



BAY of Plenty Blues Club Incorporated

2019 AGM – PRESIDENTS REPORT

So, another year has rolled around we find ourselves at AGM time again. As you will know over the past year we have once again moved to a new venue which in all respects is working out very well.

We wish to thank the Casablanca Theatre for having us but due to their busy schedule we had no choice but to find an alternative venue. A big thanks to Mike McMillen for instigating the move.

The Rotorua Citz Club have taken us under their wing and are more than happy to host us. They are very accommodating and help us in any way possible. They give us the opportunity to sell meat raffles through their members from time to time raising extra much needed funds for our club. We are currently in negotiations with them to install a permanent lighting bar at the front of the dance floor area so we can have some decent lighting. We are also looking at the purchase of a 6-metre drape kit for the back of the stage to make it look a bit more professional. I hope that you might consider becoming a member of the Citz club and take advantage of their facilities.

I personally thank all the staff there and hope we have a long and rewarding relationship.

As you know we did run a Festival this year which was a huge success with all venues being well patronised. We were very worried at one stage we might not get enough funding, but we managed to get enough to do what we did. A big thanks to all the bands and artists that made the Festival happen, without your input it just wouldn't happen. A special thanks must go out to Di Riddel as festival director and to her team of Volunteers for all the effort they put in to help make the festival what it was. One of my highlights was playing with Midge Marsden, it took me back to when I was his drummer in the 90s.

Our Jam nights have been well attended since the move and our membership has increased accordingly which is good news all round.

A big Thanks to Marshall Paul Hindrup for running them.

Finally, as President and the only founding member of BOP Blues still on committee I would like to say thank you to all of you for supporting the club, to all the committee for their hard work throughout the year and I look forward to another year.

Noel Lamberton

President

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