

Nelson Electronic Organ and Keyboard Club

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

April and May have now passed. We have had a well supported 2 club afternoons and mid month social gatherings. We now head into the colder months so hope everyone keeps well and can continue to support the Clubs activities.

Sharon and I head to New York for 3 weeks and will miss the July meeting but I'm sure Peter and the committee will keep things running as usual.

The committee met last week and are planning a mid year lunch, more info in the newsletter.

Keep warm and keep practicing.

Warren Fenemor

APRIL MID MONTH SOCIAL

Lyn's Music Afternoon

A lovely afternoon at Lyn (Simmons) - only a small family of us, but it's nice to catch up with whoever could make it.

The day was warm and sunny, a little windy, but it was so cosy and comfortable at Lyn's lovely home. It's amazing what comes up in conversation but it's a way of

learning more about our music and it's nice to be able to pass on information that we've learnt along the way.

Lyn got the music under way, then Owen played and Marion also gave us a few tunes. It was slow going as we chattered more about things in general, as we do. Cuppa tea time soon came round and all was quiet for a while. A great spread like always with lots of goodies. We do spoil one another. Then it was time to head home before the traffic.

Thank you Lyn for having us. You made us feel very welcome.

RAE



MAY CLUB AFTERNOON.

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I counted 25 heads at our monthly get together. Was good to see a number of visitors in the mix.

Our president welcomed all and gave out a few notices which included a notice of our forthcoming AGM next month.

Rae was our host for the occasion and quickly set the tone for the afternoon. Her selection of jokes and one liners caused side splitting laughter between items. Well done Rae.

The theme was a combination of tunes from shows and movies plus something Latin. I can't recall that there were any repeats from playing members.

Players must have practised hard and the rhythm and sound effects were truly amazing. Warren concluded the program with a skilled performance on the Korg, firstly with a tune from Les Miserables and then a latin item featuring guitar and accordion.

Thanks to Edith for a welcome cuppa as usual before we packed up and went home.

Wayne P.



The AGM date has been moved and will now take place before the Club afternoon on 3 August. See you all there.

ROSTERS

Mid Month Social Afternoon

15th June	Saturday	Rae Talbot	547 2977
20th July	Saturday	Wayne Price	542 3033



PLEASE PHONE HOSTS

RAFFLES

1st June	Valerie Andrews
6th July	Bob Hancock
3rd Aug.	June McMahon
7th Sept.	Anne Bell

Refreshments

1st June	Jan Duquemin
6th July	Carole Thatcher
3rd Aug.	Valerie Andrews
7th Sept.	Lyn Rankin

Club Afternoon Hosts.

1st June	Peter Holland
6th July	Lyn Rankin
3rd Aug.	
7th Sept.	

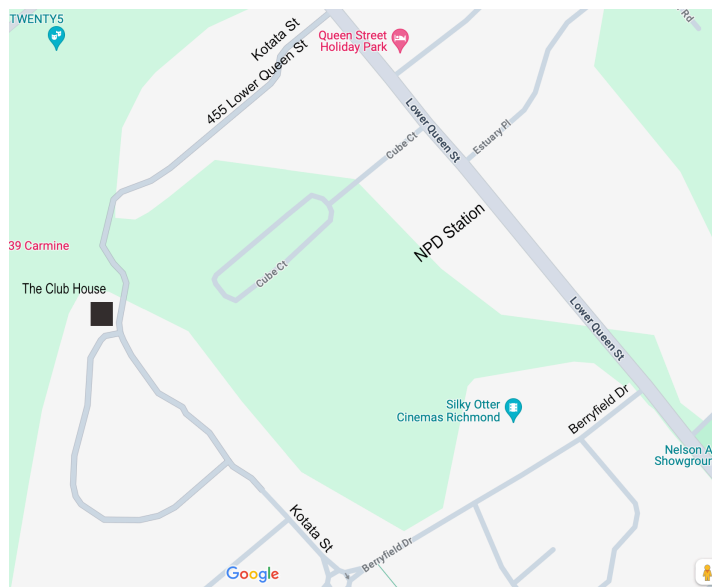


Please let Valerie or Yvonne know if these dates don't suit or arrange someone yourself to take over.

The committee has decided to have another **mid year lunch** on Saturday 20 July. This year we will be going to Armadillos restaurant in Queen St Richmond. The lunch will start at 12:00. You need to arrive earlier so we can start on time.

For those who would like to, we will adjourn to Waynes mid month social afternoon, due to commence about 1:30. This will be held at Waimea Plains Retirement Village, 455 Lower Queen St, Richmond.

Directions: Turn in the main gates at 455 Lower Queen Street, follow on main drive, over the bridge and the white building in front of you is The Clubhouse. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS!!!!** Use parking on south side of building and the disabled parks in front or any park marked Visitor.



Carole's Musical History

There was no piano in our home while I was growing up but there was a piano at my Grandmother's, which she would play and we'd all gather around her, singing all the old songs. The only thing I could play then, was chopsticks, with one of my cousin's.

For many years, as work, marriage and children came along, I never gave playing the piano a thought.

It wasn't until I was in my early 30's that I went with a friend to a Church Meeting. It was in the mid 70's when there was a big change in Christian music and songs they called "Choruses" and "Scripture in Song" were becoming very popular. They were simple little "catchy tunes".....I couldn't keep my eyes off the Pianist that day and I had an overwhelming feeling and a longing to be able to play these tunes myself.

This feeling didn't leave me so we decided to look for a second-hand piano in the local paper. We were told to only buy an "over- strung, under damper" type, which meant nothing to us. However, a friend offered to go with my husband to check out one that was advertised. It cost \$95.00 and had to be carried down almost as many steps!

They managed to get it home and I was so surprised that I could sit down and play one of these simple little tunes straight away.

Quite some years later, my husband came home one day with an Electronic Keyboard, a Kawai, I just loved it! Then as time went on it was upgraded several times. As a family, we had many a sing-a-long including a Guitar and an Omnichord.

I seemed to be able to work out the chords for myself and hear what sounded right. My fingering is all wrong, I know, but somehow the tune comes together. At Club, I have the music book in front of me, but I can't really read the music, I use the Guitar chords as a guide and unless I've heard the tune, I can't play it, so the book is there to help me keep my place, as my nerves threaten to take over.

I have no formal musical education....there is so much I don't know or understand, but I just love music and I'm so thankful to have it in my life. It's my 'go-to place', my 'happy place', and this little poem I once read, says it for me.....

This is the luxury of MUSIC,
It loosens all the hidden springs
Of SORROW and of JOY,
I love it for what it makes me FORGET,
And what it helps me to REMEMBER.

Carole

Owen recently spent a couple of nights in hospital.
We hope he recovers quickly and gets back to his
bright, happy self as soon as possible.

