

# NEWSLETTER



## Greetings HBS NZ members and friends of the Blues!

Welcome to our new financial year (1 April until 31 March).

In addition to our regular music events 'What's up folks?'



- HBS has transitioned with NZ to the **Red** Traffic Light Covid settings:- masks, indoor events up to 200 people, no vaccine passports required.
- Our new year brings the HBS NZ Annual General Meeting Thursday 12 May 6-7pm. See *page 6 Important dates and other details re the AGM.*
- All Committee positions are open this year – make sure you've nominated (or self-nominated) willing and able candidates for the job.
- There is more to running an incorporated society than music events and even THAT needs a lot of real, physical, present support. See *pages 5 & 6 HBS evolution and what it takes to run the show.*
- Is your membership up to date for 2022-2023? See *page 3 'Subscriptions'.*
- Who's who right now? See *Page 3 Existing Committee and Support Roles.*

## On The Horizon:

- Work continues with Taranaki Blues Society and Hamilton Blues Society to share a jam at the Awakino Hotel.
- Fete de la Musique weekend 18/19 or 25/26 June 2022.
- Rotorua Blues Festival is moving to much later in the year, nearer Christmas.

## Dates to Save:

- Thursday Night Blues 14 April 7pm+ - see *Page 3 Blues night protocol*
- Sunday Arvo Blues 24 April 2pm+
- Thursday Night Blues and AGM 12 May 6pm+
- Sunday Arvo Blues 22 May 2pm+

## Away trips:

- 6 April BOP Blues Jam at Rotorua.
  - 13 April Tauranga Blues Jam at Otumoetai.
  - 4 May BOP Blues Jam at Rotorua.
  - 11 May Tauranga Blues Jam at Otumoetai.
- Dean (021 057 3212) goes to these 'away events' regularly and often has space.

## Cancellations / postponements:

- Covid-19 constraints have impacted many of our bigger festival events.



Best places to find our information & updates:

[Eventfinda Hamilton](#)

[Hamilton Blues Society NZ on Facebook](#)

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

## Farewell to John Ollerenshaw



John Ollerenshaw was Dean’s former college buddy, recent boarder and friend. A long-term cancer sufferer, John tragically passed away unexpectedly, after recently moving to his own Silverdale flat.

We extend our sincere condolences to the Ollerenshaw family. John was 68 years old.

A keen HBS NZ supporter, John helped on several Festivals (Okoroire, Pirongia and others) and provided great prizes for our raffles over the years.

John was a passionate about organising the Surf 2 Surf Annual Westpac Rescue Helicopter Charity Ride for many years.

## John McIntosh: MNZM and well-known Waikato drummer

We have learned that John McIntosh, a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to people with disabilities, and also a passionate drummer for almost all his life, passed away peacefully on Sunday 3 April.



John was the drummer and singer with 70’s group Rockma, the Max Cleaver trio and has played with many of our HBS musicians. A gentleman, a marvellous advocate for being the best that you can be. He will be sorely missed.

We send our sincere best wishes and condolences to his family and friends.

We like to think of them as our *cousins across the sea in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada* - **HBS Ontario**: HBS ON have created awards recognizing those supporting Blues, locally and in New Zealand. The HBS ON Organising Committee has decided to give Dean McGaveston an award for promoting Blues in the Waikato plus an award for another HBS NZ member who promotes the Blues. Thank you, Members, for your suggestions: Roger 'Mr Mudslide' McLay was most named and will

become our HBS NZ nominee for this prestigious Hammer award.

Both awards will be presented in September 2022.

Hammer Blues Awards ('Hammer' as in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada).

Since the award is in Hamilton Ontario, plans are in place to create an award HBS NZ can present to HBS ON confirming our 'Sister Society' bonds.



Our Sister Society, Hamilton Blues Society Ontario, Canada, is including HBS NZ in their 2022 Hammer Blues Awards, being presented September 2022, in Hamilton, Ontario.

Two Hammer Awards are to be given by our Sister Society (HBS ON) for:

1. Promoting and keeping blues alive in Waikato;
2. A member of HBS NZ nominated by HBS NZ members in recognition of promoting blues.

The HBS ON Committee has already decided that HBS Chairman, Dean McGaveston, should receive Award #1, and our HBS members have nominated Roger 'Mr Mudslide' McLay for Award #2.

Congratulations Roger 'Mr Mudslide' McLay on your worthy nomination.

HAMILTON BLUES SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL  
2022 INDUCTEE  
Lifetime Achievement Award



DEAN  
MCGAVESTON



## Existing Committee and Support Roles:-

### The Executive Members:

Chair: Dean McGaveston

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Mark Flyger

### Committee Members:

Ann Hamblin

Gayl de Boer

### Co-opted Members:

Gleniss Kehely

Tayla Dee

### Support Roles:-

Maciek Hrybowicz – Webmaster

Kenz Kono – cameraman

Sönke and Wiebke Dwenger – general photography record of HBS NZ

Cara Graham - Newsletter Editor

Genevieve Bishop - Copy Editor

Phil Walsh - MC and Events Support

Huw Alderman - Whiteboard Controller

Garry Spain - Jam Captain

Ray Borrie - Sound, Mixing and Event Support

Cameron Mumford – Sound Engineer

All positions on the Committee  
require renewing this year.

## Thursday Blues Night protocol:

- ❖ Doors open at 7pm with Garry Spain leading the jammers from 7:30pm until 8pm.
- ❖ After 8pm stage access is controlled by the whiteboard controller, Huw Alderman.
  - Musicians, artists, ensembles or bands wishing to appear on the whiteboard should please book a place via email to Huw at [hbs2events@gmail.com](mailto:hbs2events@gmail.com), with your preferred time. (Demand is high so check-in at the door is not recommended.)
  - Performance slots are only 20 minutes long OR a maximum of three songs (whichever finishes sooner).
- ❖ Don't forget your masks!
- ❖ Blues Jam night is child-friendly, a gold coin donation is always appreciated, and a spot prize is on offer.
- ❖ Please bring some extra cash for raffles.



## HBS Members Rewards

HBS NZ members are entitled to discount at certain instrument and music outlets in Hamilton:

The Rockshop	(CBD)
Shearer's MusicWorks	(CBD)
Music Planet	(The Base)

You will be asked for proof of membership, and the discount may depend upon the item you are buying because of the supplier mark-up arrangements. If you are considering a big ticket item, please discuss that with the shop manager beforehand. Valid membership from 1 April (incl.).

All HBS NZ Members are entitled to discount drinks at Biddy's and automatically qualify for reductions in tickets sales to HBS events.

Affiliated clubs (ABMC, BOP Blues Club, etc) also provide discount at the door so long as you have a current Membership Card.



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Other sources of information include:  
HBS NZ website: [hbs.org.nz](http://hbs.org.nz)  
Eventfinda and Neighbourly

## Subscriptions Due 1 April

How to pay your subscriptions at this time?

Please use internet banking: Subscription \$20 each/year

Hamilton Blues Society NZ

Account: 01-0370-0080503-00

Reference fields: your name obviously, and the word 'subs'

If you are concerned about paying through internet banking then simply pay at the next HBS event – most likely Thursday Night Blues 14 April 2022 – the day before Good Friday!



Hamilton Blues Society NZ will be back on the airwaves very soon with **Free FM**.

After a slight hiatus, HBS NZ will again host this show, beginning with an introduction to the HBS artists and bands (those performing regularly at HBS events).

Each show will be 58 minutes long, time enough to introduce our HBS artists recorded in practice. A mixture of introduction and voice-over accompanying the music/songs, allows the audience to get to know the musicians better.



HBS NZ will very soon be back on the airwaves with Free FM, hosting **The Blues Machine**.

The plan is to have 5/6 shows ready to go before we start broadcasting to provide a buffer, so that we don't broadcast say six shows and then have nothing recorded and ready for show no.7.

The concept centres around rehearsals at this time, predominantly with HBS NZ bands, and a mix of voice-over introducing bands, band members, songs, etc. We're working with a detailed format document (available on request).

Need a portable recording device? Talk to Dean and Huw about their Zoom H2next recording devices to assist with recording.

Other shows may include individual (solo or duo) 'in studio' performances where possible, or CD releases, special HBS events recorded; to provide a little variety.

