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HAMILTON BLUES SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND

NEWSLETTER



← The Flaming Mudcats in concert Special 2pm Sunday 6 June

We are incredibly fortunate to host The Flaming Mudcats for a short sharp concert at Biddy's.

Sunday 6 June from 2pm
The Flaming Mudcats will be followed at 4pm by Roger 'Mr Mudslide' McLay.

Door charge \$15 non-members, \$10 members.

HBS Dates June/July 2021

- Sunday 06 June Blues concert
- Thursday 10 June Thursday Blues Night from 7pm
- Saturday 19 June Fête de la Musique - front bar from 4pm
- Sunday 20 Fête de la Musique - back bar from 2pm
- Sunday 27 June Sunday Arvo Blues from 1pm
- Thursday 08 July Thursday Blues Night from 7pm
- Saturday 10 July Pirongia Festival midday to 11pm.
- Sunday 25 July Sunday Arvo Blues from 1pm

Fête de la Musique (World Music day) 21 June

Hamilton Blues Society NZ is pleased to have strong support for this fête at Biddy's on Saturday 19 June in the front bar, and Sunday 20 June in the back bar (see HBS Dates above). There will also be performers at other strategic points around town, including Waikato Museum, Chartwell Mall, Garden Place, Music Planet. Created in France in 1982, the World Music Day has been adopted across the world and is celebrated on or near 21 June with musicians taking over city streets and venues to share their passion and inviting the populace to enjoy themselves too.

See [Fête de la Musique Hamilton](#) Facebook page.

The Pirongia Blues Festival is back on the calendar! →
Postponed back in March due to Covid19 changes, we are thrilled to announce the new date is Saturday 10 July from midday to 11pm at the Five Stags Bar & Restaurant.

Get tickets at the door on the day.

Prices:- \$30 ea, HBS members \$25 ea.



Upcoming away trips: -

- Auckland Blues Music Club fortnightly, see [Jam Nights](#)
- Wednesday 02 June BOP Blues Jam in Rotorua
- Wednesday 09 June Tauranga Blues Jam in Otumoetai
- Wednesday 07 July BOP Blues Jam
- Wednesday 14 July Tauranga Blues Jam, Otumoetai.

Hamilton Blues Society NZ will celebrate International Blues Music Day from 1pm Saturday 7 August 2021 at Biddy's. As an affiliated member we will be featuring some great live music so come along and help us celebrate IBMD. This is the ninth year for the international body. HBS first celebrated IBMD in August 2015. The day will be captured to video and posted to the IBMD website.

Hamilton Blues Society NZ Committee Update

Our AGM was held from 6pm 13 May 2021 and was short and sweet.

New elected Committee members are:-

Cara Graham as Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Gayl de Boer and Ann Hamblin as Committee members.

Tayla Dee was co-opted onto the Committee to help with Event Management.

The Event Management sub-committee now consists of Dean and Tayla (with input from Huw Alderman).

HBS Committee members and responsibilities:

Dean McGaveston Chairman

Gayl de Boer Committee member

Cara Graham Secretary

Ann Hamblin Committee member

Mark Flyger Treasurer

Tayla Dee HBS Event sub-Committee

Other Specific Roles:

Cameron Mumford is Sound Engineer

Maciek Hrybowicz is Webmaster

Kenz Kono is Youtube Manager

Phil Walsh is Master of Ceremonies and Stage Manager for events

Huw Alderman continues as Whiteboard Captain on Blues Nights

At the moment the Committee is three bodies short.

We could certainly use three volunteers to help out with events in the future. If you can spare some time for this we look forward to hearing from you.

The question has been asked:- **Who can use HBS NZ's band equipment?**

Our valuable musical gear - instruments, kits, cables, stands and accessories - can only to be used for Committee-sanctioned events by approved experienced personnel. It is not available for general borrowing or hire. Please direct any enquiries to the Committee.

Honorary Memberships Awarded 23 May 2021

In recognition of their tremendous support of the HBS cause, we have awarded Honorary Membership Certificates to **Sönke Dwenger, Wiebke Reissig-Dwenger, Garry Spain and Phil Walsh**. Many thanks to you all!

