

Hello all,
Greetings all,

For those who've been aware, life has much been like a Mr. Magoo cartoon for yours truly. Nonetheless, thanks to the miracles of Australian medical science, not forgetting the kind thoughts of some very dear friends, I'm on the road to recovery, ready to cast a fresh eye on things, lol. In other words, this little red rooster will be back on deck come our next:

**ST. ANDREWS OPEN MIC & JAMM NIGHT
MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
8.30 PM**

LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER AND KICK THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES OFF WITH SOME GREAT MUSIC AND GOOD TIMES.

AND REMEMBER, LIVE MUSIC = A LATE NIGHT, SO BE PREPARED TO PARTY

IT'S ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST.ANDREWS, TAKING PLACE OVER THE PRECEDING WEEKEND.

THERE ARE MANY ACTIVITIES PLANNED, INCLUDING A BILLY CART RACE OUTSIDE THE HOTEL ON SUNDAY MORNING

(30TH NOVEMBER 8.00AM).

(I WONDER IF ANYBODY WILL APPEAR AS BEN HUR???)

I ALSO HEAR THERE WILL BE A SHADOW PUPPET SHOW ON AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THE KIDS, (BIG AND SMALL).

PERFORMANCES WILL BE AT 2.00pm & 4.00pm ON SUNDAY

(Our own Vicki Kaye is involved with this production. As always, we acknowledge Allwood Neighbourhood House & Gardens

<http://www.hurstbridge.org.au/>).

AS USUAL, ST.ANDREWS HOTEL WILL PROVIDE FINE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT OVER THE WEEKEND:

SATURDAY ARVO - THE HORNETS <http://www.thehornets.com.au/>

SATURDAY NIGHT - RUCKUS <http://www.myspace.com/ruckusoz>

SUNDAY ARVO - FATS WAH WAH <http://www.fatswahwah.com/> (ROB HARWOOD DOING THE SOUND OF COURSE)

OH YES, DON'T FORGET MONDAY NIGHT TOO, IT'S YOUR TURN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO THE ST. ANDREWS WEBSITE www.standrewspub.com WHERE COLIN HAS DONE A FINE JOB OUTLINING THE CELEBRATIONS.

At this point, I'd very much like to express my acknowledgement and eternal appreciation to our good friend, Sue, who for the past three months has been keeping things running at the Open Mic. She willingly leapt to the rescue the moment I was taken out of action, making sure there would still be a monthly event for all to attend. Without her efforts, all may have been lost. Dave, Wayne, Zach and Pete all pitched in too. Fiona, Drew and Kel have also been helping promote the Open Mic, I'm very grateful to them. I hope you'll be joining us on December 1st to publicly thank Sue & co. for a sterling job.

Okay, I've grovelled enough. Let's have a look at what transpired at our last Open Mic & JAMM Night on Cup Eve, 3rd November.

From my perspective, the phone was buzzing throughout the next day, with many tales of what a great night it was. Apparently, the run sheet was choc a block in no time, with many old friends turning up, as well as a few newbies to join our regular crew. There was still quite a crowd in attendance right up till closing time, and that's what we appreciate the most.

The evening kicked off early with newcomer, Ricci starting things with a fine acoustic set. His parents, Lia and Joe followed as a duo. Sue tells me Lia's vocals are to die for.

Steve continued the acoustic onslaught, as did K.J. Hansen, his new fangled gadgetry caused a bit of head scratching for a while, but we prevailed. (Looks like I'll have to look into that one K.J., sorry for the inconvenience). I'm certain both acts were well received.

Anni Lang once again graced the stage with her wonderful originals. Word has it she has some new songs and a video in the

pipeline. www.annilang.com.au should give you a peek.

Kate Ryan returned with her fine originals. Yes, I did spot Kate on Russ Kellett's show the other week. Great to see you back with us Kate.

Dave and Zach (our new singing barperson?) shared a set with the assistance of Carlos the Jackal, Jess (Possum Stanley) and Gav (Inertial). Wonderful to see Gav and Jess back on deck. Birthday greetings go to Gav (November 5th, same as Dirty Russ) and our main Man Dave (November 7th). Carlos was quite chuffed to have a few work mates along to watch him perform too.

LUVMACHINE took the stage for an extended set with a selection of Dr. Polk'nstein's originals. Joined by Miss Chrissy & co in full stage gear, 'twas a set to remember. (The B-52's meets The Sacred Cows comes to mind, lol). Go visit www.brettpollock.com for a link to LUVMACHINE. Their CD is a must.

Wayne's World Of Boogie Woogie followed for a set of Wayne's unique representations of his favourite songs. Mr. World has a swag of new numbers to deliver upon us, but is waiting for a certain bass player to be back in action. Next week mate.

Dirty Russ's Conglomerate once again graced us with his selection of eighties one hit wonders (for want of a better description). As mentioned earlier, Russ 's Birthday fell on November 5th (he probably fell celebrating too, lol).

