

Nelson Electronic Organ and Keyboard Club

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the beginning of winter. April and May have come and gone so cooler days lay ahead. That might mean more opportunities to play music and that is always a nice thought.

The events during this period have been well attended and we hope that continues. In this newsletter are dates for the AGM and Mid Winter lunch. please check them out.

Warren Fenemor



When I was a little boy, I said to my dad, 'When I grow up, I want to be a musician.' My dad said: 'You can't do both, Son'.

Club Meeting April 4th 2026.

Easter Saturday was Club day so we expected a smaller number with family likely to be around, but we still mustered 24. Edith started the ball rolling followed by Rae who played The Old Rugged Cross. Pam followed but had also been intending to play that song... so managed a magic recovery from her mothers old music book with Whispering Hope. The audience choir joined in too, sounded great from the back of the hall. Allan showed the Genos 2 also has some great sounds and styles

Jan Duquemin compered and kept the members entertained with her selection of jokes. Carole played some lovely slow jazzy style pieces, showing her skill of choosing the correct style for each song and then adding

great sounds. It amazes me how many wonderful sounds we can get on these instruments. Bob then played the PSR 975 showing how to use big sounds and beautiful harmonies without the rhythm. Home On The Range was perfect and again featuring the audience choir.

Next June McMahon played, great to hear her play again, and she played the 'Pub Piano' style to perfection. Jan then played to show us that she's not just a pretty voice behind the microphone but a great player too. The afternoon finished with Warren on the accordion playing duets with the keyboard.

It was a great afternoon and I look forward to next months get together.

Your Roving Reporter



April Mid Month Meeting

The weather was a bit indifferent on the 18th but about 7 members ventured to Motueka for another fun afternoon with Audrey. Her 2 keyboards were up and running and Owen began the afternoon with a short medley. Everyone had a play and a lot of the worlds problems were sorted, at least in our heads!! The afternoon tea was served and then the party was over. Thanks Audrey, and I hope I can still host a gathering as you do, in my 101st year!

YYR



We have had a number of our members visiting the local bed and breakfast spot (hospital). At the time of writing all have escaped and recovering at home. We look forward to seeing everyone as health allows. Get well soon.

For Sale: Yamaha PSR 910 with stand. Contact Ann Bell or Warren.



In order to compose, all you need to do is remember a tune that nobody else has thought of.



ROSTERS

RAFFLES

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

6th Jun Linda Carrick
 4th Jul Lindsey Roberts
 1st Aug Anne Bell
 5th Sept Jan Duquemin
 3rd Oct Rose Castree
 7th Nov Valerie McKenzie
 5th Dec Cheryl Scoltock

CLUB AFTERNOON HOSTS

6th June Wayne Price Theme: Winter or seasons.

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

June TBA
 Sun July 12 John, Trish and Ann



PLEASE PHONE HOSTS



AGM This years AGM will be on Club day July 4th. Lyn Rankin will be standing down from committee this year. We thank her for all the years that she has been helping the club and look forward to hearing her again on an afternoon.

Mid Winter Lunch: It was decided at the committee meeting that we would once again have a lunch at the Honest Lawyer. This will be held on Sunday 12th July followed by a get together at Stoke Retirement Village 188 Songer St. hosted by John & Trish Burrin and Anne Bell.

For the lunch the Club will contribute \$10.00 per member, the remainder of the bill is yours to pay. The afternoon will be the July Mid Month Meeting so a small plate for afternoon tea would be appreciated. Sign up at the door for the lunch. Friends welcome.

Mid Month Meeting 23rd May

Alan invited us to his home, and a lot of his 'family' came along for the show. We only had 5 playing members (Alan, Rae, Yvonne, Carole and Warren) but other members also turned up for support. The afternoon was by all accounts a great success, and Alan entertained us not only with his music and 2 Genos keyboards, but a nice selection of greatly received jokes. Warren assisted the members on the Genos 1, and also concluded his item with a sing-along that went down well.

A great afternoon. Thanks Alan.



An invitation for all new members ... Your Club survives on membership participation. As such, if you have a talent please feel free to share it . You don't have to be an expert to perform on club day, but the first act can be a bit scary!!

We have all been there and nobody is there to judge you, just support.

A list is at the door, please feel free to sign on and share your talent.

This might be my last
pun of the day. I wanted
to go out on a high note
and then give it a rest.