- Sönke and Wiebke have, over several years, created a photographic chronicle that includes their documentary 'A Blues Night Out' - see it at (hbs.org.nz) and the [HBS YouTube Channel](#).
- Garry and Phil have both provided ongoing musical and technical support of HBS events for many years.



L-R: Wiebke Reissig-Dwenger, Phil Walsh (MC), Garry Spain (Jam Captain), Sönke Dwenger

HBS Vacancy

Wanted:- Blues Programme Host, Wednesdays 9-10pm

Free FM are very keen to have somebody from Hamilton Blues Society host a blues hour, *The Blues Machine*. If you are interested, contact the HBS Committee (email below).

Contact details

HBS website: hbs.org.nz/

Facebook: Hamilton Blues Society NZ Facebook page

Email us: hamiltonbluesnz@gmail.com



Subscriptions for 2021/2022 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
- You can also pay by cash at HBS Thursday and Sunday events.

Easter Bluestock Report

Our Bluestock Easter 2021 event took place on Saturday 3 April at the Waikato Racing Club Centennial Lounge during the afternoon and evening.

Musically it was a wonderful event with so many of our favourite bands sharing their amazing music, and humour. But ticket sales were pretty low – Easter weekend and a sudden last-minute change of venue left very limited time to promote it properly!

On the other hand, we are extremely grateful to all those who supported this event in so many different ways:

- Those who did attend came from far and wide - as well as nearby - and had a ball!
- Many wonderful raffle prizes from our generous sponsors: The Rockshop, Shearers and Music Planet.
- A grant for advertising and promotion from WEL Energy Trust.
- The Te Rapa Racecourse and Kerr and Ladbrook Caterers helped us out at the last minute venue-wise, which allowed us to go ahead with Bluestock!
 - A big shout out to Ashleigh and Charlotte from Te Rapa Racecourse for their help,
 - and to Tayla from Kerr and Ladbrook Caterers, for the hospitality shown to all.
 - (From first hand experience Dean reports that his chicken pie was fantastic.)



Raffle Prizes from our Sponsors – Bluestock ... and Beyond

Because of limited ticket sales on the day (Easter Saturday), the Newen Blue Tele-style guitar raffle was held over until more tickets had been sold at following events. The last big push in ticket sales was the HBS Showcase on 29 April.

The winner was Terry Oldham, lead guitarist in the band Theory 89 from Rotorua, and President of the BOP Blues Club in Rotorua. The prize was presented to Terry at Jack Dusty's Tauranga Blues Jam in Otumoetai on Wednesday 12 May.



Tickets for the remaining raffle prizes will close on Thursday Blues Night 10 June so please remember to bring some extra cash for tickets. Prizes remaining are:- shop vouchers from Music Planet Te Awa (The Base), shop vouchers from Shearer's Music Works, and two of harmonica DIY 'Learn to play' instructional courses.

HBS Golden Mic Songwriter's Competition

Yes, it is that time again, and following COVID19 lock-downs in 2020 there should be no shortage of material. Let's get writing, let's get creative! No rush! The deadline for entries is 25 November 2021.

There are three trophies, Gold, Silver and Bronze, but our top 10 songs will be acknowledged.

The idea is to exchange HBS NZ songs with our sister society HBS ON (Hamilton Blues Society Ontario), 10 songs each.



Golden Mic

Songwriter's Competition

Entries for best 'Blues' song close Thursday 25 November
Winner announced at the HBS NZ Christmas Party

[T&C's apply]



Each group will interpret the other's songs. That means, HBS NZ will creatively interpret HBS ON songs, and vice versa.

When the Canadians are allowed to mingle again after COVID19, we will have a joint live stream between NZ<-->ON to play those songs to one another.

This year, the songs will be submitted to the Blues Federation global competition as well.

The competition is open to all HBS members. Terms & Conditions apply (see hbs.org.nz/).

Winners will be announced at the HBS Christmas Blues 9 December 2021.

Our 2019 HBS Golden Mic Winners:

- 1 Tim Armstrong / Wintertime Blues
- 2 Dave Wilkinson / Life of Misery
- 3 John Thomson / That Won't Stop Me Loving You

Recent pics – thanks to all our photographers

