

Nelson Electronic Organ and Keyboard Club

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the New Year 2026. It was a great Christmas function at Teapot Valley and it seemed everyone enjoyed it. Who knows what this year will bring, but we are hopeful for a lot of music and perhaps a few new tunes to our repertoire. I know I for one am looking forward to seeing and hearing from everyone in February.

Warren Fenemor



It was a shock to hear of the sudden passing of our club member Lee Owen, just before Christmas. Lee has been a member for a number of years and gave us his first performance on piano in November. He enjoyed the Club and music in general, and had also been a dancer at the Stoke dances a few years back. He was a great engineer and will be missed.

Farewell Lee

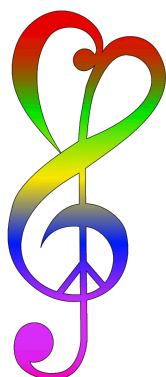


Photo taken at our Christmas function 2025.

A small post script. There will be a service for Lee at Shone & Shirley on Saturday 14th February beginning at 10:00.



It's Beginning to look like Christmas



On a bright sunny Nelson day Dec 6th, members & friends gathered in our little concert hall showing evidence of our growing & cheerful musical club. Thanks to Pres Warren & V.P Peter who set up & dismantle the sound system throughout the year. Thanks too to Yvonne & Diane who cheerfully attend to club administration.

It was a pleasant surprise too to have founding member Marion visit us on her mobility scooter. Also Pam & David too who have had health challenges this year.

The Music...

Twelve performers entertained, with so much variety of Christmas sounds, yet with endless fascination, with customary 2 items each & no repeats.

The music began with Peter on his Korg keyboard, hi-lighted by his playing a most pleasant smooth melody of Silent Night.

Lynn was next with some cheerful Christmas selections.

Then there was Valerie McKenzie who also gave us some lovely smooth Christmas melodies.

Variety, from being all instrumental, is a 'spice of life' for music, and so we have Linda & Jim who have introduced keyboard & vocal respectively. Linda first played a pleasant version of Silver Bells, and then accompanied Jim as he sang Jim Reeve's 'Christmas Card'. His deep voice so ideally suited, it was a great sound.

Alan again entertained with some innovative sounds on his magnificent Genos keyboard.

Warren finished the afternoon programme playing on the Korg, again hi-lighting its superior soundbar speakers with a stirring & flourishing piano accordion Christmas Polka.

Then there was Edith & Owen who raced back from the Andre Rieu Christmas film, so that Edith could organise afternoon tea as she has done so well for us throughout the year. In addition, both Edith & Linda produced some delightful home baking for the occasion.

So it was for our last concert for the year . Bob H

Merry Christmas to all

December Mid Month Meeting

Christmas Dinner

Dec 14th seems a long time ago ... last year even!! but it was a great mid month meeting. We had 6 tables of 8 and all the places were taken. Great to see so many members and their friends attending the last club event for 2025. It was especially good to see Rae and David turn up despite their medical concerns over the year.

Teapot Valley camp is such a great venue and the meal is sooo good ... especially as you don't have to cook it or do the dishes.

The music began at 5 with Yvonne Tetlow and Lyn Rankin on the club keyboards with Warren on the organ. When their bracket had finished Allan entertained on the Genos. We began the main course at 6 after which Valerie and June entertained before desert. Warren then played the organ and began a small singalong session.

Santa couldn't make it but a couple of volunteers along with an Australian... sorry Austrian lass(?) that helped to disperse the presents. Jim and Linda Carrick sang and played, followed by Joan, Carole and finally Bob who finished the evening on the keyboard. It was a great night and we can look forward to another in December (its only 11 months away!)



Welcome 2026!!

The first club afternoon will be on 7th February. For those that would like to partake, we will start early with a pot luck lunch, eating to begin at 12:00. BYO everything (food to share [mains &/or deserts], plates cutlery, drinks, glasses) for those who can't attend that, normal club will begin at 1:30.



Birthdays are a funny thing. As a kid we were proud and told everyone how old we were. As teenagers we started to hide our age. As an adult we lied about how old we were, but there comes a time that we become proud again and can announce it for everyone. I (Warren) have made the decision that Pat Stade has reached that point, so happy birthday in February Pat. Sorry, Sharon & I will not be here to celebrate with you but New York calls.





ROSTERS

RAFFLES

7th Feb	John Burrin
7th Mar	Alan Hall
4th Apr	Noliene Greig
2nd May	Cheryl Scoltock
6th Jun	Roger Bates
4th Jul	Pat Stade
1st Aug	Margaret Cambridge
5th Sept	Jim Carrick
3rd Oct	Loraine Clelland
7th Nov	Colleen Flower
5th Dec	Gretchen Howie

REFRESHMENTS

7th Feb	Margaret Bates
7th Mar	Barbara Burney
4th Apr	Sonya Mehrtens
2nd May	Lindsey Roberts
6th Jun	Linda Carrick
4th Jul	Karen Mansfield
1st Aug	Anne Bell
5th Sept	Jan Duquemin
3rd Oct	Rose Castree
7th Nov	Valerie McKenzie
5th Dec	Cheryl Scoltock

CLUB AFTERNOON HOSTS

7th Feb Committee



If these dates don't suit please arrange someone to take over and let Ed know so the correct roster can be published in the next newsletter.

Mid Month Social Afternoon

Sat Feb. 14	Pam & David Cox	548 8144
Sat Mar. 21	A concert with Warren @ the club rooms.	
Sat Apr. 18	Lyn Rankin	546 9163



PLEASE PHONE HOSTS



Mid Month Meetings.

As per the rosters table the next mid month meeting is to be at Pam & Davids house on Saturday 14 Feb (do we need to bring flowers for valentines day?) I believe it is birthday time at this household too, eh Pam?

The following month will be again as advertised , a concert by Warren featuring the Yamaha EL900M organ and the Korg PA4X keyboard. The concert will be held in the normal Club venue starting at 1:30. There will be a gold coin collection to help pay for the hall hire, and as for normal mid month meetings, bring a small plate for afternoon tea.

I have been working on a new program of songs for me, some old and some not played before. I hope it will be fun, and yes, you can bring a friend.

