

# NEWSLETTER



## COMMITTEE:

On Thursday 9 July 2020 the AGM confirmed the HBS NZ Executive as:

- Dean McGaveston, Chair
- Huw Alderman, Secretary & Events Manager
- Mark Flyger, Treasurer.

An additional five Committee Members are required to support the executive. Nominations are needed now.

Until elections take place, Joe Lewis and Bruce Tollan will continue as Committee members.

## Dates to Save

### 02 August: International Blues Music Day celeb - 1-5pm



Hamilton Blues Society NZ hosts International Blues Music Day at Biddy's front bar on Hood Street. A great line-up for your entertainment:

- B-Side Boys (Bay of Plenty)
- Fatt Max & Son
- Velvet Bulldozer
- Hillman Hunters

HBS first celebrated IBMD in August 2015. This is the eighth year for the international body so pop along and help us **celebrate IBMD and our own HBS NZ 25th Anniversary**. Now that HBS NZ is an IBMD member, video captured on the day will be up-loaded to their site.

### 08 August: HBS NZ/HJS Bluestock Mini-Fest - 12pm-12am

Join us from midday 'til midnight at the Waikato Commerce Club to thank them for intending to host our 2020 Easter Bluestock Festival. This will be a joint Hamilton Jazz Society and HBS NZ event. Art Gecko opening. Music until midnight, closing around 1am.



With a great selection of bands from across the Waikato, Auckland and Tauranga: Art Gecko, Maskell Street (Auckland), Left Field Blues Band (Auckland), Conmen, Hillman Hunters, Agnostic Contrarians, Brown Dog and The Mutley (Tauranga), Cara Graham and Friends, Sean Lurman and Friends, Hamilton Big Band, Fatt Max (Auckland), The Dirty Tones (Auckland), Al's Angels, Showdown, Velvet Bulldozer, and Shotgun.

**Waikato Commerce Club, 197 Collingwood Street, Hamilton.**

### 13 August: HBS NZ Blues night - 7pm

Jam slots from 7:30pm - talk with our Jam Captain, Garry Spain. HBS bands and ensembles will perform from 8pm onward.

### 23 August: HBS NZ Sunday arvo Blues - 1-5pm

Four acts will contribute their Blues interpretations for us – see our Facebook page for this months featured artists.

### 10 September: HBS NZ Blues night - 7pm

Jam slots from 7:30pm followed by HBS bands.

### 27 September: HBS NZ Sunday arvo Blues - 1-5pm

Four featured artists.

### 27 September: HBS Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride - tba

Worldwide annual charity event. HBS NZ will once more support local riders in this 2020 ride for prostate cancer and men's mental health



## Meet your Executive Committee 2020-21

### Dean McGaveston – Chair

Dean has been an active HBS member over many years and our previous Secretary. Welcome to the Chair, Dean! Dean transferred from Wellington to Hamilton in 1980 leaving his resident drummer position with Trad-Jazz band The Valley Stompers to play with all the best Blues and Dance bands across the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and south to Taurarunui. Now drumming regularly with Shotgun! Dean also gives a lot of time to HBS NZ.



Mid-1970s to mid-2020 – progress, Dean 😊



### Huw Alderman – Secretary

Having previously served as Chair and supported past committees for many years, Huw also continues as Event Manager so we can look forward to another exciting year of Blues ahead. Of course we all know Huw well as the bandleader of the Conmen.



### Mark Flyger - Treasurer

As well managing our finances, Mark is a performer and on the Bidy Mulligans Team so provides a valuable bridge between the musical side and the venue management. Here is Mark on saxophone with Shotgun at the Tauranga National Jazz Festival.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hamilton Blues Society NZ

Mike Garner formed HBS in 1995, primarily to further and promote blues music in and around the Waikato.

25 years later we run regular Blues events at Bidy Mulligans and also host visiting or touring blues artists. Our own artists/ensembles/bands appear at blues festivals across NZ and support charity events in and around Hamilton.

Here's to the next 25 years!

Our front page image commemorates this anniversary and remembers the late Max Macdonald and other past members of the Society who were taken before their time.

*Follow all of our events, news updates and video footage on HBS NZ Facebook and website pages:*

*[Hamilton Blues Society NZ on Facebook](#)*

*[hbs.org.nz](http://hbs.org.nz) website*

*Don't forget our YouTube channel. We also promote events on Eventfinda and Neighbourly*

## Membership information

Your \$20 membership (renewable April) gets you:-

- Discounted house wine and beer at Bidy Mulligans
- Discount available at the Rockshop – discuss with the Manager
- 10% discount off your musical purchases at Shearers
- Chances each Blues Night to win prizes
- Discounted entry to special HBS concerts
- Database notifications of upcoming events
- This cool news update in your mailbox
- And Blues Music events galore!

