

# NEWSLETTER



**Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

## Dates to Save



**Thursday 10 December HBS Christmas Blues Night** Biddy's back bar from 7pm. HBS bands and performers – whiteboard controlled stage access. As usual, a gold coin donation is very much appreciated with more great live Blues music. See *HBS Facebook page for details*



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



## **Sunday 24 January First HBS Sunday Afternoon Blues for 2021**

In Biddy's front bar from 2pm we will host more great live Blues acts! Roger 'Mudslide' McLay, and three other acts (to be advised). As usual, a gold coin donation is very much appreciated, merchandise available.

## **HBS Special Events 2021**

**BLUES**  
*Christmas*

## **Saturday 14 March Frankton Thunder charity event**

As usual HBS is well represented at this charity event. *More page 2.*

## **Saturday 3-Sunday 4 April HBS Easter Bluestock Blues Festival**

Negotiating with the Glenview Club, Peacockes Road - plenty of space, covered hall, off road parking, campervan/camping facilities (pre-book). *More on page 2.*

## **Pirongia Blues Festival 2021 - Date to be confirmed**

Expressions of interest from performers for Pirongia Blues Festival are being accepted now. Either contact HBS through the website, [hbs.org.nz](http://hbs.org.nz), or email [hamiltonbluesnz@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonbluesnz@gmail.com) with *Pirongia* in the subject line.

**Keep up to date and share your views at:**

**Hamilton Blues Society NZ on Facebook**

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



## **Upcoming Blues Events**

**Sunday 6 December**

**Auckland Blues Music Club**

**Annual Christmas fundraiser**

HBS members wishing to pop through to Auckland let them know – tickets [abmc.co.nz](http://abmc.co.nz).

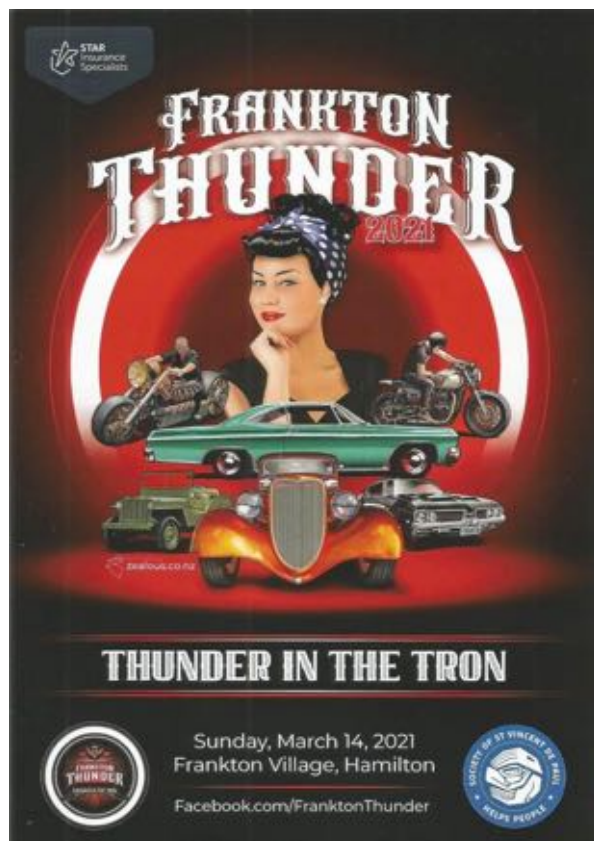
**Saturday 9 January Waihi**

**Beach Hotel – Blues Blues &**

**BBQs**

Keen on some live Blues at the beach? Watch our Facebook for details.





## October/November update:



### Labour weekend 2020

This 4-day festival had blues, blues and more blues for everyone! HBS was well represented at the opening ceremony (Shotgun band), the youth event (Sean Lurman) and a Saturday evening concert (Roger McLay, Conmen, Hillman Hunters, Magic & 3am Blues, Shotgun and Velvet Bulldozer). Sean also played with Hybrid Blues in their opening set on the Eat Street stage.

Rotorua Blues Festival had been postponed from Queen's Birthday Weekend but will return to QBW in 2021.



HBS members have been visiting other Blues clubs each month, sharing the Blues:-

Bay of Plenty Blues at Rotorua (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)

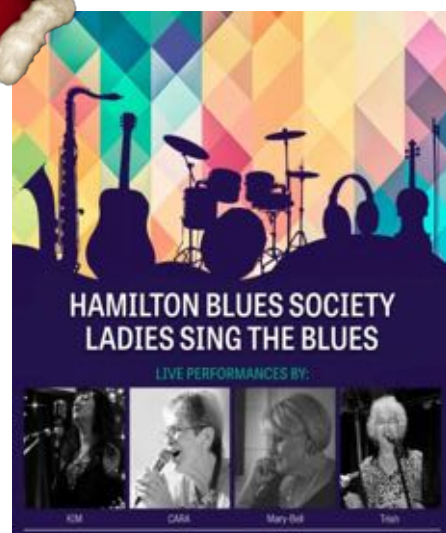
Tauranga Blues at Jack Dusty's Otumoetai, Tauranga (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

Auckland Blues Music Club, at the Longroom, Ponsonby

### Ladies Sing the Blues 2020

Our blues 'divas' raised the roof for our 29 October Ladies Sing the Blues show.

Mary-Bell Dynes led the way, followed by Trish Collier, Cara Graham, with Kim Earl wrapping up the show.



## Situations vacant musos:-

Progressive Hamilton-based band '**RumbleStrip**' is looking for a dedicated **drummer** to complete the line-up playing Rocking Blues with shades of Jazz and Fusion. The line consists of vocals, guitar, harmonica, bass and drums. Backing vocals would be an advantage. We are aiming at being a gigging band.

If this sounds like you call/message:

- Cliff on: 027 359 3986
- Or Haggis on: 027 311 8644



## 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!

## From the Committee

- **Merry Christmas and Happy Bluesy New Year!**
- **Keep an eye on our Facebook page for any last minute notes and updates.**
- **Share your Blues experiences with us via the Facebook page too.**



## Profile: **ROGER MCLAY** (aka Mr Mudslide)

### Acoustic and Slide Blues

Roger is a solo performer with a lifelong interest in blues music. These days he contributes to keeping the blues alive by focussing on traditional finger-style acoustic and resonator slide guitar. It is not unknown for Mr Mudslide to accompany himself with rack harmonica on occasion.

He often performs on instruments he has built himself, performing regularly at smaller venues and various events around the Waikato.

Mr Mudslide favours open tuning when playing slide and draws his repertoire mainly from songs by many of the early blues masters. However he does perform acoustic interpretations of certain contemporary blues classics as well as a handful of originals for good measure.





