

Greetings everybody,

Hang on to your party hats, only a week and a bit before our monthly sojourn to the Mecca of Australian Blues (and other stuff for that matter).

**JUST IN CASE YOU'RE NOT AWARE:
MONDAY 2ND JUNE IS THE NEXT ST. ANDREWS OPEN MIC &
JAMM NIGHT
BE THERE!!!**

Stan was stoking up the fireplace as we all gathered on May 5th to once again, share our music.

Your humble host did the sound check with a 35 year old Matt Taylor song, We'll Never Do The Same Again. Yes folks, Darryl loves his OZ BLUES.

Wayne (Jail) Bateman followed with his authentic bluesy set, which featured the ever popular Little Red Rooster on acoustic slide. Wayne shall return later on with his World Of Boogie Woogie.

Kat returned to intrigue us with more of her original numbers. Our good mate Greg Francis and her travelled from Apollo Bay to join us. It was great to see our friends back within the community.

The guys from Dreamer hit the stage with a selection of originals plus a bonus, Led Zeppelin's Communication Breakdown. No strangers to St. Andrews, some of the members have appeared before in the Self Titled line-up. Work commitments prevented them from hanging around, splitters, lol.

Local support from the area brought to us Leonie, now staying in Christmas Hills. Accompanied by Jan on guitar, with Spotswood, Dirty Russ and Brett, she blew us away with her raunchy singing. Aretha Franklin's Chain of Fools kicked off a killer set. Jan joined in on vocals for a number and had the house rocking. Leonie, a music teacher, is down from NSW and looks forward to getting together with us for more. Many thanks to Gary and Cecilia for bringing her along.

Dave Haley and his Komatozed Komets let us hear some of that Rock 'n' Roll music, any old way you choose it, with his personal selection of golden oldies. Once again His Master's Voice pulled one out of his beanie with The Beach Boys' Barbara Anne. 'Twas a bit chilly for the Komets to don their loud Hawaiian shirts for the occasion. Perhaps the thought of Dirty Russ on sax wearing his daggy Bermuda shorts was too much to bear (I'm certain a rather profane response is forthcoming). A warm welcome to old mate Peter Moore behind the St. Angers drum kit, he brought along some tasty cymbals too. Pete shall return to Komatoze The Komets along with Wayne, Spotswood and Darryl.

Zach once again attacked with the aid of LUVMACHINE's Miss Chrissy and Dr. Polk'nstyn, along

with Carlos The Jackal, Darryl and the Dirty One. Sweet Home Alabama, Mustang Sally and Kiss were the Zachmeisters choice of burnt offerings, as the band cooked with him. Chrissy and Libby provided vocal backup.

Libby joined us for her own set of local originals which she delivered, as always, with great passion. It has been some time since we've seen our friend perform, and she was warmly received. Condolences to Libby and family on the passing of her Father.

Mad Mallee Mick embraced the emotion of Libby's sad news with his own number (in honour of his Mother). followed by We Are Australian, an excellent choice indeed. The RUCKUS frontman gathered up Brett, Spotswood, Dirty Russ and Darryl to redneck it out with Georgia Satellites' Keep Your Hands To Yourself. That's probably what Meredith says to him with great regularity. Eternal supporters of our event, Mick and Meres stayed for the evening and had a ball. They'll be playing here on Sunday June 1st (and did on May 5th), make sure you're driving a Ute and wearing a hat. Visit the raucous ones at <http://www.myspace.com/ruckusoz>

Brett Pollock <http://www.brettpollock.com/> put together a band this month in order to share his originals. Pete, Spotswood and Dirty Russ joined our local and delivered the numbers for the first time, embracing the spirit of jamming. Brett and Peter also shared drumming duties throughout the evening.

Wayne was chomping at the bit to unleash his World of Boogie Woogie upon us. Joined by Darryl, Spotswood and Pete, a tasty set of blues numbers was shared, with a touch of Neil Young and Dylanesque influence. Wayne and his world continue to boogie woogie with new songs always on tap.

Jan returned to the stage with the able and willing assistance of Carlos The Jackal. Pete, Spotswood and Dirty Russ joined Jan as he delivered some more great blues numbers. Sunny Lewis happened to be spotted outside and was invited to sing. Great to see our mate joining in.

