

Hello all,

Well it's getting close to our next Open Mic & JAMM Night:

NEXT MONDAY
3rd AUGUST 8.30pm
(Booking sheet out at 7.00pm)

July's event was once again, a huge success. Many thanks to all who attended and supported, we had a great time.

Kat commenced proceedings with a sweet selection of local originals. Russ Edwards joined her with a side order of Saxophone which complemented Kat's guitar and vocals. Peter set up his gear and added some subtle percussion to the set.

Aaron & co hit the stage next for a rousing selection of blues roots tunes. A combination of gutsy vocals, urgent guitar and wailing harmonica made for an appropriate visit to the crossroads, driven by Peter's rhythms. How appropriate an act for the Mecca of Australian Blues.

Emma followed, performing for the first time ever here at St. Andrews. She was warmly welcomed and treated us to an original tune inspired by the Black Friday Bushfires. A few of us met Emma a couple of years back and we were pleased to see her join us. Hope you're coming back Emma.

Steph came back to visit us this month, this time going solo, and providing vocals. Normally we see her in a band line up, so this was quite a treat. Steph continues to develop her skills and we look forward to more.

Eylish returned with her keyboard to deliver a fine selection of well known covers. It was pleasing to see Eylish again since meeting her a couple of months back. Her repertoire continues to expand.

Damian joined us again this month and decided to have a go at some acoustic numbers. The multi skilled Damian delivered a fine set of some of his favourite numbers.

The amps began to hum as Dave Haley shepherded his Komotozed Komets on stage for the first electric set of the night. His ever changing line up consisted of Dave "Danger" Matthews on his house drums, "Spud" Wilson of Lunchbox Legends fame on bass, Wayne's World Bateman on his guitar, Dirty Russ blowing on his sax and Darryl on his trusty Strat. The Komets rock and rolled the crowd with a surprise choice of oldies, in particular, a couple of Buddy Holly tunes.

(By the way, Dave Danger and Spud are hoping to enlist a guitarist to form a late model

covers band. If you're interested, you can contact Dave on 0421430896 or Spud on 0413490858.)

Iotah followed the oldies with yet another punchy set of rock classics. Ami, Hannah, Holly and Sarah have earned themselves a loyal following. Once again, Whole Lotta Love was an excellent choice for their final number.

Jess Edwards stepped up for a sweet set of numbers as always. Russ joined his Daughter, alternating between guitar and bass. Rhiannon joined Jess on vocals for what was a highly enjoyable performance.

Emily made her debut appearance on bass guitar to perform one instrumental. Iotah's Ami sat in on drums and joined her friend on a classic Stevie Wonder number. Welcome Emily.

Rightio, it was time for a bit of RUCKUS, courtesy of Mad Mallee Mick and the gang. Marci joined him on fiddle with the ever present Kev on bass. Paul jumped up for drumming duties for what was a killer set of Mad Mick Mayhem. Don't forget RUCKUS are playing here at St. Andrews this Sunday 2nd August. <http://www.ruckus.net.au/>

It certainly has been a long time since we've had Christian along to sing a few tunes. Joined by Russ, Damian and Ami, Christian typically belted out his favourite hard rock tunes and had us all suitably entertained.

Wayne's World of Boogie Woogie certainly earned it's name this month. A plethora of musicians were on stage for this set. Wayne was joined by Russell "Spotty" Chambers on guitar, Ami on drums with Damian on Sax and John Cameron on Trumpet. We also welcomed Dave Thompson with his vintage P style on bass, he met some of us at the Christmas Hills festival back in 2006. Matt sat beside the stage for some percussive accompanied. What a wall of sound it was.

John switched to his keyboard whilst Ami and Dave remained on their instruments for his set. Markie "Kryten" Lewis joined on guitar for what became yet another barrelhouse set that continued to rock the crowd. Matt also remained to weave his percussive layers through Ami's drumming.

Rhi Edwards, with Aaron and Russ, took us along a journey through rock history. Russ (bass) and Aaron (guitar) did vocals for the first two numbers. Darryl joined on guitar and vocals for the final song, Alice Cooper's I'm eighteen, one of his many long time favourites.

Final set of the evening became known as the 12 Bar Titans. Carlos the Jackal led the band with his nuances of noodling. Markie plugged in on the other guitar with Russ on bass. Darryl dealt with vocals whilst both Dave Danger and Paul alternated on drums. The guys got down and delivered the goods to see out the evening in fine form, complete with backing vocals from Paul.

Such a busy night it was that a few came along but were unable to hang around for a go. Our acknowledgement goes to Libby Stubbs, Sunny Lewis and Chris Nicola for being so courteous.

Many thanks to Sue, Dave and Wayne for all their assistance. Fiona was quite busy serving up snacks all evening, we're very grateful for her efforts.

Before we go ahead with our monthly plugs, please don't forget the live entertainment here at St. Andrews every weekend. In particular, CHAIN will be performing here on Saturday 8th August at 9.30pm (\$20.00 entry). Come along and witness Oz Blues history. The ever diligent Rob Harwood will be providing his legendary PA skills so no doubt the place will pump.
<http://www.philmanning.com.au/chain.html>

RUCKUS are playing on Sunday the 2nd. Don't forget that Mick hosts his own open mic at the Sam Knott Hotel, Wesburn every 2nd Wednesday <http://www.ruckus.net.au/> for details

The Woodies Open Stage Night. Every Wednesday, hosted by our dear friend Harry www.WoodiesOpenStage.com with blog entries at www.myspace.com/WoodiesOpenStage

The Kinglake Ranges Visual And Performing Arts Alliance (KRVPA) are having their monthly Open Mic & JAMM session on Sunday 9th August at the Kinglake West Hall from 4.00 - 8.00pm. <http://www.krvpaa.com.au/> They're also have a choir on Thursday evenings at the Kinglake West Uniting Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome, as they are at Lil' Fi's choir at the Arthurs Creek Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 900pm

Greetings go out to our friends around the traps:

FATS WAH WAH <http://www.fatswahwah.com/>

LIL FI <http://www.lilfi.com/>

LESLIE AVRIL <http://www.leslieavril.com/>

ROB HARWOOD <http://www.youtube.com/harwoodarchives>

(contact Rob on 041919356754 or harmusic@optusnet.com.au for your St. Angers PA needs)

LIZ <http://www.myspace.com/theofficialzilozsite>

94.5 ABC Kinglake Ranges <http://www.abc.net.au/victoria/kinglake-3763/> has ceased transmission from July 17th. Kinglake Ranges Radio should be up and running as soon as possible. Stay tuned for updates <http://www.krvpaa.com.au/>

Oh well, that just about wraps everything up for this month. Once again many thanks to all for such a pleasant and memorable evening.

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT NIGHT COME MONDAY 3rd August
(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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