



BOP Blues Club Newsletter September 2020

Welcome to yet another edition of the BOP Blues Club Newsletter so eagerly awaited by our fans from all around the World, (UK, South Africa, Australia, Netherlands, Canada, Chicago, USA) New Zealand, Bay of Plenty and ...**Ngongotaha**...

Firstly, it was very remiss of me regarding our last BOP Blues Club Newsletter to not mention the results of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was held at the Rotorua Citizens Club on 5th August 2020 before our last jam night. The most significant announcement of the night being that Terry Oldham has been elected as the new President of the Club.

Terry has a long involvement in the entertainment industry spanning decades and we welcome his business prowess and industry knowledge in helping to drive the club forward in the future. Noel Lamberton rolled off as Club President after a two-year tenure and has taken a position on the Club Committee going forward and as founding member of the BOP Blues Club, we are very pleased indeed to still have his continued contribution to activities especially as he also our technical manager.

It was decided at this time that due to Noel's long and valuable contribution the BOP Blues Club from its' inception that Noel be recognised as an honorary member of the club.

The rest of the committee is as per with Mike McMillan continuing as Vice President, Di Riddel remaining as Club Secretary and Bobby Howard as Club Treasurer. Committee members Rob Gillies, Paul Hindrup, Paul Verney are also serving as ongoing members.



Our latest BOP Blues Club Jam night was a very well attended evening on Wednesday 2nd September and a good crowd braved the Level 2 Covid 19 restrictions and help to make the night a success with outstanding sales of our Club raffle (100 tickets) and 4 membership renewals. Didn't get their names unfortunately, but below are our happy out of town Gift Hamper raffle winners...



Ever popular keyboard player Hartley was the winner of the musician's draw collecting a \$25 voucher from our sponsors "The Rock Shop".



Although we were a little light on for bands on the night the quality of musicianship was still of a high standard and was evident when Nikau Grace and her “Natives” assumed the stage to perform 4 well-rehearsed numbers.



Nikau was joined on stage by Kate Griffiths on backing vocals as well as some very talented musicians including Rob Powley on lead guitar, Ian Pirrie on rhythm guitar, Jimmy Murray on bass guitar, Hartley on keyboards and A.J Moke on drums. It is at this point I would like to make special mention again of the quality of A. J's drumming which has really improved since he first performed at the club some time ago with the band.

Just great to see young talent really starting to shine with the more time they have on stage with more experienced musicians before an audience.

Nikau and the Natives set started with a fantastic rendition of “Summertime” by Etta James followed by “People get Ready” by Curtis Mayfield, “Love in Vain” by Sam Cooke and “Glitter and Gold” by Rebecca Ferguson.



Next to grace the well-lit stage were “Browndog and the Muttley” who travelled from Tauranga to join us for another jam night. Guitarist and singer Brownie and Harmonica maestro Lindy were joined on stage by local talents Rob Patterson on bass guitar and Noel Lamberton on drums. No jam night would be complete without our very own “Lady” Di Riddel getting on stage providing some well-timed tambourine percussion to the already professional sound.

“Wicked Game” by Chris Isaac was the first tune played by the band and was followed up by “Call me the Breeze” by J.J Cale and “Mystery Train” which is a tune penned by our BOP Blues Club patron Midge Marsden.

Brownie brings such an infectious energy to the stage and we just love having him join us regularly and we look forward too many more appearances in the future.



Our final band for the night was local line-up “Hammer On” which comprises Peri Grant on vocals and harmonica, our very own committee member/marshal Paul Hindrup on drums, and Jimmy Murray on vocals and a (borrowed) very shiny and gorgeous sounding Fender Telecaster guitar.



Hammer On kicked off their set with the Eric Clapton song “Hey Hey” followed by “Bring it on Home to Me” by Sam Cooke and “Dust my Broom” by the late, great blues legend Elmore James.



The boys were then joined on stage by Janine Potroz who sang a brilliant rendition of “Valerie” by the late Amy Winehouse. The set was very well received by the supportive crowd.



Due to having to postpone our “Blues on Sunday” event because of Covid 19 restrictions which was scheduled for late August please be advised that our 2nd “Blues on Sunday” event will now be held on **Sunday 27th September 2020** from 5pm till 8pm at the Rotorua Citizens Club concert venue featuring the very talented Tauranga band “Hybrid Blues” who will be launching their latest album.

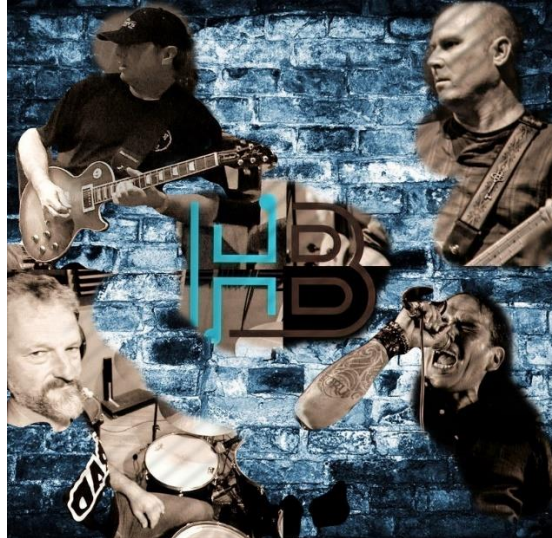
For those of you who have never heard of or seen this local BOP band before, do yourselves a favour, part with your \$15 per ticket and come down and support some serious local talent, you will NOT be disappointed, trust me...

Please be aware that if Level 2 Covid 19 restrictions are still in place at this time there will be limited tickets available so to avoid disappointment BOOK EARLY.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

<https://blues-on-sunday-with-hybrid-blues.lilregie.com/>

Doors open from 4:30pm with EFTPOS available. We will be holding fabulous raffle draw and there are full bar facilities, a family friendly Restaurant from 6pm and all in a relaxed environment very conducive to live music.



And finally, a reminder of the annual Rotorua Blues Festival which is now scheduled to be held over **Labour Weekend from Friday 23rd to Monday 26th October 2020.**

Regular updates will be forthcoming so please keep an eye on our festival website page www.bopblues.co.nz



Please keep yourselves well, safe and happy and we look forward to seeing you all again in the very near future.

Regards,

“Humbucker Brother” Paul Verney

