



Whangarei Country Music Club Inc

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Hi Everyone

Another month done and dusted and it will soon be Christmas! We've had a great month, our bus trip to Tuakau went very well and hopefully we can work on another trip next year. They hope to visit us, maybe in March.

Last Sunday was an awesome day - lovely to have Carleen as our guest artist. Thank you to those who worked to make it an enjoyable afternoon. In fact, thank you to our musicians and workers over the past month. It's very much appreciated.

Regards
Elva

Hello Everyone

What a busy month August was - three club afternoons and a bus trip! Everyone enjoyed the trip to Tuakau and were made most welcome. Well done to those who braved the terrible weather that morning. Here they are boarding the bus at Kensington.



Welcome back to Sue! I expect some of you have been following her on Facebook and it sounds as though she's had a wonderful time on her trip. Here are a couple of photos - one taken at a place

where she stayed and can you find her in the women's banjo band?



Great to have Sue and Mike playing in the band again on Sunday and what an afternoon that was. Carleen was a great guest artist and it was so nice

to hear her speaking of how her singing career started - with the Whangarei Country Music Club, of course - from quite a young age. She gave us a great variety of songs, many of them old favourites such as Satin Sheets To Lie On, You Ain't Woman Enough To Take My Man and Country Roads, where we all joined in!



That afternoon we also had a visit from Mike Huxtable, who we hadn't seen for quite a few years. Mike usually sits behind a set of drums, but this time he brought his guitar along and sang Who Stopped The Rain. It was good to see him again. Thank you to the band for doing a great job that afternoon.

Thank you also to those of you who helped out in the kitchen. We were short staffed because Ruby was unable to be there, so we really appreciated the extra help, as there was such a lot of food. Just a reminder, if you're bringing savouries for afternoon tea, please make sure they're cooked, so that we only need to heat them. It's quite difficult to juggle cooking and heating food at the same time with the facilities available in the kitchen.



Earlier in the month Lorraine had the 10 minute spot. She has been recovering from some health issues, so it was great to see her at club

again and feeling confident about getting up to sing. We all enjoyed her three songs, two lovely gospel numbers Remind Me Dear Lord and He Walks Beside Me and Blue Dreams, a traditional 60's country song. Well done Lorraine! Earlier in the month Merve asked us all to join in with Do What You Do Do Well and he has the 10 minute spot next Sunday.



Here's some news about Norma. She is now in Cairnfield House Rest Home and Ian says that she's quite settled and comfortable there and is being well looked after. If you would like to visit her, she will be very happy to see you. We send her our very best wishes.

Just a few reminders to finish off: Don't forget the suggestion box on the back table. We're always happy to receive positive suggestions. Please don't arrive at club before 12 o'clock.

We won't be ready to take your money until the hall is completely set up. This month there has been less talking while people are singing, so thank you for that.

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. The guest artist will be Marion Burns.
- The Pounamu Country Music Awards will be held on the week-end of **7-8 November** at the Cosmopolitan Club, Levin.

Birthdays

Our best wishes this month go to: Dot Armiger, Betty Campbell, Rita Gregory, Susan Marsh, Pat Wallace and Cheryl Williams. Hope you all have a great day!

Country Calendar

06 September	1.00-4.00 pm
20 September	1.00-4.00 pm
04 October	1.00-4.00 pm
18 October	1.00-4.00 pm

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

Keep it Country!

