



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

Lovely cold mornings lately - I hope you're all keeping warm and free of those pesky sore throats etc that are around.

I had a lovely day at the Far North Club last Sunday, scrutineering for their Club Awards. It was a great day.

August will be a busy month, with our bus trip on the ninth and a fifth Sunday, when Carleen Still will be the guest artist.

Once again, thank you to everyone who supports the club in their own way. It's really appreciated.

Regards
Elva

Hello Everyone



First of all, I would like us to take a moment to remember Merle. It seems that Merle has been part of our country music scene for ever and we shall certainly miss her. I am sure her family appreciated

so many of our club members being at the Celebration of her Life. Merle was a very kind and strong lady and liked things to be done properly. We all knew that if we were

a bit slow getting our music organised for the band, we would hear a voice saying "Gonna be long?" We will always remember you Merle.

A final reminder about the bus trip to Tuakau on 9 August. Everyone should have paid by now and the bus **will be leaving** the Kensington Stadium car park, near the toilet block, **at 8.30 am.**

Don't be late



'Cos the bus won't wait!

Entry fee to the club will be \$5.

What a busy month July turned into. We had two very good club afternoons, both of them with new members, visitors, and first time singers. Murray and Julz had the 10 minute spots and Murray gave us a few traditional country songs -

Where Corn Don't Grow, Go Rest High On That Mountain and Rainy Day Woman. Julz invited Wayne to accompany her with his harmonica and they chose I Still Love You, Summer Wine and The Old Canal. We all



enjoyed their music, so well done Murray, Julz and Wayne! This Sunday Anne Stott has the 10 minute spot



We've had a lot of singers for the last two club days and only just managed to fit everyone in. It was great to have Rob playing in the band again and he sang a Beatles'

song, Act Naturally. We also had one new member and a visitor singing for the first time. Loma accompanied



herself on her guitar and sang Don't Pass Me By and Gwendolyn gave us a very entertaining version of Don't Fence Me

In. It was nice to see Rosie again after quite a while and she sang one of her original songs, Song Of The Fire Horse.



What a great job the band does every club day. We are very lucky to have so many people to call on and they can all sing a song as well as play

an instrument! Here's Wilkie earlier in the month singing Sing Me Back Home.

Sue is off on her travels to the USA again and by now will be enjoying the first of her banjo workshops. Here she is, waiting for the bus to start the first stage of her journey. I'm sure we'll hear about some of her adventures while she's away.



Just a couple of weeks ago, the Far North Country and Variety Club held their Awards. Ruby sang The Black Hills of Dakota and I Love you Because and was judged the

overall runner-up. She came away with a bag full of trophies, as you can see! Congratulations and well done Ruby!

We've had a few club members with health problems recently. Maureen and Derek Bennett have both had brief stays in hospital and, while Pat is home, she still has a few issues that need to be taken care of, so we may not see her at club for a few weeks. Norma is still in hospital and is being well looked after, but at this stage she may not be home for a while. We send them all our best wishes and will be thinking about them.

Finally, just another reminder about respect for the singers - please don't talk when they are singing.

Some Dates to Remember

- The Aotearoa Awards are on the week-end of **18-20 September** at The Globe Theatre, Palmerston North.
- The New Zealand Entertainer of the Year is on **10 October** at the Sir Owen Glenn Theatre, Rotorua.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Dale Caves, Mike Hoeta, Merve Joyce and Anne Stott. Hope you all have a great day.

Country Calendar

02 August	1.00-4.00 pm
09 August	Bus trip to Tuakau
16 August	1.00-4.00 pm
30 August	1.00-4.00 pm

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

Keep it Country!

