

NEWSLETTER



Greetings HBS NZ members and friends of the Blues! Into Winter Blues brrrr!

Now live at Orange Traffic Light COVID settings and just a little more freedom. Why “just a little more”? Well!

- Our 12 May Blues Night resulted in several members and guests getting COVID19. HBS Sunday Arvo had to be cancelled due to insufficient support crew and several band members testing positive that week.
- *Lesson learned?* Masks, sanitising and being careful are still vital!

Get ready for the **HBS NZ Annual General Meeting Thursday 09 June 6-7pm.**

- Make sure your membership is current for 1-April-2022 to 31-March-2023 year.
- Vote and elect your Committee.
- See page 3 and our Facebook page for nominees and other election information.

Fête de la Musique (World Music Day)
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June:

Fête Hamilton-wide is currently being organised by Dean McGaveston and Libby Totton.

Several groups and venues have withdrawn due to COVID.

These locations will be active:

- Chartwell Shopping Centre (both days)
- Bidy Mulligans Hood Street (both days)
- Music Planet The Base (both days)
- Waikato Commerce Club (Sunday only)
- Don Llewellyn Sports Centre University of Waikato (Sunday only)



Dates to Save:

- 09 June HBS NZ AGM full details below
- 09 June Thursday Night Blues from 7pm
- 26 June Sunday Arvo Blues from 1pm
- 18/19 June Fête de la Musique (World Music Day) Blues at Bidy's front bar.
- 30 June Showcase Night from 7pm
- 14 July Thursday Night Blues from 7pm
- 24 July Sunday Arvo Blues from 1pm
- 06 August International Blues Music Day

Away trips:

- 01 June Wednesday BOP Blues Jam Rotorua
- 08 June Wednesday Harlequin Pt Chev in Auckland (*see Awesome News below*)
- 06 July Wednesday BOP Blues Jam Rotorua
- 13 July Wednesday Jack Dusty's at Otumoetai for Tauranga Blues Jam
- 03 August Wednesday BOP Blues Jam Rotorua

AWESOME NEWS

We have successfully negotiated a deal on a new home for ABMC for our fortnightly Wed evening JAM nights and occasional Charity fundraisers. Our own access from the 50+ Rear Free carparks. Easy to get to, straight off the motorway (either direction) and on to Gt Nth Rd, Pt Chev - just 2 doors down from the RSA. Clean toilets, good food, friendly Bar & kitchen staff and fair Bar prices.

We are planning our OPENING NIGHT on Wednesday 25th of MAY at 7.30pm with our feature Band for the first hour.

THE HARLEQUIN
BAR & FUNCTION ROOMS

50+ Carparks to Rear

1130 Great Nth Rd, Pt Chevalier - Rear entrance

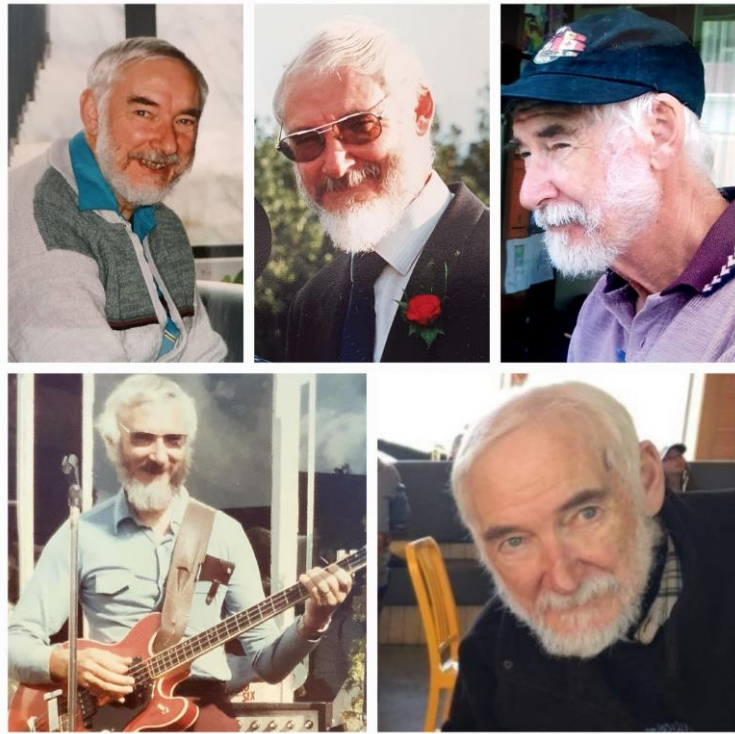
Adieu to Gerry Clark, well-known Waikato “musician, teacher and friend to many”

We were very sad to learn through Fête de la Musique NZ (World Music Day) of the passing of another well loved musician and friend, Gerry Clark at 83.

“As a music lover who was also involved with the Alliance Française Hamilton, Gerry brought our city a celebration that combined two key interests and he organised it pretty much single-handedly for many years.

Gerry's family described him as a musician, teacher and friend to many ... off to the great gig in the sky.”

Hamilton Blues Society has been celebrating Fête since 2014 and will be on stage again this year 18/19 June.



International Blues Music Day:-

Date:- 6 August 2022

Venue:- Biddy Mulligans Hood Street - front bar.

The show will be captured in full on video by Murray Turner of the Bay of Plenty Blues Club.

Featuring:

- 1pm: Mark 'Fatt Max' (Auckland)
- 2pm: The Dirty Tones (Auckland)
- 3pm: Rehaab (Waihi)
- 4pm: Velvet Bulldozer



Blues On The Horizon:-

- Work continues with Taranaki ...
- Bay of Islands will be bringing musicians across the Ditch - Dale Robbins and Toni Swain will join us again.
- Rotorua Blues Festival has been re-badged as the Rotorua Blues and BBQ's event.




SUNDAY BLUES
Sunday 26 June 2022

FEATURING

1pm: *Fatt Max*
 2pm: *Phil Oxenham (Rotorua)*
 3pm: *Mudslide Band*
 4pm: *Latitude Blues*

Help us welcome our friends from Auckland sharing the blues.

Biddy's **Hood Street, Hamilton**

Find our information & updates:

Eventfinda Hamilton

Hamilton Blues Society NZ on Facebook

HBS NZ website: hbs.org.nz

The following members are nominated for HBS NZ Inc Committee roles for this 2022-2023 year

Nominated for Executive:-

- Chair - Derek Hartley
- Chair - Dean McGaveston
- Secretary - Chrissy Thomasen
- Treasurer - Mark Flyger

Nominations for Committee:-

- Tayla Dee
- Ann Hamblin
- Cara Graham
- Marty Haughie
- Gayl de Boer

Ongoing Support Roles:-

- Maciek Hrybowicz – Webmaster
Kenz Kono – cameraman
Sönke and Wiebke Dwenger – general photographic 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 (transferring to New Plymouth)
Cameron Mumford – Sound Engineer

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
BLUES
NIGHT

Thursday 9 June 1922

AGM from 6pm sharp
Music follows
From 7.30pm

Gold Coin Donation

VOTED ONE OF THE BEST BLUES NIGHTS IN HAMILTON

Biddy's Back Stage - 17b Hood St

Thursday Blues Night protocol:

- ❖ Doors open at 7pm – Liaise with Garry Spain to jam from 7:30pm until 8pm.
- ❖ From 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, 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).
- ❖ Remember to wear your masks and SANITISE.
- ❖ 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.

Seen out and about recently – thanks everybody:

