

Nelson Electronic Organ and Keyboard Club

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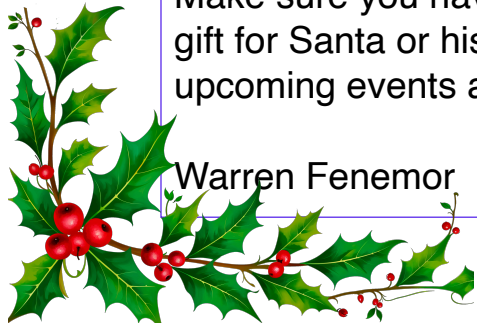
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Merry Christmas to everyone. It doesn't seem that long ago since we said that. Its been a busy time with special birthdays to celebrate and now summer knocking at the door. We have the last Club afternoon coming up and the Christmas party on the 14th. Make sure you have booked a seat and remember to get a small gift for Santa or his helpers to deliver. Looking forward to the upcoming events and a break over summer.

Warren Fenemor



OCTOBER CLUB AFTERNOON

We had a good crowd of members come to enjoy some music. It was lovely to see them all.

Warren opened the meeting and confirmed our Christmas dinner was penciled in for Sunday 14th of December. It's a great night out and lots of fun, so please mark it in your calendars and come along.

Warren had some name badges done for members which he issued out. There were two current life members Warren and Valerie, but the committee had decided to introduce a new lifer, Yvonne, so a presentation was performed. The life members have the annotation added to their new name badges so now we will know who we are talking to when they wear these.

Then the microphone was given to Pete, I'm sure he was a comedian in another life!

Saxophone was the theme and what a great instrument. Most who played, managed to get some really nice sounds in their music. A good variety from jazz to spiritual.

Warren and Gretchen played a duet, which was very nice to hear. All in all it was a lovely afternoon. See you next month.

Colleen

CELEBRATING WITH AUDREY - 100YRS

It was a bright sunny Nelson day in Motueka as club members arrived at Audrey & Bob's. Here was Bob to greet us at their lovely new gates and with music as colourful as the blossom on their trees. There was Audrey at the Tyros console welcoming all with such joyous melodies.

This afternoon celebration was especially for club members following on from previous family celebrations, in fact the surprise birthday cake for the day was the third they had had!

This was an extra special mid-month gathering, with more fellowship & conversation than is possible at our monthly concerts. The music is usually low key. Nevertheless, a feature of the afternoon music was Yvonne on the Tyros with Warren on the accordion with some delightful songs using latin rhythms. Warren always seems to find pleasant, well timed counter melodies & fill-ins to add to Yvonne's well chosen sounds as lead. Other equally bright renditions followed.



Happy Birthday!

With special drinks all round, it was '*Happy Birthday Audrey*' spontaneously sung together with cutting of the delicious cake with its rum aroma, and a congratulatory card from King Charles (in the background). That was followed by a delicious afternoon tea which made for another one of our club's most historical & special occasions. Bob H



ROSTERS

RAFFLES

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

REFRESHMENTS

6th Dec	Valerie Andrews
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	Margaret Bates

CLUB AFTERNOON HOSTS

6th Dec	Committee
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.	



PLEASE PHONE HOSTS

November Club Afternoon

Saturday 1 November – Monthly Gathering

We started with President Warren giving the 40 plus members and guests notices for the remainder of the year including Christmas function information. It was good to see most of the members wearing their new name badges. It is only fair that those who forgot to wear theirs, they should bring a chocolate fish for the Vice President next meeting (aye Warren?).



Once again there were a lot of birthdays with many special celebrations in the mix. A lot of 21sts with **lots** of experience!

As we went through the afternoon there was a good variety of tunes with the theme "numbers". Warren and Valerie played Ten Pretty Girls, which I haven't heard since I was about 10 years old when my Dad would sing to me just to get out of doing the dinner dishes.

Alan played Scottish songs that he attributed to the Fox and Hound pub in Scotland. The singing from Linda and Jim was greatly enjoyed by all. The other players were most entertaining as well with a bunch of great singalong songs played by Bob close to the end.

Some of the songs that I sang all the way home were: Five Minutes More, Just the Two of Us, 18 Yellow Roses and Danny Boy – always a favourite. Another good day with a big selection again.

The word "bugger" was used a few times – we might need to make that an accepted word in our rules – or bring out a swear jar.

The only song I could think of was 10 Green Bottles Hanging on the Wall – I don't think it would have been appropriate. Bugger

VP Pete

Saturday 15th November 2025

A big thank you to Alan Hall for a great afternoon at his establishment, Summerset in the Ranges, in Richmond. A group of 16 Organ Club members attended, all sporting their new name tags. Alan, Yvonne, Carole, Bob, Linda and Warren all played and Jim sang Maggie for us.

A few extra guests from the village also came along, so I hope they enjoyed it. A self help cup of tea or coffee was provided.

A lovely venue, great crowd and really comfortable chairs. So a big thank you to Alan and his team.

Lyn R

FREE to a good home

Yamaha Electone HC4W organ. This was available a short while ago so may have already found a new home. Contact Sonya Mehrtens 022 166 2992



Best wishes and a speedy recovery to any members who are feeling unwell at present. A special 'get well' to David and Rae and I hope we can see you at Teapot Valley for our Christmas function.

The Christmas dinner is booked at Teapot Valley for Sunday December 14. The Club will subsidise the meal at \$15 per financial member. The meal will be \$34.00 each so start saving your \$19.00!! Friends are welcome to join you (\$34.00 each). Preferred payment via internet banking, bank number at the top of the newsletter. We will have a list for names of attendees and entertainers at the door next club afternoon. Oh, and of course the small gift up to \$10.00 for Santa or his helpers to disperse.



About the newsletter. We publish 6 newsletters every year. We are always looking for members stories to publish, so feel free to contribute at any time. Warren is the current editor so send any notices to him, and please feel free to write up an afternoon report. Different voices make the newsletter more interesting to read.



Sharon & I had a great 11 days in 'Blue Hawaii'. Just a couple of photos for you, Low temps of about 22 and highs about 30. Rainy season there so not much full sun but not much rain either. We hired a car for Maui and that is always fun driving on the wrong side of the road. Its been a long time since we've been away 'just the 2 of us' so was a good relaxing time.

Warren



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.

See you all there!!

I would like to thank the Club for giving me the honour of becoming a Life Member. I was so surprised at the annual general meeting when Warren announced this. The Club has played an important part in my life since the day I arrived in Nelson almost 30 years ago now. I can remember the first night I came along and played The Invercargill March which was my party piece at the time! Don't ask me to play it now though. I have made many lovely friends to share my love of music with, and enjoy participation in all Club events. One day I will get around to writing my musical history for the newsletter. People ask what is my favourite type of music - I don't know as I am drawn to all music from beginner musicians right through to orchestras - just not head banging stuff, if you call that music.

Now I just have to live up to my status as Life Member which might take some doing.

Thank you all and keep the music playing.

Yvonne