**So, please make contact so Dean can register your interest.**



## Evolution of The Committee Over Time

Twenty six years ago Mike Garner, Sally Garner, Pauline Sinel, and Nate Taiapa conceived and created the Hamilton Blues Society. After several development phases, the Society was officially Incorporated in 2001 (with a written Constitution). The Society celebrated a 25th anniversary in 2020, and a 20th anniversary recognising incorporation in 2021. Pauline Sinel oversaw a re-launch in 2007.

The HBS NZ Committee consists of three Executive Officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) and up to five Committee Members. Five plus the Executive Officers works very well. Extra hands can be co-opted onto the Committee to help out in special areas, for example events, publicity, communications. It might also become necessary to create a sub-committee to help with special functions.

There are several static positions which are aligned with the Committee but not as involved as active Committee members need to be. These include webmaster, photographer, videographer, sound engineer, MCs, newsletter editor, Facebook admin and other special roles. These people do not need to be at every Committee meeting where planning the day-to-day running of the Society is the priority.

HBS NZ Committee for 2021-2022 has been:

- Executive Officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)
- Committee Members (two)
- Co-opted Members (two)
- HBS Events Sub-committee (two)



Our Event Sub-committee (consisting of a manager and an assistant) organises HBS NZ events. Previous HBS event manager Huw Alderman, as a Committee member, liaised with external bodies/agencies providing them with HBS artists/bands/ensembles as required. Former Chair, Gleniss Kehely, saw that the best efficiency in organising events would be to make the Event Sub-committee autonomous to simplify event management going forward. Over the past five years Dean McGaveston has assisted with HBS event management. HBS bands were provided for Tauranga Jazz Festival (until 2018), Hamilton Garden Arts Festival (2019), Cambridge Autumn Festival (2022), Rotorua Blues Festival (2020). The Event Sub-committee also organises our own events (Pirongia Blues Festival and Easter Bluestock). During the past year, the Event Sub-Committee (Dean with Tayla Dee) has mostly organised events, then tried to rearrange them, and finally cancelled because of the prevailing Covid-19 situation.

“No events” corresponds to “no income” for HBS NZ! A proportion of money is given each year to assist the Event Sub-committee so they can plan and promote events on behalf of the Society. A proportion of income from ticket sales is passed back to the Committee.

The current Committee is short on numbers to carry out all the work of HBS NZ and the Covid-19 impact is influencing attendance at any functions that do take place.

Naturally people will be cautious about venturing out and mingling but hopefully membership and Blues fans’ support will become abundant again.

**All positions on the Committee require renewing this year, 2022.  
Please read our back page carefully for the crucial dates!**

## Business end of the Newsletter:



### **Important dates leading up to the AGM:**

The **AGM = Thursday 12 May 2022 6pm**

**14 April is the deadline** for informing members of the nomination process.

(All members will receive an email outlining the nomination process, and those wishing to discuss it should raise questions at that Thursday Blues Night)

**21 April is the deadline for nominations** (i.e. nominations must be received prior to this date)

**Late on 21 April all members will receive information by email** – details of nominees, proxy voting requirements and the AGM Agenda 2022.

### **All Committee positions are voluntary**, all eight.

The hours spent working weekly for the HBS is determined by the tasks associated with each role. The Chair probably has the greatest involvement, followed by the Secretary, and then the Treasurer (The Executive). Unless the individual Committee members (outside of The Executive) are involved with a project, or supporting an event, their time volunteering each week is minimal

Event Management roles involve more time coordinating bands, dealing with hosts of HBS Events.

If you wish **to put your name forward**, check the job descriptions posted on our website ([hbs.org.nz](http://hbs.org.nz)) next week.

Ensure your HBS NZ membership is current (check your membership card expiry).

### **Monthly events**

As a rough guide, and so there is no confusion, HBS NZ organises regular events monthly:

*Thursday Night Blues – Sunday Arvo Blues – HBS Showcase*

Note that HBS Showcases only happen when there is a fifth Thursday in the month.

Each HBS event is open to the public for at least 4 hours which means that set-up begins two hours before doors open, then the gear and equipment is packed away again following the event itself. Consequently, for a 4 hour event supporting personnel are actually there for up to seven (yes 7) hours.

Committee members are expected to help with set-up and pack-down.

