

HAMILTON BLUES SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Dates to save:

- 03 August: International Blues Music Day - - - - - 1-5pm
- 08 August: HBS Blues Night (with Dale Robbins Band+) - 7pm
- 25 August: HBS Sunday Afternoon Blues - - - - - 1pm+
- 29 August: HBS Showcase - - - - - 7pm
- 12 September: HBS Blues Night - - - - - 7pm
- 22 September: HBS Sunday Afternoon Blues - - - - - 1pm+

Steve Arvey's Genres: Blues, Blues Rock, Americana, & Traditional...more on Page 4

Sunday Arvo Blues: 25 Aug 1pm Sean Lurman & Friends 2pm The Joe Lewis Band 3pm Agnostic Contrarians 4pm Velvet Bulldozer 5pm The Black Sheep 6pm Jam time	Sunday Arvo Blues: 22 Sept 1pm Kitset Blues 2pm 3pm The Toads 4pm Paper Scissors Blues 5pm Jam time 6pm Jam time
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Special Blues Night

Thursday 8 August from 7pm - Dale Robbins Band and ... special guest Steve Arvey (RV) (check Artist Profile). Dale Robbins and band join us again for another year, heading to the Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival.

Dale and the boys open the night from 7pm then slot into one of the open slots later on in the evening. Many of Dale's Waikato friends will join him so let's show them a great big friendly HBS welcome.

Our own River Rockers are also off to BOI Jazz & Blues Festival — let's wish them well.

Competition: Jan Preston, who is also here for the BOI Jazz & Blues Festival, has offered us a competition through Facebook. Get onto the Hamilton Blues Society NZ Facebook page and answer the question to get in the draw.



YOUR COMMITTEE:

- Chairperson: Gleniss Kehely
- Secretary: Dean McGaveston
- Treasurer: Mark Flyger
- Your Committee Members:
- * Joe Lewis
- * John Maydon
- * John Messent
- * Stan Reihana
- * Bruce Tollan
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FACEBOOK LINK:
<https://www.facebook.com/Hamilton-Blues-Society-NZ-1567812810036751>

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

You can find our events in Eventfinda and on Neighbourly, but the best way to track what is happening is to follow our Facebook page & website (links to the left)

Recent Past Events:



Fete de la Musique (World Music Day) was a fantastic success. The front and back bars at Bidy's were busy with a rotating stage in the front bar of novice and wannabe performers supported by the Rockaholics - managed by John Maydon.

Chris Penman, Roger McLay, Angela Sullivan & Al's Angels just to mention a few. The back bar rocked with HBS blues bands from 1pm until 5pm: Shotgun, Conmen, Al's Angels, The Toads (Tokoroa), then Shotgun shot off to provide entertainment at the Lookout Bar and Kitchen in Pukete as part of the Fete de la Musique celebration. Very well supported by the public, musicians from other clubs, Auckland and Rotorua. However, the fete spread well beyond Bidy's too. On Saturday we set up in front of Creative Waikato, starting with Art Gecko playing a range of styles to people in Garden Place. They were followed by folksy, bluesy group Defeks. Waikato Museum was well served on both days, and the acts caught the ears of a few passers-by. We had everything from solo piano to a World Voices choir on Saturday. The next morning we started with French ambient guitarist Marin Esteban, with other acts including jazz and ukulele groups. We also took over part of Chartwell Shopping Centre on Saturday. Sisters Cara and Lexie sang with backing tracks, then Cossie Ukes took over for the late afternoon. Our final outpost was Lookout Bar and Kitchen in Pukete on Sunday, where Shotgun performed as a trio instead of its usual four-piece. Usual drummer Dean McGaveston ended up putting together a large part of the Fete's acts, and was tied up at Bidy's.

The 7th Annual International Blues Music Day

Celebrated 3 August 2019 at Bidy Mulligan's Irish Pub in Hood Street, Hamilton from 1pm:

A great day was had by all who came to help us celebrate blues and keeping blues alive. Of special note, our youngest HBS Member (Sean Lurman) delivered a fantastic set of music supported by his Friends. Maskell Street came all the way from Auckland to support HBS with this endeavour, we certainly appreciate that. →

In 2018 HBS celebrated IBMD with Tony Swain's and band from Australia in concert ahead of the Bay of Islands Festival.

Following on from the Hamilton celebrations, Morrinsville (lead by Mat Ferris and Detour) will be hosting musicians at The Roadhouse.

These celebrations also include a remembrance for our late friend, Rob McWhannell (late drummer).

Join us to Celebrate!