Next on the agenda was an acoustic set by Chris & Dave. Sue informs me that we were treated to yet another fine act. They were well received and encouraged to visit again, as is everybody.

Eddie Cole contacted me during October and I was pleased to hear he turned up on Cup Eve. Eddie has been getting airplay on RRR and has a new CD out. One of the nicest blokes in the business, we look forward to seeing him more, it's been too long.

A couple of blokes named Mick and Kev, not to be confused with certain members of RUCKUS, even though they look, sound (and smell?) the same jumped up for a go, aided by Pete "Parts Unknown" on drums and Markie "Capt. T" on guitar. The two impostors, fantastic supporters of our event, joined in on the fun. Read below to find out what the REAL RUCKUS are up to.

Libby came on for a set of her self penned tunes, always a favourite with our audience. As time was running out, she very graciously cut her set short for a quick solo from Damian, who knocked our a well known Adam Sandler number with all the nuances of a Dirty Russ ditty. Birthday greetings to Damian come November 25th.

Pete, Dirty Russ, Wayne, Markie, Carlos and Damian all willingly and capably helped out on various sets during the evening. Colin "We're not Worthy" Rock God was also there to lend a hand, but had to shoot off to aid his mate Danny who many of us know. Hope all is well.

There's been a fair bit happening in the community these past few months too. It appears I've missed out on quite a bit

Leslie Avril <http://www.leslieavril.com/> performed at St. Andrews on August 24th and will return on December 14th, don't miss this. Leslie loves to see plenty of smiling faces.

FATS WAH WAH <http://www.fatswahwah.com/>, as mentioned earlier, are playing St. Andrews this Sunday. The 150th Birthday festivities will certainly be treated to a great performance by Luke and the gang. The wonderful sound they produce comes courtesy of our in house engineer, Rob Harwood. You can sample his works at <http://www.youtube.com/harwoodarchives> (contact Rob on 041919356754 or harmusic@optusnet.com.au for your St. Angers PA needs). Rob also helps out LIL' FI <http://www.lilfi.com/> and we're looking forward to her new album.

RUCKUS <http://www.myspace.com/ruckusoz>, our Saturday night act have a compilation album on the go too. Many of us well know the tremendous support and assistance Mick and Mere's gives to the St. Andrews Open Mic and JAMM Night. No matter what venue he's playing at, Mick always gives us a plug. He's now running his own Open Mic every second Wednesday at the Sam Knott Hotel in Wesburn, if you happen to be out that way. The next is this Wednesday the 26th and the inaugural gig on the 12th was a great success. And yes, St. Andrews got a great mention too as Sue and I were in attendance. For more info, you can contact Mad Mallee Mick on 0407338343.

THE WOODIES OPEN STAGE NIGHT continues it's Wednesday night entertainment as well. Harry has been assisted by our mate Wayne "Snidely Whiplash" Powell in my absence. Wayne will be running a one off JAMM at La Porcetta's, Heathmont on December 6th. All details are on Harry's site <http://www.woodiesopenstage.com/>. It was great to see Woodies attendees, Bev and Jack at St. Andrews on Cup Eve too. Long live the "Woodie's Waffle" (how about the "Dingo Dribble"???) Don't forget Shane's site too www.hardonmusic.com.au. His BOCK microphones are working a treat here at St. Andrews. It was sad to hear also, that Harry has reluctantly dissolved his band, BAZAAR, which has been in existence since 1968, originally known as Harper's Bazaar. Harry has written some entertaining articles about the band over the years. Lest We Forget.

The Kinglake Ranges Visual and Performing Arts Alliance (K.R.V.P.A.A.) ran a few open mics with great success, but won't

continue till the new year. You can find out more via <http://www.kinglakeranges.com.au/> or Mountain Monthly Magazine <http://www.mountainmonthly.com.au/>. (Thanks for the get well card too, I should be able to read it soon, lol)

Let us not forget Liz who always sends her regards and support at <http://www.myspace.com/theofficialzilozsite>, worth a visit, especially original artists.

Well I reckon that just about wraps things up for now and I'm hanging out for some eye drops (I'm still running in a new Cornea you see, lol).

Once again many thanks to all the well wishers: Sue, Markie, Wayne's World, Dirty Russ, Spotswood, Pete, Stan, Harry, Dave, Zach, Fiona, Brett, Chrissy and naturally, Maria. All have kept in contact which is greatly appreciated. Strewth, even a couple of bods named Phil Manning and Matt Taylor passed on their best, courtesy of Sue. In particular, I'd like to thank Vicki Kaye and family for the regular visits I've enjoyed so much.

**HOPING TO SEE YOU ALL COME MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
(Where the phrase "The Silly Season" will take new meaning.
And yes, there is a Christmas song to be performed by???)**

"SHARE THE MUSIC"

A special thanks to Mick and Adam at:

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(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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