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## HAMILTON BLUES SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND

# NEWSLETTER



### In mid-July we lost Simon Elton, a great Kiwi bluesman

- Simon played bass guitar with 'B-Side Band' and 'Play Misty' and was a very good friend to many musos across the Bay of Plenty and Waikato for decades.
- Simon's daughter, Justine wrote: "Thank you everyone who has reached out this week, met with me and called me. I appreciate it greatly."
- On 24 July, Kokomo dedicated their Te Puna concert to Simon and his friends. His band B-Side Band and Play Misty, his friends Richard O'Brien (Rocky Horror show), Maurice Greer (Human Instinct), and other musical greats also took part.
- HBS NZ members shared in the celebration of Simon's life.
- A Remembrance will be held for Simon when his son arrives from Australia. HBS NZ committee will advise details.



We are very pleased to announce an upcoming concert by **Kokomo**, a long-standing Kiwi blues & roots group based in the Bay of Plenty. With a dozen albums and a concert film, they are well established with regular appearances at NZ's top blues/jazz festivals. Sunday 5 September at Biddy's. Entry fee.



### Dates August/September 2021

*At Biddy Mulligans, Hood Street*

- Saturday 7 August ☒  
International Blues Music Day (IBMD) 1-5pm
- Thursday 12 August ☒  
Blues Night 7-10:30pm
- Sunday 22 August Sunday Arvo Blues 1-5pm
- Sunday 5 September Kokomo Concert 2-5pm back bar
- Thursday 9 September Thursday Blues night 7-10:30pm
- Sunday 26 September Sunday Arvo Blues 2-6pm (Daylight saving will be back)
- Thursday 30 September Ladies Sing The Blues from 7:30pm

### Ladies Sing the Blues -- 7:30pm Thursday 30 September



Cara Graham

Katt Bayne



Kim Earl

Mary-Bell

### Thursday Blues Jam and Bands night

Our Jam Captain, Garry Spain, runs the jam slots from 7:30pm until 8pm after which bands/performers have stage access by Whiteboard control. The Whiteboard controller is Huw Alderman.

- To book your time-slot, email Huw at [hbs2events@gmail.com](mailto:hbs2events@gmail.com) or text 021 157 1700.

#### **Band Time-slots are now:**

- Three songs or 20 minutes maximum per band.
- Guitarists, please make sure you are tuned and ready to go before getting on the stage.
- Now that the stage is higher the amplifiers are already at ear level for most of the seated audience:-
  - So please control your own volumes on stage – the PA is primarily acoustic and instrument noise/volumes cannot be changed by whoever is doing sound.



Some of our members are heading to the Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival 13-15 August.

Have a blast Herbie Mason, the River Rockers and Mark 'Fatt Max' Hill. Who's joining them this weekend? Keep us posted with all the highlights.

**Sunday afternoon 6 June.** The Flaming Mudcats put on a great show for us – joined on stage by Darcy Perry – and followed by our 'Mr Mudslide'.



It's been a crazy, busy few months with Flaming Mudcats, Fête de la Musique, Pirongia, International Blues Music Day, Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues festival, inter-club visits, new Committee, new members! Phew!

HBS members are visiting other Clubs at their week-night or weekend club sessions:-

- Bay of Plenty Blues are at Rotorua Citizens Club on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- Tauranga Blues meet at Jack Dusty's Ale House, Otumotai on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.
- Auckland Blues Music Club promotes events all around Auckland, every month – follow them on Facebook.

### **We celebrated the 9<sup>th</sup> International Blues Music Day** on Saturday 7

August 2021 at Biddy's – we had a great turnout to enjoy great blues from these great bands:-

- Satin Tractor
- Mark 'Fatt Max' Hill
- Velvet Bulldozer
- Conmen



International Blues Music Day (IBMD) is the first Saturday of August. For many years now HBS NZ has joined in with others around the countryside.

### **Sunday afternoon 25 July**

A great line-up and great support from local and out of town fans. Graham Ralls won The Flaming Mudcats CD in the raffle draw.



The HBS NZ committee is working very hard to bring the very best of blues music to all our members and friends – watch for updates.

### Contact details

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

Facebook: Hamilton Blues Society NZ Facebook page

Email us: [hamiltonbluesnz@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonbluesnz@gmail.com)

### Membership information

This 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 or cash at HBS Thursday and Sunday events

### Benefits include:-

- Discounted house wine and beer at Biddy's
- Discount available at the Rockshop – talk to 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 newsletter update in your mailbox *and* blues music events galore!



Many thanks to all supporters of this event at Five Stags Bar & Restaurant.

In summary, it was a very long, sometimes wet but always wonderful day of incredible blues sounds from 12 bands, "Mr Mudslide" and an 'outro' set from "Fatt Max".



The Auckland Blues Music Club is keen for a get together at The Long Room in Ponsonby Wednesday 27 October starting at 8pm. Our HBS NZ band will open with 1 hour of blues followed by whiteboard-controlled Jam groups of ABMC and HBS NZ musicians. Expressions of interest to Event co-ordinator Tayla Dee at [hbs3events@gmail.com](mailto:hbs3events@gmail.com)

Natasha from Taranaki Blues Society came to our Pirongia Blues Festival. TBS are keen to hook up with HBS NZ at a midway venue (Awakino Hotel was suggested) Who would be interested in a TBS-HBS, two-bands each, get together? Send expressions of interest, please, to Tayla Dee at [hbs3events@gmail.com](mailto:hbs3events@gmail.com).

## HBS Songwriters' Competition



Let's get writing, let's get creative! No rush yet! The deadline for entries is 25 November 2021. There are three trophies, Gold, Silver and Bronze, but our top 10 songs will be acknowledged.

## 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]





**Recent pics** – thanks to Sönke Dwenger, photographer