Hosted by:

INTERNATIONAL BLUES MUSIC DAY
HAMILTON - NZ

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Saturday 3 August 2019
From 1pm - Gold Coin Donation

Featuring

Kim Earl & The Wide Boys
(Morrinsville)

Sean Lurman & Friends
(Hamilton)

Maskell Street
(Auckland)

Showdown
(Hamilton)

Conmen
(Hamilton)

Front Bar
17b Hood Street

Bidy's

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Committee Member Profile:

Bruce joined HBS about two years ago after Bidy's moved to the new Location in Hood Street, thinking he could offer more than a Gold Coin to ensure the HBS can keep providing the exceptional, near free, entertainment that can be enjoyed by all.

Musical influences and memories have roots in being the 2nd youngest in a large family. In the 70s, older siblings bringing home LPs of Electric Lady Land and Deep Purple in Rock. At 16 going to Nambassa Festival listening to Sonny Terry & Brownie McGee sing 'Bring It On Home To Me'; Live Music at the Hilly and the University listening to Midge Marsden, Hello Sailor, and Sonny

Day. One memorable night at the Paeroa Racing Club to see Wilko Johnson. At 24 he embarked on an OE to the UK and stayed seven years. Aberdeen was on the tour schedule of many acts. Doctor Feelgood, Van Morrison, Stephane Grappelli, Jethro Tull, and Rolling Stones at Wembley, etc. He says he's been learning guitar for 30 years. Maybe one day we will see him on stage. He likes nothing more than listening to live music and sitting in the sun enjoying a few pints of Guinness.

Band Profile: Situation Vacant



Situation Vacant is a band formed by brother and sister duo Casey and Kaleesha Messent. The band has standing open vacancies for other members, hence the name, that are filled by other musicians that complement the current project they are working on. Casey and Kaleesha have been brought up playing various styles of blues rock.

Their individual playing styles are influenced by artists like Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimi Hendrix, Cream, Led Zeppelin, Govt Mule and Joe Bonamassa. They have been members of the Hamilton Blues Society for many years and featured in many HBS showcase events. They have featured at Okoroire, Pirongia, and Rotorua Blues Festival 2019, and have played at the Tauranga National Jazz Festival on several occasions. Casey is a member of the Ernie Ball Music Man Brotherhood of the Guitar, and has attended the NAMM convention as an Ernie Ball artist where he networked with many other young up-and-coming artists from around the world. For the Rotorua Blues Festival this year, Casey and Kaleesha invited fellow Hamilton Blues Society members, Haggis Maguiness and John Messent to make up a powerful four piece band that will play a selection of their own original material fused with funky rock styled blues covers. Situation Vacant is Casey Messent: vocals and electric guitar, Kaleesha Messent: vocals and drums, with guests Haggis Maguiness: harmonica, John Messent: bass



Member Profile: (NEW SECTION)

Roger McLay is a 'hobby tinkerer' in metalwork. One day realised he'd accumulated enough tools to make a metal resonator guitar. When he gets on stage, he strums an instrument he has spent about 40 hours working on! He recently played as part of the Fête de la Musique (World Music Day - article featured on Pg 2 of this issue; click on photo for more)

Artist Profile: Steve Arvey

Steve Arvey began his career playing the Chicago blues circuit during the 70s. During that period he shared the stage with many of the legendary blues masters from the Windy City. Now living in Florida, Steve is a fixture at major festivals and nightclubs throughout the South, Europe and the Caribbean. He is also considered by many to be one of the top cigar box guitar players in the world today. In 1981 he formed his own band named West Side Heat and toured around the mid-west. In 1984 he recorded his first record "Crazy Mixed Up World". Steve has since travelled the world over performing major festivals and was signed to Warner Brothers Records International in 2005 where he appeared on a CD with Jack Johnson, REM, George Thorogood and Bo Diddley ... and guess what?



*** He is playing at HBS on Thursday 8 August with Dale Robbins ***

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OyQ2G2AR5vY>



- \$20.00** Membership per year (renewable April) gets you:
- * Discounted house wine and beer at Bidy's (Hood St.)
- * 10% discount off all your music needs at Shearers
- * Chances each Blues Night to win prizes
- * Discounted entry to special HBS concerts
- * Database notifications of upcoming events
- * And access to these cool newsletters!

Membership fees are now due at the new rate of \$20 per annum.

We like you to pay your subscription at the door on an event night because then you can confirm your contact details, and HBS will give you a new card.

If you would like to pay by internet banking then please pay directly into the HBS bank account listed below, but please don't forget to put your name in the reference field: **Account: 01-0370-0080503-00**

We also have EFTPOS facilities available now.

Did you know? The Hamilton Rockshop has brought its extensive range and quality to the wider Waikato area since 1999.



Our new sponsor:
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CBD, Hamilton, 3204
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Did you know that Hamilton Blues Society sponsors a community radio show called *The Blues Room*, hosted by Nate Taiapa, playing every Wednesday 9.00-10.00pm

on Free FM (89) so check it out!

