



# Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

## May Newsletter 2023

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Hi Folks

Well, it's good to be back after five enjoyable weeks away. Many thanks to all who supported the AGM on that very wet day and to outgoing committee members for their hard work over the last few years. Welcome to Rob Wigmore and Alan Morrison who have joined the committee. As the club turns 50 next year, we would appreciate any ideas from members on how we should celebrate.

Kindest regards  
Elva

Here are a few photos from the last part of Elva's trip - the Fab Four in Liverpool, freezing cold at Stonehenge, slightly warmer at Bath and quite pleasant at Leicester Square! The further south she got the warmer it became, of course.



What a busy month we've had, with an extra club day and also the AGM. One afternoon we had over 70 people in the audience and some visitors and new singers each time.



Here are a few of the highlights: Claude and his wife were visiting from Matakana. Claude sang a yodeling song, When the Cactus is in Bloom, which was excellent and he finished

off the afternoon for us by singing How Great Thou Art and received a great round of applause. His wife, Lois, also had a lovely voice and they hope to visit us again in the future.



Thanks to Brent for helping us out one afternoon - he and Steve shared the lead.

Here he is singing Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain and Steve gave us a tune on his harmonica. Norma played Pokarekare Ana and Maude sang Red Smoke as a tribute to



Anzac Day. Merle and Maureen sang a duet and earlier in the afternoon Merle sang Today I Started



Loving You Again, in memory of Harry Harris who passed away a year ago. It was

good to see Tony and Peter at club again. Here's Tony singing After the Loving and



Peter and Dot gave us a duet - Have You Ever Been Lonely. Also good to see Julz again - she sang Lace Covered Window.



We're planning to start the Ten Minute Spots again this month and they will be held on the third Sunday of the month. A name will be drawn, you will be notified in advance and you will have the opportunity to sing three songs. Don't forget the workshops. You must be a member to practise a song, but anyone can come along to see what's happening. Rob has also very kindly offered to help members individually at his home. You can still pay your subs if you haven't already done so.

Several of our members have had a few health issues recently. You will remember that Wilkie's husband, Bruce, ended up in hospital in Auckland, but I'm pleased to hear that he's home and making steady progress. Larry had a very nasty car accident a few weeks ago and ended up in hospital for a few days. He's making slow but steady progress, but it will take him a long time to get over this. Last Friday Ian Venables had a heart attack and an unexpected ride to Auckland by helicopter. He's having a stent put in and should be home by the time you read this. Our best wishes go to them all.



It was great to see Annette and Kim performing at the Kamo Club a few weeks ago. Annette has been out of action for quite a while, but certainly hasn't forgotten how to sing. It was a very pleasant afternoon and there were about a dozen club members there to support them.

### Some Dates to Remember

- ✚ The Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival is on the week-end of **12-14 May**.
- ✚ The Matamata Awards are on **20 May** at the Civic Centre.
- ✚ The Te Puke Awards are on **24 June**.
- ✚ The Aotearoa Awards are on **16-17 September**.

Below is a list of club positions for the year. If anyone is interested in being MC for the afternoon on club days, please speak to Elva.

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|                     | Sue Drake         |
| Afternoon Tea       | Yvonne Harris     |
| Meet and Greet      | Committee Members |
| Workshops           | Elva Morgan       |

We are going to ask singers to take their own chord charts onto the stage and pick them up afterwards, but please take them out of your folders. This will be a trial, but may speed things up a little and there will be less congestion around the stage area.

### Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Jane Smith, Murray Elmes and Athlene Peer-Adams. Hope you all have a great day!

### Country Calendar

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|---------|--------------|
| 07 May  | 1.00-4.00 pm |
| 21 May  | 1.00-4.00 pm |
| 04 June | 1.00-4.00 pm |
| 18 June | 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!

