

LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC
CHAIR'S REPORT TO THE AGM 22 JULY 2016

It has been an honour to hold the position of Chair this year and I'm pleased that the welcoming and encouraging club environment has rebuilt Club participation and satisfaction.

Coming on committee is a good way to put your opinions forward in the Club's best interests. Our committee this year deserves much credit. Kevin Colin and Paul have kept our Club Night friendly, informal and welcoming. Jo and I both provided social occasions in January and May for members' enjoyment, Music Month was successfully organised by Jo and Kevin has ensured musicians are available to play at Ohau Market each month. Paul has been very conscientious and pro-active with our sound gear, and Rona and Keith have both performed as comperes and provided essential help on concert nights, along with Margaret as Treasurer. Colin has been an exemplary Secretary/Newsletter Editor and is staying on committee in that role.

The Club appreciates the fine job that Barbara Lucas has done with booking guests and Ian Todd on newspaper publicity, working outside committee. Barbara has now stepped down and if anyone with poster-making/publicity skills can assist monthly, we could use your help. This year Colin has done an amazing job of managing the newsletter which goes out to 400 or so subscribers, and I have been updating the website regularly and posting on the facebook page of Levin Folk Music.

I am happy to see involvement by more members, in our sound team and on our roster, and to have more communication and feedback from members. A huge thank you to our volunteers in the kitchen and on the door, and numerous other helpful jobs. Our monthly Club night encourages opportunities for members' improvement of performance skills and has proved to be a welcoming environment. I believe we can continue to develop this night for club members to jam together, trial new songs, grow in confidence, and attract new people to join us.

Club members have enjoyed several musical socials during the year, and our involvement in May Music Month was a wonderful opportunity to showcase talent. Te Takere has also given musicians a venue to perform, and the monthly Ohau Market is very keen to support our members. We continue to look for opportunities that will benefit our members and raise the Club's profile.

After five years as Treasurer, then Chair, I am stepping down now, but I am pleased to say that our membership, our attendances and our bank balance are all up, and I have every confidence in our new committee and its leadership for the future of our Club.

Thank you all.
Dale Webb
Chairperson