



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

Here we are again - June and winter arriving!

It was a great club day last Sunday, with Arthur Pumipi as guest artist. Thank you to everyone who supported it. It was also nice to hear some singers finding new country songs to sing.

Don't forget our bus trip to Tuakau on 12 August. It will be nice to visit another club won't it?

A big shout out to our musicians and workers - where would we be without them?

Regards
Elva

Hello Everyone

Well, as predicted, May was certainly a very busy month, in fact I think it's safe to say that it was busier than expected! We had big audiences and several visitors on all occasions. Wayne and Yvonne had the 10 minute spots, which we all enjoyed. Wayne



accompanied himself on his keyboard and sang Love Of My Life, When You Taught Me How To Dance and Nobody's Fault But Mine. These are songs



which we don't often hear at club. Yvonne overcame her nervousness to sing some old country favourites very confidently - The Orchid That I Overlooked Was You, There Goes My Reason For Living and Trembling Lips. Well done Wayne and Yvonne. This Sunday Alan has the 10 minute spot.



On the first club day we also had three visitors - Owen called in again on his way to the Bay of Islands Music Festival and he sang If You Had A Beautiful Body. Lisa

sang Let Me Be There and Nerise sang A Single Yellow



Rose. On the third Sunday our visitors were Claude and Lois. They both sang two songs, including I Can't Stop Loving You and Blanket On The Ground. It's always good to hear other people's interpretation of a song and all our visitors had good, strong voices.



Thanks to Laurie and Helen for helping out in the band that club day. Laurie sang Southern Stream Line and Helen sang My Dixie Darling. It was also nice to have Mike and Sue playing again last Sunday.



We finished off the month with a bang, with Arthur Pumipi as our guest artist. As Elva mentioned, it was a great afternoon. Arthur has a beautiful voice and sang some cabaret numbers as well as country songs, including Fools Rush In, Wonderful Tonight and By The Time I Get To Phoenix.

The Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival went off well, but numbers were certainly down this year. I guess it's just a sign of the times, with the cost of living and petrol prices being so high. However, there were plenty of talented artists and a few new faces, including some from Australia.

Here's Annette and Kim, always a popular act, performing at the Scenic Hotel on the Friday night.



Don't forget about our bus trip to Tuakau on 12 August. Please add your name to the list on the back table if you would like to go. We need to have an idea of numbers, so that we can make a firm booking with the bus company.

We know how much you all enjoy singing along on club afternoons. However, could I please ask you to only do this quietly if the singer invites you to join in. There have been a few occasions recently where the audience has drowned out the singer! Also, our musicians are very precious to us and they need to be respected by the singers.

Our band members are volunteers and they are not paid to play at club. Finally, please remember that only committee members should be sitting at the back table on club afternoons.

Some Dates to Remember

- The Te Puke Country Music Awards are on **20 June** at the Baptist Church, Te Puke.
- The South Waikato Awards are on **12-14 July** at the Putaruru Plaza Theatre.
- The Southern Country Music Awards are on **12-14 July** at the Taieri Bowling Club, Mosgiel.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Judy Blackburn, Alistair Herbert, Dennis Joll, Elva Morgan, Bruce Stenhouse and Roberta Whitehead. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

07 June	1.00-4.00 pm
21 June	1.00-4.00 pm
05 July	1.00-4.00 pm
19 July	1.00-4.00 pm

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

Keep it Country!

