

# HAMILTON BLUES SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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## Dates to save:

- 11 April: A.G.M then Thursday Blues Night - - - - - 6.00pm
- 20 April: Blues Stock (Backyard Bar & Eatery) - - - - - 9.00am
- 28 April: Sunday Afternoon Blues - - - - - 1-5pm
- 09 May: Thursday Blues Night - - - - - 7.30pm
- 26 May: Sunday Afternoon Blues - - - - - 1-5pm
- 1-2 June: BOP Blues Festival Queen's B'day Weekend - - TBA

**Celebrity Quote: "Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die. Albert King**

28th April 1pm Mark 'Fatt Max' Hill 2pm Velvet Bulldozer 3pm Under The Influence 4pm The Black Sheep	26th May 1pm Satin Tractor 2pm Bluesberries 3pm Big T and the Dirty Tones 4pm Blues Shaker 104
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### YOUR COMMITTEE:

- Chairperson: Gleniss Kehely
- Secretary: Dean McGaveston
- Treasurer: Mark Flyger
- Your Committee Members:
  - \* Derek Hartley
  - \* Herby Mason-Riseborough
  - \* John Maydon
  - \* Stan Reihana
- Events: Huw Alderman
- WebMaster: Maciek Hrybowicz
- Newsletter Editor: Martina Mahy-Dunn
- Photographer: Greg Penniket



**The Backyard Bar and Eatery  
Easter Saturday 20 April 2019**

1333 Horotiu Road, Whatawhata

Registrations from 9am, door sales

Workshops start 10am:

Slide Guitar with Max Macdonald Harmonica with Haggis Maguiness

Headline Act 1pm

**The Flaming Mudcats**

Afternoon line-up from 2:50pm

Conmen .....The Toads

Art Gecko .....The Blues Busters

Steam Pudding .....B-Side Boys

Joe Lewis Band .....Situation Vacant

Tickets: \$25 Workshops: \$15 Camping: Free Blues Beers  
\$5 off for HBS Members

**FACEBOOK LINK:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Hamilton-Blues-Society-NZ-156781281003675/>

**WEBSITE LINK:**  
<https://hbs.org.nz/>



# Recent Past Events:

The Committee apologises to HBS Members who made the pilgrimage to Turtle Lake Wednesday 27 February to catch Black Sheep and Shotgun. Unfortunately, a solo artist appearing for the Accountants Conference at The Crystal Palace near Gate #2, pulled out, and the HGAF Organisers chose to relocate both HBS bands there instead (to fill the gap); on the understanding that "our people" would be redirected. Just recently

we learned that HGAF volunteers had informed the collected audience that HBS had cancelled. Just to prove that HBS was present at The Crystal Palace, here is Shotgun performing on the grass in front of the venue...although some supporters were able to follow us, many were turned away. Those involved in equipment setup, and the bands, had just 5 minutes warning of the change in venue!



## Saturday March 2:

Another fabulous year of blues in Pirongia at the Alexandra Hotel. This is the final year Neil Ransfield is involved in organising the Festival, HBS will be organising future festivals.

A beautifully fine day in the mighty Waikato under Mount Pirongia, the day was well attended and supported.

A great selection of HBS bands and ensembles, together with Tauranga and Bay of Plenty artists as well.

## Sunday March 10:

Hamilton Blues Society once again provided a few hours of blues as part of Frankton Thunder. The stage was the intersection of Lake Road and Commerce Street, Frankton.

Bands featured were:

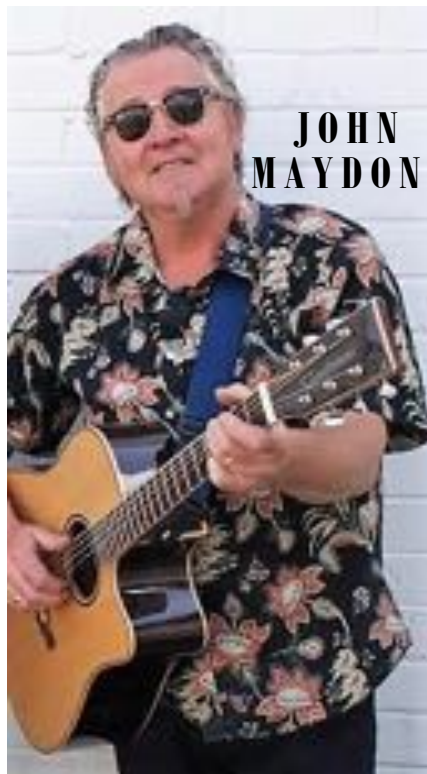
Midday: Situation Vacant

1pm: Under The Influence

2pm: Shotgun



## Committee Member Profile:



Formally from Dunedin I'm a singer songwriter multi-instrumentalist with a background in teaching music and working in music stores. I've been on and off the Hamilton Blues Committee since 2006. When I joined HBS I was in a band called Johnny Stash. I've played many Blues and Jazz festivals including Rotorua, Bay Of Islands, Whangarei and Tauranga. I have been in a few line ups made up from various members of HBS including the River Rockers, The Swamp Dogz, Poontango, and The Rockaholics. Plus I've filled in for a few other blues society bands.

