

THE BLUE NOTE

The Official Newsletter of the Launceston Blues Club

SEPTEMBER 2015



Dates for your LBC diary

Tuesday 8 September 2015 – General Committee Meeting

7.30pm upstairs at the Royal Oak
All financial members welcome

Sunday 27 September 2015 - LBC Jam

1-4pm at the Royal Oak
All welcome BYO Instruments

ABOUT THE LAUNCESTON BLUES CLUB

The Launceston Blues Club is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers whose sole aim is to promote and present Blues and Roots music to the music lovers of Launceston.

LBC Committee meetings are held on 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, upstairs at the Royal Oak Hotel. All financial members welcome.

The club also runs a Jam Day on the last Sunday of the month, 1pm-4pm, at the Royal Oak Hotel, for those who wish to gain stage experience, as well as the opportunity to play with musicians of varying levels. We encourage musicians of all ages and accomplishment to attend. Audiences greatly appreciated.

LBC membership entitles the holder to a monthly newsletter and discounts at participating businesses. Corporate members can also advertise their services through the Blue Note.

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Newsletter items

Articles from our members are invited and most welcome. These may be in the form of comments, letters, profiles, CD reviews, concert or gig reviews, interviews or news items.

All articles, including details of upcoming gigs should be received no later than the 20th of the month.

The views expressed within the Blue Note are not necessarily those of the LBC, committee members or the editor.

LBC Blue Note Committee reserves the right to decide what of any contribution is or is not published.

The following businesses provide discounts to Launceston Blues Club members upon sighting of current membership card

Royal Oak Hotel – 20% off main meal

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other services negotiable

Valleybrook Wine Tours – 10% off wine tours

Heals & Souls Dance World – 25% off Ballroom/Latin lessons



Greetings from the President

Hello all

Our Club AGM was held last month and we had a changing of the guard. I would like to say a big thank you to outgoing President, James Walker for stepping up last year and taking the reins. James remains as a general committee member and will still be around for the Jams and gigs, his ongoing support and technical help is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Due to his many other commitments, James has also stepped down from the role of Blue Note Editor, so I am trying to fudge my way through taking that on as well and apologise in advance that my edition won't be as glamorous as previous ones, but we just do what we can. Any member with DTP skills is welcome to discuss taking this role over on a more permanent basis, just let me know if you are interested. Thank you to the current committee for staying on as well, everyone is appreciated.

Most of the other positions remain the same, no new members came on board this time, but if anyone wants to join the general committee, please come along to the next meeting and we will see what we can do. Doug Perkett has resigned from all committee duties, his enthusiasm and input will be greatly missed and I am sure I am joined by the other committee members in wishing Doug all the best for his future endeavours. Our long-serving Public Officer, Denise Delphin has resigned from the role and will remain a general committee member, Denise has done a fabulous job with all things pertaining to official paperwork and we thank you for being in this role for so long. General Committee member, Marlene Farone has stepped up to become our new Public Officer.

The committee will continue to look at ways we can approach live performances in various formats, as well as other Club events, so if you have any viable suggestions please let us know. The committee have also been busy organising new merchandise, to date we have harmonica necklaces, stickers and 'green' shopping bags (which are actually black) new t-shirts have also just arrived and several were snapped up at the recent jam.

Not much on the blues gig front until a bit later in the year, but still plenty of great music happening around town in various venues. The Jams are going really well and we had a great gig with the Merkin Brothers on a Sunday afternoon recently, really good to see some of our long term members come along to support this event and it was a big surprise to see ex committee member Judi Benfell turn up for the afternoon, on her way through to NZ, didn't realise Launceston was a stopover on flights from WA, lol. Judi is the wife of one of our past Presidents, Barry who now is the President of the South West Blues Club in Bunbury, WA.



(pic:Kaz, Judi & Alison catching up at the Merkin Brothers gig)



Till next time, keep enjoying the music, just like these people (left pic) at our Sunday Session – Merkin Brothers gig.

Kaz

The Launceston Blues Club welcomes the following new and re-joining members

NEW MEMBERS

Helen Stoltenberg; Martin Kuzniarski; Andrew Barnett

RE-JOINING MEMBERS

Allan Thomson; Risky & Razor Love; Pete Cornelius & Lucie Rivers; Marianne Watts

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Bits & Pieces

I have recently been away for a couple of blues interstate trips. First off at the end of July I went to Wollongong in NSW for the Wollongong Blues Club's weekend celebrating International Blues Music Day. So much great music to be had and on the first night at the dinner/show which featured the legendary King brothers and their band the Foreday Riders, I was asked to draw the lucky door prize (being the guest who had travelled the furthest to attend) and guess who won it, yes it was me. I felt a bit odd doing this but they were all insistent it was above board and wanted me to claim my prize. I received a beaut framed print of the young King Brothers who were posing with the King himself... the late B.B. King. Thank you Wollongong Blues Club. NSW South Coast photographer Julie Fox took a great photo of me receiving my prize from WBC Vice President, Paul and President Warren.



