

Gisborne Country Music Club Newsletter

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Secretary: Joss Phillips **Treasurer:** Wanda Thompson- Kiel

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Gisborne Country Music Club meets on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Venue: Blind Foundation Rooms, River end of Grey St.

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Door charges: Members \$2.00. Non- members \$3.00

Afternoon tea provided.

All welcome to participate or just sit and enjoy the music.



Well a big hello to you all and welcome to 2020 with the club. Hope you all had a great festive season, enjoyed time with whanau and friends, cruising or visiting whanau wherever they may be. Now it's time to sit back and relax and enjoy what lies ahead for the club for 2020.

Xmas breakup: That was a fantastic day, the tables groaning with food and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Big thanks to Joss for all the decorations and the table cloths, make it seem real Xmas.

The raffle was absolutely fabulous and the lucky winner was Jeanette Brown so that would have helped over the Xmas period. Thank you everyone for the support with the raffle- you are all the best.

Raffles: We have appreciated all the donations for the club raffle and hope that members will continue to contribute to these; it is much appreciated by the committee.

Speaking of raffles, I was fortunate to win the Tolaga Bay's New Year raffle which was a grocery hamper. Oh my giddy aunt, that was huge, groceries, vegetables and meat. My cupboards were overloaded but with whanau arriving, it was a big help. With all the vegetables I was able to get a lot of pickle down so thank you Tolaga and hopefully will make it this year. Thank you, Gayle and your committee.

Vice - President: Sadly our Vice – President Phil Newdick has resigned from the committee due to other commitments but will still come to see us when he can. I would just like to thank Phil for his time and commitment to the Club and wish him well in his future endeavors. Nga mihi nui Phil

Gigs: We will be looking art gigs again this year. Have got to get together with the RSA manager to sort dates but watch this space.

'Live on the Lawn "This took place on 24th m prior to the birthday celebrations and we had the Te Pou sisters and Roberta Campbell, past members join us and that went off very well, a good build up to the weekend. You know that song "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly", Joss can relate to that, poor thing but she handled it well.

Dates for 2020: These laminated cards are available again for 2020 and can be picked up from the desk.

Awards: Some of our members travelled to Levin to compete in the Pounamu Club Awards there and did well. Whata won the Gospel section and was runner up in the solo, western and Country Rock. Ka pai Whata. Destiny won the Female solo and Gospel section and was joined by her mum and sister and won the Group section and the Overall so it's off to Entertainer. When we get confirmation of the date we will look at organizing some travel for those keen to support.

CD Launch: Whata has released another CD, the launch was at Katoa, Manutuke where Whata put on a free concert. This by all accounts went really well and his moko stole the show like she did at “live on the Lawn”. See Whata if you would like a copy of the CD and his others, they are great.

Birthday greetings: Heard on the grapevine that one of our regular visitors celebrated her 90th birthday over the weekend. Congratulations Shirley and I heard you had a great day.

Club Birthday & Reunion: This has come and gone now but what a fantastic weekend it ended up being. Past club members from Wellington, Hawkes Bay, Whakatane, Tauranga, Hamilton were present as well and what a weekend of great music from the band, fantastic singing, rebuilding friendships, heaps of laughter and a good time had by all. Gisborne has always had the talent and it all showed on the weekend. The Te Pou sisters who have not sung together for such a long time were still able to wow the crowd with their beautiful harmonies, Maureen Maynard was another show stopper as she always is, the list goes on, and it was fabulous!!!! We were able to have a song from Hine Rickard as well as Christine Taare who like to remain on the side lines but were happy to participate and strut their stuff for us. Faith did a great job keeping everyone in line including myself and that takes some doing LOL. It just shows we still got the talent and can still be a force to be reckoned with- like the old days. WOO HOO.

The Memory board bought tears as we shared a moment silence for all those who had passed and there were lots over the 50 years.

Messages were received from those who were unable to join us but were thinking of us all. One from Camille in Nashville bought a few tears as she thanked the club for all the support and help she had, which helped her on her journey and she is now supporting her children in the same way. She still remembers where she started from and was so grateful. Comment was made that there was no message from our National Body but I guess achieving 50 years in Country Music doesn't mean as much to them. Oh well, never mind.

Speaking of NZCMA we had with us a past president- Dianah Foley, two past secretaries, Linda Mita and myself, two past treasurers, Linda again with Antoinette Spencer and Antoinette was also Vice President. Also Joss, who is presently on the management committee.

Speaking of Joss, what a fantastic job Joss and her band of merry helpers did in keeping us well fed- absolutely fabulous job guys. Joss gave 100% + over the weekend and the committee and I will always be grateful for the job very well done. Many many thanks Joss & Henry.

The photo boards bought lots of comments and tears as well for some as they saw lots of old friends. I am looking forward to seeing the photos that our photographer took as well. When she has finished editing and they are available, will have them at club.

Hope you all got to see the cake as it was a work of art. I was happy to ask the past presidents, Dianah, Whata and Ross to help with the cutting of the cake, Maureen for her dad who was a long time President and Kevin Elsmore who would have been the earliest club member there. Kevin now lives in Tauranga but grew up in Gisborne.

Thought the venue was great, plenty of parking and the staff were very helpful and they loved the music. Russell as usual did a great job with the sound. Thanks Russell and it was good to be working with you again. A lot of water has passed under the bridge over the years.

I would just like to thank the musicians who kept it flowing, Choc for his organizing of the bands, all the singers for their fantastic singing over the weekend, the helpers in whatever capacity, thank you so much. Our visitors, who took the time to join and celebrate with us. To Antoinette who has always supported Gisborne, for all the help you gave at home and during the weekend, many thanks. And to my ever patient hubby who keeps the home fires burning. To our audience, we hope you enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed having you. You all played a big part in making the weekend what it was- **FANTABULOUS!!!!**

Lots of discussion went on over the weekend so watch the space to see what Gisborne will be up to in the next 50 years LOL.

Well I hope that I have covered everything- if I have missed something, someone will tell me I'm sure.

Bring on 2020

Keep on keeping it Country and as my good friend Antoinette says "if it aint Country it aint music."

Yo'all come back now.

Flo.