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Hi Everyone

I hope you're all enjoying this fine weather and that all the flu bugs, etc, have gone.

Once again, thank you to our musicians, sound technicians and kitchen ladies and the donations for afternoon tea. To the people who set up and help pack up, thank you very much also.

Getting back to our musicians - Sue has always had a passion for blue grass music, so she has decided it's time to follow that path. We appreciate all she's done over the years and we will endeavour to fill the various jobs she has handled. Sue has kindly agreed to help out until the end of October, when Murray gets back and I'm sure she will pop into club now and then.

Regards
Elva

Hello Everyone

It's been quite a busy month again and I'd like to welcome two new members to the club - Robin Watson and Rosie Easter. It was great to have Sue back from her trip to America and playing in the band again. Here she is singing Picture In A Frame.



We also had a few visitors on the first Sunday - Dot and her husband from the Far North Club and Johnnie O'Connell, who is a life member of

our club. Dot sang Smile and Johnnie sang Don't Let The Old Man In. This was Father's Day and we had quite a few songs relating to the day, which was really nice. Ruby sang Grampa and Ray brought his trumpet along and played Oh My Papa Wilkie and Julz gave us a duo - Silver Haired Daddy of Mine.



Patsy brought her friend Laurie along to play for her and she sang I Feel Like Crying.



We all enjoyed Anne Stott's 10 minute spot. She chose some old favourites - If You Love Me Let Me Go, Mother, Pal and Sweetheart and a yodeling song, River Road. Well done Anne!

We had quite a big audience last club day and a good variety of songs throughout the afternoon. Thanks to Chocky for helping us out in the band again - here he is singing Little Old Wine Drinker Me.



Our new member, Rosie, sang one of her original songs, Drive To The Night. We look forward to hearing more of her songs in the



future. Bruce drummed for us in the second half of the afternoon and sang Country Club 1976. It was good to see Rob and Judy back at club and we hope to see Rob playing in the band again soon. Also good to see Bev Hanson confident enough to get up and sing again and I know she's looking forward to her trip to Australia to visit her daughter. We've all missed Merle over the last month. She's not been well for a while and we send her our best wishes and hope to see her at club again soon.



This coming Sunday we will have a special visitor at club. Dave Ewart is in Whangarei for the week-end and has agreed to come and entertain us at club on Sunday, so that will be a treat for us.

Some of our members went to the Hokianga last week-end for their music festival and we all enjoyed the music. There were several very good new bands that we hadn't heard before. Bruce drummed for one of them and Mike Hoeta did the sound at the Opononi Hall.



Congratulations to everyone who has made an effort to improve the presentation of their chord charts. I know the band appreciates this. Don't forget, Elva is happy to check that your chords are in the correct position if you're not sure about this. Touch base with her when you arrive at club. Also, you may be interested in reading newsletters from other clubs which are on our notice board.

Some Dates to Remember

- The Ngaruawahia Veterans' Awards will be held at The Narrows Park on **22 November**.
- Our Christmas break-up will be on **7 December**. Don't forget, we're looking for ideas for the afternoon, so let us know if you have any suggestions. Annette and Kim will be the guest artists that afternoon.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to Maureen Bennett. Hope you have a great day!

Country Calendar

05 October	1.00-4.00 pm
19 October	1.00-4.00 pm
02 November	1.00-4.00 pm
16 November	1.00-4.00 pm
30 November	1.00-4.00 pm

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

Keep it Country!