Before moving up from Dunedin I played in Originals Bands, Church Bands, Party bands, Folk Bands and Blues Bands. I was lucky enough to play at Famed Dunedin Venues such as The Empire, The Cook, The Oriental, Sammys, Chicks Hotel just to name a few. In 1988 we got to support "The Angels". My last two Dunedin bands were Gazebo Tiger who released a CD in 1999, and The Fabtones with Terry Ebeling from the Ebeling Bros. Gazebo Tiger played all over the South Island from Invercargill to Greymouth, Mount Cook, Queenstown,

Reefton, Christchurch, and all points in-between. In the Beginning at the Hamilton Blues Society there was no equipment apart from a P.A. paid for by a grant. One of the first things I organised when I joined the committee was a drum set purchase to save drummers having to drag their gear along, then a bass amp. Now we have a huge amount of gear. Currently I'm running a side line event called the Hamilton Blues Revue on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Nivara Lounge for vocalists. The band members change from time to time but we have a good group of band-less singers who get to sing with a professional backing band.

## Hamilton Blues Society — Sisters

What are you on about? Hamilton Blues Society — surely there can be only one? Hamilton Blues Society, Ontario, Canada has invited Hamilton Blues Society NZ to join as sisters - yes - as sister societies. We are finding out more about what "sister societies" implies but here is a picture of Big Johnny Blues wearing our HBS T-shirt at their fundraiser for the people of Christchurch, in Ontario, Canada. In the past HBS Canada also undertook fundraising for the Christchurch earthquake, for which Big Johnny Blues received a letter from the Office of The Prime Minister, Sir. John Key.



### **STOP PRESS — SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR CHRISTCHURCH !!**

*In the wake of the mosque shootings in Christchurch the Hamilton Blues Society has decided to raffle one of the coveted HBS Hoodies (pull-over style) as a special fundraiser to contribute to the national appeal.*



**Details: Black pull-over style HBS Hoodie - size: XL**

**Tickets: Available on Blues Night, Thursday 11 April - drawn later in the night**

**Tickets: \$5 each, 3 for \$12, 4 for \$16, 5 for \$20**

**See Dean or Gleniss for tickets.**

# Artist Profile: Albert King

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Albert Nelson (April 25, 1923–December 21, 1992), known by his stage name Albert King, was an American blues guitarist and singer whose playing influenced many other blues guitarists. He is perhaps best known for the popular and influential album 'Born Under a Bad Sign' (1967) and its title track.



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about them? Click  
on the link below*

*[https://  
en.wikipedia.org/  
wiki/Albert\\_King](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_King)*

Known as "The Velvet Bulldozer" because of his smooth singing and large size — standing 6ft 7in (2.01m), and weighing 250lb (110kg), and also because he drove a bulldozer in one of his day jobs early in his career.

Nelson was born on a cotton plantation in Indianola, Mississippi. During childhood he sang at a church with a family gospel group, in which his father played the guitar. One of 13 children, he grew up picking cotton on plantations near Forrest City, Arkansas, where the family moved when he was eight years old. As Albert King, he was famed for his powerful string-bending style and his soulful, smoky vocals. He carved his own indelible niche in the blues hierarchy by creating a deep, dramatic sound that was widely imitated by both blues and rock guitarists.

King's first instrument was a diddley bow. Next, he built himself a cigar box guitar, and eventually he bought a Guild acoustic guitar. The instrument he is usually associated with is a 1958 Gibson Flying V.

King died of a heart attack on December 21, 1992, in his Memphis home. His final concert had been in Los Angeles only two days earlier. He was given a funeral procession with the Memphis Horns playing "When the Saints Go Marching In" and was buried in Paradise Gardens Cemetery in Edmondson, Arkansas, near his childhood home. King was posthumously inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in May 2013. In 2011, he was ranked number 13 on Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time.

**Now go to their Wikipedia page to find out the answer to this question:  
What was the nickname of his guitar?**

## AGM Agenda:

- Annual report from the Committee - Gleniss Kehely
- Statement of Accounts - Mark Flyger
- Election of Officers - two nominees for HBS Secretary
- Election of Committee Members
- Proposal of Membership fee increase
- Recommendations of the Committee
- Appointment of Auditor



Did you know that Hamilton Blues Society sponsors a community radio show called [The Blues Room](#), hosted by Nate Taiapa, playing every Wednesday at 9.00pm on Free FM (89) so check it out !

