

# NEWSLETTER



## Dates to Save

### **08 October: HBS NZ Blues night Thursday - 7pm**

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

**\*\*\* 25 October: no Sunday Blues this month \*\*\***

Labour weekend – Rotorua Blues Festival

### **23-26 October: Rotorua Blues Festival, BOP**

Labour Weekend – full details below.

### **29 October: Ladies Sing The Blues - 7:30pm till late**

Trish Collier, Mary-Bell, Kim Earl and Cara Graham will contribute their Blues interpretations for us – profiles page 2.

### **12 November: HBS NZ Blues night Thursday 7pm**

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

### **22 November: HBS NZ Sunday arvo Blues - 2-6pm**

Four featured artists.

### **10 December: HBS NZ Christmas Party - 7pm**

Let's celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and make this year memorable for the Blues and not just the covid blues ☺

**\*\*\* Christmas and New Year break \*\*\***

### **24 January 2021: HBS NZ Sunday arvo Blues resumes**

Four featured artists.



## **Labour weekend 23-26 October 2020**

This annual Festival has been moved from Queen's Birthday to Labour Weekend – to support them HBS will forgo the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday arvo Blues and get in behind the Rotorua Blues Festival.

## **HBS Society at Rotorua Blues festival opening**

In recognition of HBS 25th Anniversary, our Shotgun Band will perform on Eat Street stage from 1:30pm (1330) Saturday 24 October - be there to support our lads following the opening ceremony and to continue celebrating our 25 years.

HBS bands will perform 5pm-midnight at The Social Club (next to The Barcode), corner of Arawa and Amohia Streets.

Here's our line-up:

- Roger McLay - 30 minutes
- Conmen, Hillmen Hunters, Agnostic Contrarians
- Roger McLay - another 30 minutes
- Magic & 3am Blues, Shotgun, Velvet Bulldozer

Festival details at: <https://bopblues.co.nz/>

Tickets at: <https://rotorua-blues-festival-2020.lilregie.com/>

This long-weekend event has acts from all over the country including Jan Preston and The Michael Barker Experience!

Mike Garner Band is playing on the Lakeland Queen cruise, Sunday 25 October (*Mike formed HBS 25 years ago*).

## Ladies Sing The Blues Thursday 29 October:- 7:30pm till late

**Kim Earl** is no stranger to the Hamilton Music scene. Still in college she co-formed the band 'Prophecy' who were semi resident at the Nottingham Castle Hotel and favourites of the Waikato social event circle. After several years of theatre and stage shows, Kim returned to her 'muso' roots in the mid 2010's working on several recording projects, Prophecy reunion shows with Phil Walsh and Kevin Smith, and putting together her own line up, 'The Wide Boys', to start work on her take of some classic blues songs. Kim's first EP 'Bring It On Home', released in 2018, is available at [itunes](#) and [doublebass](#).

**Mary-Bell** hails from the deep south where she was born and bred. She has had a passion for music since childhood and, in her early years in the south, sang regularly with bands around her home territory, performing country and popular music styles. Later she moved to Tauranga and continued performing regularly in various line-ups doing similar music. More recently Mary-Bell has become drawn to

the blues, saying she loves the authenticity and raw truth of the blues. Although a relative newcomer to the blues, she is keen to perform her growing repertoire when the opportunity arises.



**HAMILTON BLUES SOCIETY  
LADIES SING THE BLUES**

LIVE PERFORMANCES BY:



KIM CARA Mary-Bell Trish

**THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER**  
**FREE ENTRY - REGISTER ON HBS FACEBOOK**  
FROM 7:30PM TILL LATE  
**BIDDY MULLIGANS IRISH PUB**  
[WWW.HBS.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.HBS.ORG.NZ)

### Cara Graham

Cara is an active HBS NZ Blues Society and Speakeasy Jazz Club member. Cara loves to sing any songs that catch her ear. Cara's repertoire includes a dynamic set of blues and jazz, 'aged and modern'! Cara began her Blues experience in 2009 at the Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festivals, at Auckland and Whangamata festivals with Bryon Steenson's River Rockers. Cara enjoyed a Blues-Jazz Experience at the 2018 Tauranga National Jazz Festival before they cut Blues from their event.

### Trish Collier

started singing in Wellington at 16 then moved to Auckland and started singing in the Flamenco night club with her uncle Hilbert Skeltons band, he played the steel guitar. Over the years Trish has sung with several bands and clubs.

Now she and her husband perform at retirement villages around the Waikato. Trish recently joined the Blues society in Hamilton and is enjoying the top musos and the very friendly people.

From the Hamilton Blues Society NZ Facebook page



BOP blues Club  
Jam Night  
Wednesday 7  
October 2020,  
The Citizen's  
Club, Rotorua.

Last month HBS legend Tim  
Armstrong at the Tauranga Blues  
Jam – a great night!  
This month Wednesday 14  
October at Jack Dusty's on 50  
Bureta Road, Tauranga. Doors  
open 7pm.



Jan Preston will play in  
the Headliner Finale at  
the Rotorua Blues  
Festival, Sunday 25th.  
Details on BOP and  
Rotorua Blues Festival  
Facebook pages.



**Committee update**

- We are currently operating at COVID Alert Level #1. Stay safe!
- The Events Sub-committee is in talks for a permanent home for Bluestock for the next five years. Easter Bluestock may have a permanent home in Hamilton from 2021 until 2026.



- At Labour Weekend we are supporting and performing at the Rotorua Blues Festival organised by BOP Blues.
- Celebrate with our Ladies Sing the Blues on Thursday 29 October.
- And let's have a fab-Blues-ous "25th Anniversary Christmas Party" to wrap the year up in style!

[Hamilton Blues Society NZ on Facebook](#)

[hbs.org.nz website](https://www.hbs.org.nz)

**Membership information**

Remember that your \$20 membership (renewable April) gets you:-

- Discounted house wine and beer at Biddy 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!



**Bluestock Blues-Jazz mini-fest 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020 update (zoom in to see photos in detail)**

16 bands from the Waikato, Auckland and Tauranga played from midday to midnight to bring the Bluestock Mini-fest to life:- 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.

Thanks to all HJS & HBS who helped set up, manage sound, bands, photography & video – overall the event took a lot longer than 12 hours. Thank you ☺ Photos:- by Sönke, Wiebke, Kenz, Neil + Venue:- Waikato Commerce Centre

