

Gisborne Country Music Club Newsletter

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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, Thought it was time to have catch up as the year has surely gone very quickly and before we know it Xmas will be here.

Speaking of Xmas, we will be having a break up for the year on **Sunday 15th**. We welcome all contributions to our afternoon tea so that we can end the year with a bang so to speak. The theme for the day will be **Red and Green** so let's see what we can do.

We will be having a Xmas basket raffle so again if you would like to contribute to that- many thanks.

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.

Gigs: We have been fortunate to obtain gigs at the RSA and they have been successful. Little hiccups at the start but they were smoothed out quickly. Our next gig is on 1st November and that will most probably be the last for the year. A big thank you to the musicians and singers who have given their time to support the gigs- it is much appreciated.

'Live on the Lawn' "We have been asked to be part of this again on **January 24th** at **6.00pm**. Put this on your calendar as we don't have club in January. We hope this will include singers from out of town but more on that later.

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

Awards. Some of our members are travelling to Levin to compete in the Pounamu Club Awards there so who knows, someone might bring home the bacon. Safe travels and give it your best shot. We are proud of you anyway.

Treasurer: We have a new treasurer as Destiny Nia Nia and her partner moved their family to Wellington. We have been fortunate that Wanda Thompson- Kiel has agreed to fill the position so welcome and thank you Wanda.

Visitors: We were very lucky to have Life member Maureen Maynard and her daughters Amy & Whitney join us last week and what a treat it was for those of us who had the pleasure of listening to them. It was great to hear Maureen sing with the girls again and the harmony was absolutely beautiful. Amy and Whitney also did solos and it was awesome seeing how much the girls have grown in the world of music. As Whitney said it all started here at club.

It was an added bonus for us to hear all their children sing. Added to that, they all play instruments. A brilliant day for us- only wish they lived here instead of Hamilton but we will look

forward to seeing them again whenever they can make it. Thank you so much for a brilliant afternoon of great music and talent.

Whanau time: Our Muso Choc took time out to cross the ditch to visit his whanau. Whata filled in for Choc so thank you Whata. Welcome back Choc and we hope you enjoyed the catch up with whanau and friends.

Club Birthday & Reunion: This was mooted at last year's AGM and it is coming up very soon. The Committee has been working away quietly getting things in place so here we have it.

The event will be held at the Cossie Club on 25th & 26th January which is Auckland Anniversary weekend and open to past & present club members as well as members from other clubs who have had a long association with Gisborne as a member or as part of the Awards or who would just like to join our celebrations are all welcome.

On Saturday 25th there will be meet & greet and catch up- storytelling as well as all the singing that will be happening. Doors open at 9am but people can arrive when they can. This will continue until 5pm when we will have a break and then have hoe down- lots of dancing and singing from 7pm – midnight. (Sorry can't do the all-nighters like before LOL.)

Sunday 26th will continue with open mic walk up from 10am through to 5pm. There will be a concert with special guests in the afternoon. All this will cost you \$25.00 in total to be part of these two days. We have tried to keep costs down for the weekend.

At 6.30pm there will be a celebratory dinner which will cost \$20.00- the formal speeches and cutting of the cake blah blah then more music to midnight. Numbers are needed for this for catering purposes.

On Monday 27th we will have a club day starting at 10.00am- this will be to farewell our guests and bid them safe travels home. This will be held at the Blind Foundation.

Friday 24th will be "Live on the Lawn" so any visiting club members will be more than welcome to join us there to kick start the weekend.

Registrations can be done on line at:

<https://www.gisbornecountrymusicclubcelebration.com/>

or at Club. If in doubt contact me – and I will sort it out for you. On the posters that have been sent or posted on line, registrations close 30th November but we have extended this out until our last club day **20th December** so get in early and register soon please. We need numbers to help with the organization and venue so please register early. Tickets will be issued on registration.

We are also asking whether there is anyone who would be willing to billet people from out of town for the weekend. If you are please let me or any of the committee know.

For out of towners there will be parking for camper vans or mobile homes available at the Cossie Club for \$10 per night which allows you access to the toilets and showers.

We have memorabilia that will be on display but would welcome any more if people have photos or anything else pertaining to the club/Awards that we could use over the weekend would be lovely and would be well looked after

Here is a list of some of the accommodation available at the moment.

Bella Vista Motel

\$119.00 per night for up to two people- 4x queen studios,
139.00 per night for a Superior suite
Contact details are 06 8687931

Captain Cook Motel

9 Economy units at 120 per night
15 Superior units at 135.00 per night.
Contact 06 8677002

Waikanae Beach Top 10

Ensuite cabin 2 people 115.00 per night
Standard cabin 2 people
95.00 per night.
Contact 06 8675634 or 0800 867 563

Champers Motel

Studio 130 per night x2 people.
Contact 0800 70 2000 or 06 8631515

There are also holiday homes available but if you need help please feel free to give me a call.

Well I hope that I have covered everything- if I have missed some one will tell me I'm sure so we will just enjoy what is left of the year. '

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.