

Nelson Electronic Organ and Keyboard Club

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT** Welcome to 2025.

The weather has not been the best but here we are!! Sharon and I had a great trip to New York for Christmas but managed to pick up a foreign bug so have been managing a cough for a week, but all is better now.

I hope everyone is ready for another fun musical year with our club and look forward to catching up with you all on the 1st February.

Warren Fenemor

**December Club Afternoon**

It was Dec 7th when club day finally rolled around ... it seemed a long 5 weeks since the November club so everyone was keen to catch up on all the news.

We had a good muster of over 20 members and friends, and another new member joined! Great to meet you Noliene Greig.

The theme was of course Christmas and we had a great selection of songs, from traditional Carols to Hawaiian songs. One of our newer members Linda Carrick was compere and kept the afternoon flowing with quick performer changes and some very 'Christmas cracker' jokes. It might have been your first day compering for us but you showed the skills gained in a previous life of how to 'run a show'. Thanks.

The afternoon finished just after 3 with the usual afternoon tea and chatter. Thanks for a great year everyone, see you in 2025.

## **Christmas Function**

*On Sunday 15th Dec we all rolled up to the Teapot Valley camp for our Christmas function. There was great support from our members and friends with over 40 people attending. The major setup of instruments was all done by 5 as everyone began to arrive, so the music began with 3 keyboards and an organ. This continued almost all night which was great. David Cox turned up, the first time we've seen him for quite a while. A fairy had let slip it was his birthday so we all sang Happy Birthday to welcome him. Another couple we hadn't seen for a long time was Audrey and Bob. Great to see you both in good health. Santa couldn't make it but sent the head elf and fairy to hand out the gifts, amongst a lot of laughter and merriment.*



*Overall a great night, well supported by members and enjoyed by everyone. Looking forward to this year!!*



As we are in the early part of the year with not much news to print, and we have a large group of new members, its a good time to go over the finer points of the club activities.

**Membership fees** are due after the AGM held about August. No door fees for members, \$2.00 for visitors.

Members do not have to **perform** at club but are welcome to at any time, just **put your name on the list** at the door.

**Raffle tickets** are available again by putting your name on the list at the door. **Make sure you use the correct list** or you will be playing!!

**Raffle Duty** (as volunteered in the newsletter) means please purchase a small gift for the club day raffle. This does not need to be expensive but should be gender neutral and about the \$10 value.. The sort of thing you might like to receive.

**Tea Duty** (again volunteered in the newsletter). Check with Edith and help prepare the cups before club then help in the kitchen with afternoon tea and wash up.

**Compere** as volunteered at club. Just help the day progress as seamlessly as possible, announcing the next artist to play, filling in time while keyboards are set up etc. When the artist has everything ready to go on the keyboard is a good time to break into the chatter and introduce them.

**Mid Month Afternoons** Club members volunteer to host a mid-month afternoon at their homes once a month. These afternoons are a great opportunity to get to know other members, to learn something you don't know already (it can be music related or a host of other things) and to have chatter and fun. Members are expected to take a small plate for afternoon tea and the host provides tea and coffee. One of the Club keyboards, or a keyboard similar to the Club's, is always available for people to play

and sometimes a piano or organ too. If you would like to come along check newsletters for the monthly hosts and please ring them to say you would like to attend, rather than just turning up.

**Audience** The afternoon is a sort of concert. In consideration of those who are playing for our entertainment, please refrain from talking while they are playing – talk between items but save most of your talking for over a cuppa at the end of our meeting. We encourage everyone to stay for that so you can get to know other members of the club. For those hard of hearing please be aware that your stage whisper is probably quite loud ... Enjoy.



## **ROSTERS**

### **RAFFLES**

1st Feb	Committee
1st Mar	Valerie McKenzie
5th Apr	Jim Carrick
3rd May	Wayne Price
7th June	Lindsey Roberts
5th July	Lynn Simmonds
2nd Aug	Rae Talbot
6th Sept	Valerie Andrews
4th Oct	Ann Bell
1st Nov	Margaret Cambridge
6th Dec	Pam Cox

### **REFRESHMENTS**

1st Feb	Committee
1st Mar	Gretchen Howie
5th Apr	Valerie McKenzie
3rd May	Linda Carrick
7th June	Pat Stade
5th July	Lindsey Roberts
2nd Aug	Jan Dequemin
6th Sept	June McMahon
4th Oct	Rae Talbot
1st Nov	Wayne Price
6th Dec	Valerie Andrews

### **CLUB AFTERNOON HOSTS**

1st Feb Rae Talbot

TBA

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

### **Mid Month Social Afternoon**

Feb	Sat 15th	Pam & David Cox	548 8144
March	Sat 15th	Lyn Rankin	546 9163
April	Wed 16th	Audrey & Bob	03 528 6480



**PLEASE PHONE HOSTS**

## 2025

The first Club day for 2025 is Saturday 1st February. As we normally do, it will begin with a Pot Luck Lunch. We would like to begin the meal at midday and then the normal Club Afternoon will take place beginning at 1:30. You need to BYO plates and eating utensils etc. No theme for the day, just a fun afternoon of your favourite tunes. See you all there.

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*I would just like to express my appreciation and thanks to the Club for being treated to the Christmas dinner at Teapot Valley. Carole*

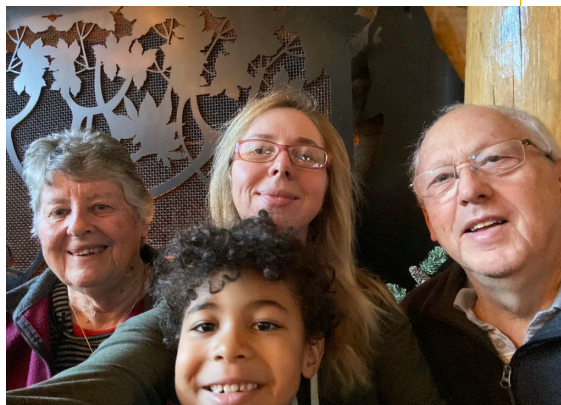
Did you know that the Nelson Jazz Club has various artists playing at Founders Park on Sunday afternoons from 1-3 pm on the Village Green. A koha is payable for entry to the park.

Also Dixie Swing continue playing swing and jazz music at The Honest Lawyer, also on Sunday afternoons, usually from 1-3 pm too.

### *Christmas In New York.*

*Yes, Sharon and I had 2 weeks away for Christmas in New York. We bussed to Nelson airport Monday after lunch, made our connection in San Fransisco (then the plane was late) and made NY about 10 pm Monday. A long day made longer by the aircraft not releasing our bags, not lost but out of reach.*

*We went back the next morning to pick them up. It snowed. Jay still had a few days at school then we went about 2 hrs drive westt to a water park. Seems funny to go swimming (and my first hydro-slide) while its snowing , but it was fun!! Back to NY for Christmas day and stayed there until we came home on the 28th. Good to have time with Adrienne and Jay.*



Warren

