



Bop Blues Club Inc

Report 2021

Welcome everyone to the 2021 BOP Blues Club AGM & Presidents Report

I would like to start my 20/21 report by thanking the BOP Blues Club *members* for their great support for our club and Blues Music over the past year. Our membership is steadily increasing, and we now have a record number of members.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the committee for their tireless efforts for the club. The committee is made up of volunteers and they are;

Bobby Howard: Treasurer, Di Riddell: Secretary, Noel Lamberton (Life Member): Production, Paul Hindrup: Club Marshall, Paul Verney: Deputy Club Marshall, Terence Oldham: President and special mention of club members Murray Tuner: Photography and Ester Turner: Photography assistant. All of whom help to make our events a huge success.

I would also like to acknowledge two members who have passed over recently, Our Life Member Rob Gillies for his fantastic contribution to the club over the years Also Simon Elton, past committee member, who was a Festival Director in 2015.

I would also like to mention our ex – Vice President (recently Resigned), Mike McMillan for his contributions to the Club over the years

We decided to go ahead with the “2020 Rotorua Festival” in October 2020. Although the festival was a great success, for several reasons we didn’t receive all our funding required for the event. This left us with a financial deficit from the festival.

This in turn has made us look at and review all our systems of operation and all aspects of the running of the club. We now have new fund-raising Initiative’s and ideas that the committee are implementing and working on with great success. Also, we have improved our accounting methods, Club marketing on all media outlets/platforms, our Health & safety Policy, and a roll out of streamlining our systems of operation on club nights & special events. We have also improved our stage platform with a Club Banner, a Backdrop, and an upgrade of the Lighting is being proposed.

We are striving to meet the clubs Constitution, in supporting youth musicians, new artists, existing artists, and by providing a platform for musicians to perform and the public to enjoy Blues Music while at the same time supporting the local community. And we can see this with our increasing audience size and the number of musicians wanting to play at the Club.

These are Challenging times, but the BOP Blues club is moving forward, and has met these new challenges and has become a better & stronger club because of it.

The future is looking bright for the BOP Blues Club.

Terence Oldham. President Bop Blues Club