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HAMILTON BLUES SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND

NEWSLETTER



In our last newsletter, we remembered a friend lost, we celebrated music events just past and we promised more Blues occasions and opportunities.

- International Blues Music Day (7 August) brought us great blues from some of our favourites:– Satin Tractor, Fatt Max, Velvet Bulldozer and Huw's Conmen.
- Many of our bands headed North to Paihia for the amazing Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival. Great music! And jolly good weather this year.
- Thursday Blues Night (12 August) featured Blues led by jam captain Garry Spain, Dean McGaveston on drums, and Albi Collier, Dave Taylor, Pitt Ramsay, John Maydon's crew and Blues Machine.

At 11:59pm Tuesday 17 August, it all ended! NZ went into Covid-19 Level 4 delta lockdown – Kokomo Concert cancelled along with August Sunday Arvo and September Thursday and Ladies Sing the Blues.

At September Sunday Arvo, our Level 2 seated audience was thrilled by Al's Angels, Recycled, Conmen and The Toads.

But Covid-19 delta keeps on giving doesn't it, so *watch this space* 🖱

Meanwhile, here's something to celebrate!



20th Anniversary of Incorporation

In 2020 HBS NZ celebrated 25 years as a Society.

Five years after establishment the Society became Incorporated – September 2001.

A display for Bidy's front bar is being created and members are asked to sign the guitar opposite before it is placed into the display case.

Special pens will be provided for this purpose on Blues Night

✌️ Dates for October/November 2021

- Thursday 14 October -
 - Special General Meeting from 6:30pm for members current on 31 March 2021.
 - Thursday Blues Night from 7pm - plus 'sign the guitar' see 20th Anniversary. *See more details on Page 2*
- Sunday 24 October - Labour Weekend Blues 2-6pm - Bands Agnostic Contrarians, Roger McLay, Conmen will be there.
- Sunday 31 October - *Halloween* Blues from 2-6pm - *a perfect night to wear **black!*** Bands:- Kitset Blues, The Blues Machine, Velvet Bulldozer, Phil Walsh Band.
- Sunday 7 November - Kokomo Concert with Dirty Tones and Showdown from 2pm. *Full details and prices on Page 2*
- Thursday 11 November - Thursday Blues Night from 7pm.
- Thursday 25 November - the Golden Mic songwriters' competition closes - make sure you get your entries in before that date.
- Sunday 28 November - Sunday Arvo Blues from 2pm.



We are very sad to report the loss of Mike Everard in August

We send our heartfelt condolences to Mike’s beloved wife Cheryle, their sons and whanau and musical family. We knew Mike well for his work with the Sid Attwell Band, Hybrid Blues and Tauranga Blues Jam and others.

But Mike was so much more than just a wonderful musician ... “he was the most humble, genuine, nice guy notwithstanding his musical abilities, and will be sorely missed by so many.” Look out for a special gig later this year to commemorate Mike’s life.



★ HAMILTON BLUES ★
 SOCIETY
BLUES NIGHT
 LIVE BLUES MUSIC
 With SGM from 6:30pm
Thursday 14 Oct 2021
 Blues Night begins from 7pm
Gold Coin Donation
 VOTED ONE OF THE BEST BLUES NIGHTS IN HAMILTON
 Biddy's Back Stage - 17b Hood St

Golden Mic
 Songwriters' Competition
 Entries for best 'Blues' song close Thursday 25 November
 Winner announced at the HBS NZ Christmas Party
 [Ts & Cs apply]

If you've not paid your Subs for 2021/2022 here's what you need to know:-

- The financial year runs from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.
- \$20 per Member or \$40 per Family Membership (for three or more family members).
 - Payable into Hamilton Blues Society NZ Account: 01-0370-0080503-00 Subs and your name in details. Or you can pay by cash at our Thursday and Sunday events.

Recent pics – thanks to all our photographers

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