

# Way Out West Roots Music Club

## *AGM - President's Report 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009*

We have come a long way since our humble beginnings and it is with much pleasure that I table the first President's Report at our inaugural A.G.M.

This last year has had many high lights and we continue to attract quality and dedicated people to the club to help us bring the very best of roots music to the Willy RSL. I see the following as things we can be very proud of:

- ✓ The incorporation of the club
- ✓ The formation of our first committee
- ✓ The purchase of an In-house P.A. (with many thanks to the R.S.L. for their fore-sight)
- ✓ Our own in house professional photographer (Bruce Davis)
- ✓ The New Years Eve Blues Cruise (many thanks Jenny Brockman)
- ✓ Our first council grant to facilitate youth in blues workshops (again thanks Jenny and VP Terry Smith for helping run the workshops)
- ✓ The Queenscliff Blues Train field trip (many thanks Ian Fraser for organising, Trish Hart and Ursula Ratten for co-ordinating payments)
- ✓ A new range of club t shirts and our first WOW stubby holder (again thanks Fras)
- ✓ And of course the years roster of fabulous musos and bands – Howlin' Time, Steve Bowtell, Geoff Achison & the Soul Diggers, Tommy Blank's shop closing party, the return of Eugene 'Hideaway' Bridges, Black Sorrows, Steve Romig Band, Lil' Fi, Matt Finish, Kelly Auty Wild Women Show, Ska Vendors last gig, Andy Cowan, the Hornets, Kevin Borich, the GoSet, Ashleigh Mannix, Chain, Collard Greens and Gravy, Madder Lake, Stringybark McDowell, Kerri Simpson, Bobby Bright, Jaimi Falkner, Hamilton Loomis, Dave Hogan's Meltdown (60<sup>th</sup> b'day bash). The Backsliders, Loius King, Chris Wilson & Luke Watt any venue in Melbourne would be extremely proud to have such talented line-up
- ✓ We went passed 100 paid up members a mighty achievement thanks largely to our dedicated 'door bitches'

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Of course none of this could have been achieved without a lot of people putting in many hours of work. I very sincerely thank the following dedicated people who like me have a passion for music:

- ♥ Tony Bishop and Suzette Pederson our world class sound engineers who put in many, many hours of work for not a lot of payments. The club and musicians love you both
- ♥ RSL President Ernie Poole and Manager Mark Mitchell their committee and hard working bar staff and Chef Bernie and her staff whose faith and support is invaluable.
- ♥ Of course my fabulous executive and committee who are making my life a lot easier by volunteering to take on tasks as required.
- ♥ The various press and radio outlets who support and advertise our gigs – PBS, RRR, Beat & In Press, Age EG, Helen Jennings, Gary Young, Derek Guile, Brian Wise, Lina Mesiti, Billy Pinnell and the crew of the MBAS
- ♥ The musicians themselves being prepared to showcase their wares Way Out West
- ♥ Finally and most importantly our loyal and supportive members and punters for without you we have no club

In finishing I quote Andy Cowan ‘No Music, No Life’. It is indeed a privilege to in a small way be able to help create a venue in the West in which to help showcase the fabulous and world class Roots performers of Australia. How fortunate are we to be able to enjoy music in our own Town in a safe and friendly environment where we are not being screwed for the price of a drink and a meal. We need never lose sight of the fact that we do this for the pure pleasure of listening to music and not for any political or private agendas . A strong and effective committee can only achieve its goals as long as it works together and for this I am thankful to our brilliant WOW personal. Please take the time to read our mission statement.

Rock On

Rob Rowe – President Way Out West Roots Music Club Inc.