



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hello Everyone

Happy New Year and welcome back to club. I hope you've all had a relaxing holiday and good times shared with family and friends



Here are some photos from our end-of-year break-up. A few people got into the Christmas

spirit and it was good to

see Bruce again.



Merle and Maureen sang In His Loving Care and dedicated it to Gloria, because she had spent a lot of time with them

working on this song. The guest artist, Ronnie Antonio (the Singing Farmer) gave us a great variety of songs and we all enjoyed his musical talent. Many thanks to the committee for organising all the raffles, to everyone who helped in the kitchen and to all of



you who brought a plate for afternoon tea.

The Wai Worri country muster went off very well indeed this year. The weather was wonderful and we only used the wool shed on New Year's Eve. Most of the musicians didn't arrive until later, but Carlene and Ted did a sterling job and kept going until midnight. You will recognise some of the guest artists: Dave Ewart Jnr, En Tranzet, Annette and Wendy.



Carlene did a great job as MC, as always and I've no idea where Ted found the sun-glasses! Only he could have managed that. The band (mostly our club members) Ray on bass, Ted on rhythm, Bruce on drums and his son



Dan on lead, did an amazing job. There were over 100 vans and

caravans there this year. Everyone worked very hard to put on a good show and they raised almost \$5,500 for Kids with Arthritis, so a job well done - congratulations to them all!

Unfortunately Kim wasn't able to be at Wai Worri this year, because his mother passed away unexpectedly a few days earlier, so we send our condolences to him. Marjory Smith is in hospital again, but is quite bright and cheerful. She will be going into respite care for a while when she's well enough. Maureen Smith was also in hospital briefly before Christmas. She is still recovering, but it was good to see her at the RSA on Sunday. Ian Venables also had an operation recently. He has made good progress and assures me that he "could be dangerous" in a few weeks, so ladies watch out! Murray Elmes is heading to Auckland this week for an operation and we send him our very best wishes.

Last Sunday we had our first club afternoon at the RSA in their new premises. This was very successful, there was a good crowd and the band and club members performed well.

The guest artist was Graham Bell and he gave us a good variety of traditional country songs. You may recall that he played his steel guitar at our Christmas break-up and he played with the band again on Sunday.

Our workshops got under way this week and they will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Grand Hotel, from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm. **You must put your name on the list at the back table** if you would like to attend a workshop. The cost will be \$2.

Birthdays

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

Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ The Muddy River Awards (Junior and Intermediate only) are at Wanganui on **27 February 2021**.
- ✚ The Wellsford Club will be visiting us in the near future. The date has yet to be confirmed.
- ✚ Our AGM will be on **18 April**, so membership fees are due now.
- ✚ NZCMA are having a 50th Birthday Bash on **5 June**. It will be at the Millenium Hotel, Rotorua from 1.00-10.30 pm and the cost will be \$80. This includes entry to shows, dinner and a glass of wine.



Country Calendar

07 February 1.00-4.00 pm
21 February 1.00-4.00 pm
07 March 1.00-4.00 pm

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That's all for now. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Take care and

Keep it Country!

