

NEWSLETTER | JULY 2022

BLUES NEWS

FROM SOUTH WEST BLUES CLUB



Welcome to the latest edition of our club newsletter.
News and views of club activity over the last quarter.
Your feedback is always welcome.

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WINTER JAMS ARE HOT

With the onset of the colder weather we have moved the jams indoors to the River Room. It provides a wonderful outlook across Koombana Bay and with the jams now finishing at 6pm, many stay to watch the sun sink over the bay. The turnout at our winter jams have held steady and while the numbers of musicians playing is high, there are still playing slots available for all who come along. Make sure you get to the jam early and get your name up on the whiteboard. We are still encouraging playing members to help with set up from midday and to stay a few minutes after the last song to help pack the gear away.



Friends from Fremantle. It is not just locals turning up at our jams. A good number travel from all over the South West and even Perth musicians come down for the sessions.



THE SECOND QUIZ

The first one was a hit and our April Quiz was even bigger and better. We filled the River Room and Enzo conducted a fast paced evening of mind bending questions and show stopping answers. There were prizes for the 'know alls' and a few of the 'wanabes'. It was a fun filled night with plenty hungry for another. Keep your eyes on the Facebook Events calendar for the next Quiz night. Our thanks to Laura for her efforts towards making the evening such a success.

BLUES IN THE BROOK

The first **Blues in the Brook** went off with a hiss and a roar on Sunday June 12 at the Donnybrook Hotel in the Big Apple (Donnybrook). Shake Em On Down and Stumptown were the first bands to take part in this new programme designed to give club bands a platform to play one or two sets of music on the big stage. Every second Sunday of the month we will have club bands playing at the Donnybrook. It is a fantastic venue, with great acoustics and a great atmosphere. Keep an eye on which bands are playing next because we encourage everyone to get along, support these bands and enjoy an afternoon of great music. The Donnybrook Hotel provide great bar service and food over the afternoon but why not bookend the day by having lunch or even an evening meal at the hotel.



Gary on keys for Shake Em On Down, the first band on stage for Blues on the Brook, followed by Stumptown. It was a great start to the series.



Tickets are FREE for club members and can be obtained from Laura: 0458 858 077

BLUE MURDER

Saturday 30 July will go down in the club's history as the night someone got murdered. Make sure you get along to this big 'whodunnit' on Saturday July 30 because we are all dying to know, who did the dastardly deed and who was the unfortunate victim. This high suspense night will be more fun than frightening, so dust off your glad rags and get along to the Parade for the **Blue Murder Mystery Night**.

A BUSY YEAR AHEAD

Membership is now at 137 and still growing. It is exciting to be welcoming more musicians to the fold and equally an increase in social members means they are never short of an audience. As a result, we have expanded our programme to include two new performance opportunities, **Blues in the Brook** and the **WildWood Blues Bash**. Both these events are tailored for more accomplished musicians. Social members added fun and knowledge to another **Quiz Night** and in July we will have our first **Murder Mystery Night**. Also we will be producing a club calendar, so keep an eye out for this.



This will be an amazing event designed especially for Blues Club members from all over Western Australia. While we are still early in the planning stages we hope this will become an annual Blues Clubs get together.

WILD WOOD BLUES BASH

Put a ring around Saturday April 29, 2023 because you may want to be at our **WildWood Blues Bash** at Wild Wood Farm in North Greenbushes. This is an amazing venue and we will be opening the gates on Friday evening for musicians and party goers to set up camp in the bush ahead of a big day of music on Saturday. The stage is a classic 1968 Dodge truck especially decked out for the event. Bands will start playing at 10am and will play until midnight. For those camping overnight, we will be serving a big, cooked-breakfast first thing Sunday morning to help you on your way home. We aim to have our best bands on show whilst ticket sales raise funds for Black Dog Ride charity.

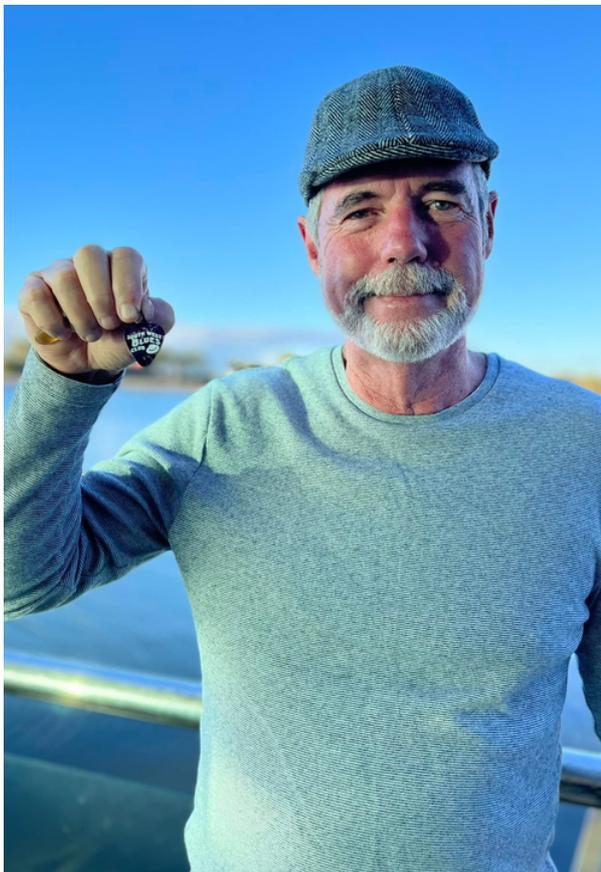
AFFILIATED BANDS

The number of bands formed within the club continues to grow and with new opportunities such as **Blues in the Brook** and the **WildWood Blues Bash** there are real incentives to build even more bands.

To encourage bands we have created a **Band Affiliation** programme that we will enable bands to promote themselves as South West Blues Club bands and also for the club to support these bands through our own social media. The club gets inquiries for bands and our affiliated bands will always be given preference. If you would like to know more about the **Band Affiliation** programme than contact Leigh: leighvicki@bigpond.com



Ponyfish are currently one of 10 club bands.



OUR NEW MEMBERS

A great big warm welcome to Brian who has recently joined the club from over East. Brian is one of 19 new members who have joined over the last few months. We would also like to welcome, Cheryl Cusworth, Ron Cusworth, Gus Lilly, Glen Firth, Paul Harris, Stephen Garland, Gary Ryan, Di Massara, Brett Anderson, Stacey Anderson, Tim Bennett, Jeff Dusting, Kevin Kelly, Joanne Barram, Douglas Klaffer, Billy Butler/Hazel, Leanne Dunne, Les Grubisa and of course Brian Cook. We look forward to catching up with you all as we share our love of music and particularly, the blues.

CLIVE'S STORY

Our cover features one of the club's most respected member's Clive Brown. Clive is a highly skilled guitar player. Born in England, he emigrated to New Zealand in 1955 and as a 15 year old started his first band just as the rock'n roll era began. By age 18 he was touring (a factor that resulted in him being sacked from his job). Newly married, Clive moved to the States where he took guitar tuition and on returning to New Zealand became a professional musician. In 1998 Clive came to Australia and threw himself back into the blues, the music he loved. Clive joined the club almost nine years ago and is an avid jam day supporter and committee member. For many club members it is a highlight to hear Clive up on stage.



Read more of Clive's story on Facebook

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