

# BLUES NEWS

FROM SOUTH WEST BLUES CLUB



Welcome to the latest edition of our club newsletter.

A new format and a new layout that we hope will enable us to get club news and views to you on a more regular basis. Your feedback is always welcome.

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## THE POWER OF MUSIC

In spite of the uncertainties of the Covid world we are now adapting to, the club has continued to flourish and grow. In the coming months we will need to live with an even greater health risk. As a club we will work hard to protect our members and ask everyone to take care, remain vigilant and follow good health practices. We also ask you to help us by respecting the guidelines we have put in place for our Jam Sessions.

Music throughout history has had healing and unifying powers and, we know our Jam days are great therapy, helping people unwind and relax, but we still need to do our bit. Let's all stay safe.



Weather permitting, we will continue to hold our Jams outdoors, in the fresh air. Please follow the hotel's guidelines and respect any requests made by hotel staff, they are doing a great job in trying times.



## CONTINUED GROWTH

Our club membership continues to grow. It is encouraging to see a wonderful mix of professional musicians, seasoned players and those who have only recently picked up an instrument. The greatest increase has been within our 'social member' or non playing ranks. It is so good to see these people in particular. They are true supporters of live music, turning up at our Jams month after month, adding so much to the occasion. *Musicians know, an appreciative audience seems to bring out the best performance.*

## 2022 MEMBER GUITAR PICK KEY RINGS

It has been a long wait and we apologise to members who have been hanging out for these since November but they have finally arrived. You can grab one at Jam Day or you can email Sandra greensandra944@gmail.com to arrange to collect yours.

These are only available to paid up members so this is a good reason to get your 2022 sub current.

*You must be a fully paid up club member to play at our monthly Jam Sessions.*



Membership is only \$25 a year for playing members and \$15 for social members.



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## JAM DAY VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

A huge amount of work goes into taking and collating photos of players at each Jam. The best of these are posted on Facebook and we can now add videos to the mix. The club recently purchased a video camera and these unedited videos will be posted on You Tube so that you can analyse your performance or relive the afternoon. Our thanks to Laura Thomson for her camera work and also to Peter Brooks who for years has videotaped our Jam days.

*The links are:*

*facebook@southwestbluesclub*

*You Tube: southwestbluesclub*

## HELPING CLUB BANDS

The number of club bands also grows. If you have a band or 'musical collaboration' and wish to register with the club then we will promote your gigs on our Facebook page and when we get enquiries for bands you will be in the mix for any gigs on offer. We will also be managing events such as 'Blues on the Bay' where club bands are on show. All band members must be fully paid up club members to qualify but the rewards are great.

*To register your band please contact Leigh at [leighvicki@bigpond.com](mailto:leighvicki@bigpond.com)*



We are helping new bands find gigs, improve skills and get on stage experience.

## THE JAM DAY RAFFLE

The meat pack and Yahava Koffee Raffle have become much coveted prizes at our Jam Sessions. Each month two lucky punters take home one of these raffle prizes and all who take a punt are helping with our fund raising effort. We have raised close to \$1500 over the last 12 months and these funds help with the purchase of equipment and gear required to run the Jams. At only \$3 a ticket you get two chances to win one of these wonderful prizes. *Our thanks to Yahava KoffeeWorks Wholesale for the donated goods and our club members who run the raffle each month.*



## HELP US MAKE A JAM

We need your help. Anyone keen on helping us set up and break down our gear on Jam Days? Become a Jam Day Roadie. Guys or gals this is a great opportunity to help out with a great bunch of passionate music lovers. If you can get to the Parade Hotel by midday on the Sunday of our Jam Day and stay that little bit longer at the day's end then you can make a big difference and have a heap of fun. No experience required, just a willingness to learn. No need to get permission, just turn up on the day, your help will be most welcome.



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