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BOP Blues Club Newsletter May 2022

Welcome, Welcome, and Welcome again one and all to the fifth edition of BOP Blues Club News for 2022. Still so eagerly awaited by our league of fans from all around the World, (UK, South Africa, South America, Australia, Asia, The Netherlands, Canada, Chicago, USA, and Germany) New Zealand, Bay of Plenty and...**Rotorua**.

What a difference in numbers we experienced on the 4th of **May JAM night** our numbers showed a difference which added again to the high level of music and enjoyment which resulted in a great musical night, it was so nice to feel the energy and excitement of pre COVID times. We would like to thank the fantastic musicians, our Club Members, and other live music fans in attendance for making the night another memorable one.

On a sad note, one of our fabulous Bay of Plenty Musicians **Tamati Cassidy** from **Taupo** passed away in May, he was an awesome musician and entertained us on a regular basis with his beautiful songs and guitar playing. A true professional. He will be remembered by his lovely smile and always so happy to be playing on stage with liked minded musicians – “his happy place” He will be fondly remembered by Bop Blues Committee, members, and blues fans. Rest in peace Tamati.



Our very own and popular “**Blues Man**” **Phil O** and **Bop Blues President Terry Oldham** decided to join up and opened the evening with 3 great renditions of “Diving Duck Blues” by Tas Mahal, “Walk on” by Sonny Terry, and “Don’t accuse me” by Eric Clapton...a great way to start off the night with some true blues...always a pleasure to watch Phil O and Terry displaying their talent.



Up next were the new group to the Bop Blues Jam Night “**The G3’s**”, headed by well known **Wayne Cornwall** from Taupo, a great group and we sincerely hope they will be back! They played “Cold Shot” by SRV, “Black Magic Woman” by Santana, and “I shot the Sheriff” by Eric Clapton. A great set and enjoyed by all.



Next up was **Cathy Nisbet** a very talented lady singing solo and playing guitar. She sang great blues songs “Will you miss me when you are gone”, and “Ballad of a lucky woman” by Marianne Faithfull”. Another great set!



We then welcomed on stage our young up and coming star **Matahiapo Maxwell**, who accompanied the fantastic **Ali Morgan** and the House Band. Bop Blues Club are so impressed at how she is becoming so confident with her singing and stage presence. We predict a great future for her. She sang a beautiful rendition of “Imagine” by John Lennon, “Blues get off my shoulder” by Robert Gray and ending with “If I Ain’t got you” by Alicia Keys. Well done, Matahiapo!!



Our very own Blues Club **Theory 89** headed by President **Terence Oldham** then took to the stage with **Carolyn Scherger** on drums and **Philo** on bass for a great set performing “Just got paid” by Joe Bonnamassa, “Caroline” by Status Quo, and “Tush” by ZZ Top. Amazing talent on stage, very and appreciated by the audience.



Then next up on stage was **Janine Potroz**, and **Blues friends JAM band** who sang “Mustang Sally”, “Heading in the right direction” and “Valarie” by Aimee Whitehouse. Another great set!



Last but definatly not the least, **The House Band** fronted by the great musician **Ali Morgan** featuring the well-known **Peri Grant** on harmonica, our vice president **Noel Lamberton** on drums, and committee member **Lloyd Akroyd** on bass played great renditions of “Shakey Ground” and “La Grange by ZZ Top. A fitting end to a great Blues Night.



😊 MAY JAM

Happy Raffle, Rock Shop and Rotorua Citz Club Voucher Winners 😊



What an awesome evening had by all... Thank you again to you all for keeping Blues Music live!

On SAT 7th May, **Lloyd Akroyd** performed at “**The Secret Spot**” from 1pm to 5pm. It was a great afternoon of great renditions of popular Blues music sung by very talented and popular **Lloyd Akroyd**. Bop Blues Inc support **The Secret Spot** as a great live music Venue and a show case for our **Bop Blues Club Inc**. Thank you to **The Secret Spot** for supporting live music!



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Our next BOP Blues Club jam night is scheduled to be held at the Rotorua Citizens Club WED 1st June. The evening will start from 7:30pm where full bar facilities and a family friendly restaurant which is open from 6:00 pm are available. We really hope to see you for another fabulous night of live music and entertainment.



BREAKING NEWS!!

SAVE THE DATES 25-27TH NOVEMBER 2022

BOP BLUES CLUB INC ARE VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE
ARE PLANNING A NEW FORMAT FESTIVAL THIS YEAR!!

BLUES & BBQ ON THE ROTORUA VILLAGE GREEN



Bringing you competitive Low &
Slow BBQ's and Steak Cook-Offs

NEW FESTIVAL WEBSITE COMING SOON

EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS/VOLUNTEERS/VENDORS – JUNE

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Please keep yourselves well, safe, happy, and healthy and we look forward to seeing you soon and we again thank you all for your continued support of the BOP Blues Club Inc.

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Membership available from our website www.bopblues.co.nz

Regards,

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