray playing bass again. Murray played rhythm and Bruce was the drummer of the day on borrowed electric drums, as Colin wasn't well. They all did a great job.



A lot of people made the effort to sing a Christmas song and it was a really lovely afternoon. Thank you to all the helpers and those who provided a plate for afternoon tea.



Murray and Alan got into the Christmas spirit, as did a few others. Murray sang



Felice Navida and we all loved Alan's glasses!

We had a special presentation during the afternoon, to acknowledge the loyalty and support given to the club over many years by some of our members. They were Merle, Lyn, Norma, Ray, Yvonne and Colin and they were made life members of the club.



For the second half of the afternoon we were entertained by Annette and Kim as the guest artists. They gave us a great variety of songs and it was so good to see them performing together again and to see Annette back in action.



Now for a few housekeeping matters. We've decided to reinstate the suggestion box, so if you have any good ideas we would love to hear from you. If you have any complaints on a club day, please speak to Elva or Murray.

The 10 minute spots will start again this Sunday and Julz has the first spot.

Two of our club members did well at the Little Tennessee Awards in December. Wilkie won the gospel section and Dale was the most improved artist. Well done!

Yvonne Bingley has not been well over the last month and has been in hospital for two weeks. She is home now and recovering steadily, so we send her our best wishes. On a sad note, D'Arcy Bailey, a former member of the club, passed away in Tauranga earlier this month.

We weren't able to go to Wai Worri this year, but apparently they had a great weekend and raised over \$11,000 for breast cancer. What an amazing effort!

### Birthdays

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

### Country Calendar

02 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
23 March - trip to Kaitaia	

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

## Keep it Country!

