



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

Hope the weather settles, petrol prices go down and we can all get back to normal!

It's that time of the year again - the AGM. It would be nice to get some new committee members. If you're interested, please see me. We've just heard that the Mata Mata Club is closing its doors, simply because of lack of support, so that could be a wake-up call for us.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the club this past year - especially the musicians, set up crews, kitchen ladies and all those who've kept the club ticking over. From now on, we may have to ask for volunteers who are not committee members to help out in the kitchen on occasion. I know people are always willing to help.

Regards
Elva

Hello Everyone

Well, what an action packed afternoon we had last Sunday! Our guest artist, Nick, was a real bright spark with a beautiful voice. He had us all tapping our feet and singing along. He started off with a Johnnie Cash number, I Hear The Train A

Comin' and continued with a great variety of songs, including King Of The Road and The Tallest Man In Tennessee. His brother Kaynen joined him to sing Cry, Cry, Cry. We all loved every minute of it. Congratulations to the band also, who did a great job all afternoon. Good to see Sue and Mike again.



We were pleased to see Judy well enough to be at club again and able to get up and sing. She and Meryl gave us a duo on their ukuleles. Julz sang an Isla Grant song,

The Old Canal and Wayne played his harmonica in the background. It was beautiful.



Last month was a really busy month, as we had five Sundays and good audiences each afternoon. Earlier in the month Rob and Ray had the 10 minute spots. As Rob is

unable to play his guitar at the moment, he used his karaoke equipment for his backing and sang songs which we don't hear very often at club. - Your Man, a Johnny Cash number, Daddy Sang Bass and I Love This Bar. Everyone enjoyed his performance, as always. It was good to have Steve Detlaff back at club again that afternoon. He played his steel guitar for the first half of the afternoon and then played bass for the



second half. We finished off the afternoon with some duos and here's Ruby and Murray singing Frankie and Johnny.



Ray did a good job with his 10 minute spot and sang some old favourites, It's Now or Never and When My Little Girl Is Smiling.

Yvonne joined him for his last song, Back On The Road Again and it was so nice to hear her lovely harmonies. Well done Ray and Yvonne! Bruce was drumming that



afternoon and here he is singing For The First Time. It's not often I manage to get a photo of the drummer. He's always hidden away behind all his gear at the back of the stage! Elva has the first 10 minute spot this month.

As Elva has already mentioned, our AGM is fast approaching, so don't forget to pay your membership before then. You can pay at club (\$25 family, \$20 single) or on line: Whangarei Country Music Club 12 3099 0425896 00

Please consider becoming a committee member. Most of the current committee are in the older age bracket (to put it politely!) and, looking to the future, we

really do need to have a few younger people stepping up. This could be a way for you to contribute to the club. We shall also need to elect a new secretary and treasurer at the AGM.

A Few Dates to Remember

- Our AGM will be on **19 April**. Club will finish at 3.30 pm on that afternoon.
- The Arapera Invitation Awards are on **11-12 April** at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club.
- The Bay of Island Country Rock Festival is on the week-end of **8-10 May**.
- The Matamata Country Music Awards are on **16 May** at the Civic Centre.
- The Te Puke Country Music Awards are on **20 June** at the Baptist Church, Te Puke.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Sue Drake, Wilkie Major, Ruby Reihana, Don Cleary, Bev Hanson, Alanah Brabham and Steve Detlaff. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

05 April	1.00-4.00 pm
19 April (AGM)	1.00-3.30 pm
03 May	1.00-4.00 pm
17 May	1.00-4.00 pm

That's all the news for this month. Take care and

Keep it Country!