The Dirty Russ Conglomerate ended the evening with barely enough time for two songs. Russ, Pete, Spotswood and Darryl did Little Green Bag and Rebel Rebel to conclude the evening. It was also gratifying to see a good crowd remain to see out the night. Fiona kept us well looked after to. FEAST AT FIONA'S. Ex Thornburyite, Ross Humphrey, travelled a great distance from Ballarat to enjoy the night, and help film. He's stoked and plans to return.

Thanks again to everyone who attended. We all feel it was a special evening, as is the norm here at St. Andrews.

May remains to be a busy month for celebration and acknowledgement. Duck, who once worked the bar, celebrated his 50th on May 7th and has been smiling heaps over the weeks. Quite soon both Spotswood and Darryl get to party, which we're sure will continue come June 2nd.

During the month we've seen some great gigs here, as always:

Phil Manning <http://www.philmanning.com.au/> returned on the 17th for another stunning performance. Quite a few of our regulars were here to enjoy, including Pam from Mountain Monthly Magazine <http://www.mountainmonthly.com.au/>. In June's issue of MM, you'll find a tribute to Phil (as well as his band, CHAIN, and cohort in OZ BLUES, Matt Taylor) in our community based SHARE THE MUSIC column. Thanks again to Tim and the team at MM for their support.

DID I MENTION CHAIN ARE HERE IN SEPTEMBER???

We were introduced to folk artist, Alex Legg <http://www.alexlegg.com/> who joined Phil for a few numbers. Is there a chance that the two may gig together??? (seems there is) , Alex has lived here the past four years now and we enjoyed his songs and his company. Welcome to our newsletter Alex, hope you'll come and join us.

Fats Wah Wah <http://www.fatswahwah.com/> have been hanging with our locals too. Luke, Denise, Cam, Andy, Chris and Josh, celebrating a WICKED gig last Sunday, witnessed your mates having a bash later on courtesy of Libby, Thomas, Deb and Darryl. Luke tells us of his YouTube videos of St. Andrews gigs. <http://www.youtube.com/user/fishmouthhopkins> gets you there. Have a chat to Luke, he's got an Open Mic too.

Rob Harwood now has his extensive archive online. Come and see at <http://www.youtube.com/user/harwoodarchives> where the oracle of St. Andrews audio has much to share. He's involved with future releases from both the Fats's and LIL Fi' <http://www.lilfi.com/>. (contact Rob on 041919356754 or harmusic@optusnet.com.au for your St. Angers PA needs)

Yes folks, there's a HAIL HAIL St. Andrews archive in the works too, if all muso's videoed approve. Quite a few good clips are planned for the next HAIL HAIL ST. ANDREWS DVD. We'll keep you informed. Cheers always to Rob for his guidance and wisdom. He's here for FAT'S WAH WAH's gig on May 31st. Come see and hear for yourselves.

If you happen to be floating around on Saturday May 24th you will be in for yet another treat.

Rosie Haden <http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendID=75177292> has a gig here with Kim Volkman. Rosie delivers some beautiful blues and I'm certain you'd all love it. I first met her in October 2003 on a Beechworth veranda where I witnessed a great session. Nice way to spend a Saturday arvo.

(Word has it that Darryl's Mum's gonna be there for lunch with a few others too. Maybe she's bringing a chocolate cake for Stan)

Our colleagues in suburbia, Shane and Harry, have been honouring the Birthday of one Gerald (Brian Cadd) Lyons who did a Charlie Watts on a few of your St. Andrews weapons. What's next, Klingon opera??? <http://openstagenights.bravehost.com/> gives you a chance to hassle Harry. K'plaa.

The Green Table crowd have a nice idea to resurrect their Open Mic nights. Have a word with Ron ronwhit@optusnet.com.au to see if you can help. Thanks to Julie for the info.

Another great supporter of our local artists is Liz. A few of us have been invited to share some blues with her. It appears that a legendary drummer wants to have a blow with a few of the St. Andrews Open Mic Weapons of Mass Disfunction. Oh that's tonight actually. Welcome Liz, who joins us in supporting you. <http://www.myspace.com/theofficialzilozsite>, check it out.

Many thanks to our local community teams at Allwood House
<http://www.hurstbridge.org.au/> and Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House
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A special thanks to Mick and Adam at:

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LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT NIGHT COME MONDAY JUNE 2ND.
(Cheers to Stan & Col)

Best Regards,
Darryl
C/O St. Andrews Hotel Open Mic JAMM Nights
(FIRST MONDAY NIGHT OF THE MONTH)

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