The King Brothers... then and now

The second trip was the following weekend, for Blues for Lost Souls at Williamstown RSL, a fundraiser for the homeless and I believe they raised over \$36,000 what a great effort. Fabulous music all afternoon and night. I also got to catch up with ex-LBC President Paul Glover who had invited me to stay at his place in Melbourne.



My hosts Paul & Danette



Locally there was a great gig by Lloyd Spiegel & Tim Burnham, the Friday night prior to our Sunday, Merkin Brothers gig. They tore up the Boatshed and Lloyd was really on fire, despite suffering with a terrible lurgy. Kaz



REVIEW-Keith Hall and Pat Dow Blues Band – Live at the Oak 3/7/2015

I was lucky enough to venture down to the Oak on a coolish night recently to check out this band. Thanks to Kaz, who sends out regular reminders to support these events, it prompted me to view a link to one of their tunes that was supplied with her email.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tPWwoBLWYI>)

The YouTube clip was the clincher and nicely surprised to see a singing bass player. A pretty rare sight and I can only think of a few bands whose main singer also plays bass. Eg Sting, Thin Lizzy, Rush, Beatles, Suzie Quatro, Chicago, etc. This might be a good trivia question for a future blues club trivia night.

I arrived before the gig started and was introduced to Pat, Keith and Peter “Rio” Allan by Kaz who mentioned I play a bit of bass. Keith asked if I would like to play a couple of tunes with them to allow him to play some tunes on his 6 string. How could I refuse such a generous offer? Well I couldn’t really.

Keith suggested Before You Accuse Me and Further On Up the Road and I was familiar with both so, no worries. As it comes to pass, they played Before You Accuse Me in the early part of the night so there goes one tune.

During the set late into the evening they invited me up but thought my name was Dave and introduced me as such. Never mind, so what will we play? Well not Further On Up the Road but a couple of well-known tunes that I can’t remember the titles. One tune had Whisky permeating the lyrics but the great thing about the structure of standard blues tunes is that you can play along and introduce your own style and personality and make it yours.

For those that didn’t come down to see the band, you missed out on an absolute treat to see such professional and talented musicians doing what they love. Talking to them during the breaks, they have some great stories and experiences to share and are passionate about what they do and love to share this with the audience. I found them to be entertainers and not just musicians which makes it far more enjoyable for me.

And yes I was pleased and humble to have an opportunity to play with some great talent. So “do yourself a favour” and make an effort to get down to the Oak even if you are a bit comfortable at home and support the blues.



Editor: Thank you to John Lovell (also known as Dave) for this great review, glad you enjoyed.

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September 2015 Calendar:

All Public Bar (PB) Gigs Free Entry unless otherwise stated.

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Wed 2 nd :	Stella Ferreras ~ PB 9PM
Thur 3 rd :	James Fitch & Sara-Jane Neep ~ PB 9PM
Fri 4 th :	Power Nap + Grey Places + Lenin McCarthy ~ TBS \$10 Doors 8.30PM
Sat 5 th :	The Mocking Birds ~ PB 9PM
Sun 6 th :	Open Folk Seisúin ~ PB 5PM
Wed 9 th :	Jericho Jack ~ PB 9PM
Thur 10 th :	Simon Astley (Melbourne) ~ PB 9PM
Fri 11 th :	Luke Parry ~ PB 9PM
Sat 12 th :	Max Hillmen Showband ~ PB 9PM
Sun 13 th :	Open Folk Seisúin ~ PB 5PM
Wed 16 th :	Andy 'The' Collins ~ PB 9PM
Thur 17 th :	A Mocking Bird (Marty Kooistra) ~ PB 9PM
Fri 18 th :	Pat Tierney (Sydney) ~ PB 9PM
Sat 19 th :	Guthrie + Lenin McCarthy + BRAD GILLIES CD LAUNCH ~ TBS \$10 Doors 8.30PM
Sun 20 th :	Open Folk Seisúin ~ PB 5PM
Tue 22 nd :	Launceston Jazz Club - Bookings Essential ~ TBS \$15/\$20 non-members
Wed 23 rd :	Tori & Sherri (Bhean Sí) ~ PB 9PM
Thur 24 th :	The Lonely Ben McKinnon ~ PB 9PM
Fri 25 th :	Praise Potter Party - Announcement Forthcoming! ~ TBS \$10 Doors 8.30PM
Sat 26 th :	Verticoli + Hunted Crows + Captives plus Guests ~ TBS \$10 Doors 8.30PM
Sun 27 th :	Open Blues Session 1PM to 4PM ~ Open Folk Seisúin ~ PB 5PM
Wed 30 th :	Open Mic Night ~ Call and book a spot! ~ PB 9PM



AROUND THE CLUB

SUNDAY JAM



VP AI modelling the new T shirt





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