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## **NEWSLETTER**



We are pleased to announce that Waikato Racing Club are supporting Hamilton Blues Society by allowing us to host Easter Bluestock in the Centennial Lounge at the Te Rapa Racecourse.

- One day only Saturday 03 April 2021.
- Campervan sites (for self-contained campervans) are also available but must be booked separately through the Waikato Racing Club Office - phone: 07 849 2839.
- Fifteen (15) acts in total, between midday and midnight, with Art Gecko opening, followed immediately by our Auckland friends, The Flaming Mudcats. The lineup will also include The Toads.
- Tickets: \$30 per person (\$5 discount for club/society members) through our website <a href="https://doi.org.nz/">https://doi.org.nz/</a>
- Some of our sponsors have donated raffle prizes so bring a little extra cash for those tickets. Prizes will be posted on the Easter Bluestock Facebook page - keep an eye out for them.



#### HBS Dates April/May 2021

- Saturday 03 April Easter Bluestock Festival Te Rapa Racecourse from midday
- Thursday 08 April Thursday Blues Night from 7pm
- Sunday 18 April from 3pm Auckland Blues Music Club fundraiser (details below)
- Sunday 25 April Sunday Arvo Blues from 1pm
- Thursday 29 April HBS Showcase 7pm
- Saturday 01 May NZ Music Month begins
- Thursday 13 May Thursday Blues Night from 7pm
- Sunday 23 May Sunday Arvo Blues at Biddys from 1pm



#### **Auckland Blues Music**

will run from 3pm on Sunday 18 April at the LONGROOM, 114 Ponsonby Road, featuring an amazing lineup of Bands

Club's fundraiser for Sönke

Dean will be attending and can take four passengers. Event tickets \$15.80.

and Performers.



#### **Upcoming away trips: -**

- Wednesday 07 April BOP Blues Jam in Rotorua
- Wednesday 14 April Tauranga Blues Jam in Otumoetai
- Wednesday 04 May BOP Blues Jam
- Wednesday 12 May Tauranga Blues Jam

And further ahead: Saturday/ Sunday 19/20 June Fête de la Musique (World Music Day) 21 June

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**Sunday Arvo Blues with special fundraiser** To help replace the beautiful camera that Sönke lost to the depths of the Raglan (Whaingaroa) Harbour last year. We enjoyed great music, laughs, dancing and Sönke (on vocals, guitar and camera)!

- •Thank you to all, including the 5 bands, who supported this exciting venture!
- Heartfelt thanks to those who donated some awesome raffle prizes and to those who bought tickets!
- Raffle winners: Brigette (Hampton & Mason saucepans), Sarah (Water Cooler), Cara (Hard Rock Café day pack) and a delighted visitor won the Hard Rock Café Jacket!



#### Frankton Thunder Sunday 14 March - Analysis/Report

Well, THE corner was no longer the APPCO corner as they're on the move from the corner of Commerce Street and Lake Rd. The stage supported HBS bands from 11am until 2pm with Side Hustle, Mark 'Fatt Max' Hill (from Auckland), and Velvet Bulldozer, pumping music out to a constantly moving crowd of hundreds. Well done everybody!

- The times as advertised differed from those on the day because of last minute schedule changes.
- Big thanks to Mayday Circus playing before us and Kicking Mary on immediately after us.
- Fantastic day of sun, music, and motors bike motors, car motors, Steam Punk motors - lots to see.
- Every year this event gets bigger.









THUNDER IN THE TRON

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#### **HBS NZ Admin**

#### **Long-term Situation Vacant: Blues Programme Host**

**Free FM** are very keen to have somebody from Hamilton Blues Society to host the blues hour.

Our very own Nate Taiapa hosted **The Blues Room: from the roots to the fruits** for 13 years, retiring from his commitment in 2019.

Mark 'Fatt Max' Hill was to take over from Nate and host **The Blues Machine** but unexpected changes imposed by Recorded Music NZ had an immediate impact on the way a programme could be composed and delivered.

The position remains open so please, if you would be interested, let the HBS Committee

know (email below).

The new show will air Wednesdays 9-10pm.

#### **Contact details:**

HBS website: <a href="https://hbs.org.nz/">hbs.org.nz/</a>

Facebook: Hamilton Blues Society NZ Facebook page

Email us: <a href="mailtonbluesnz@gmail.com">hamiltonbluesnz@gmail.com</a>

#### **Constitutional Stuff:**

#### AGM and position on the Committee

It is always very important to maintain a full and active Committee because it isn't really fair to have a couple of people doing all the work.

Currently HBS has four vacancies for committee members, and it would be really great if Club members will step up to fill those roles. At the moment the Executive is stable but it would be good to have some extra bodies on the Committee.

The Club's Constitution document is available on the HBS website at <a href="https://nxc/hbs.org.nz/">hbs.org.nz/</a>

You can be nominated via email by another HBS member but do remember to also email in your acceptance of the nomination.

At this time the AGM may be on 13 May so, in line with the Constitution, nominations must be published 21 days prior, and therefore nominations and acceptances must be

received between 08 and 22 April.

#### Subscriptions for 2021/2022: -

Subscriptions are now due!

The financial year runs from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

\$20 per Member or \$40 Family Membership (for three or more family members).

Payable to ANZ Hamilton Blues Society Account: 01-0370-0080503-00

There will be an EFTPOS machine available at Thursday Blues Night 08 April if you prefer to pay then.

#### **STOP PRESS:**

BOP Blues Club have announced that they will not be having their Rotorua Blues Festival this year 2021. The next Rotorua Blues Festival will be held in 2022.

THE BLUES MACHINE



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