

Way Out West Xmas Newsletter

supporting live music in the west

Xmas Special

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Rob's Rave



Backsliders @ WOW

What another mighty fine year we have had. I have gone into more detail over the page with my heartfelt thanks to so many of you who make the club a success. We have had so many highlights throughout the year. When you sit back and contemplate you get a warm glow and a feeling of WOW how lucky are we to have the calibre of musician at our club that would be the envy of any large and established venue in Melbourne or

Sydney. I hope you get those same feelings when you read through our 2010 honour roll on page 2. When you are next at the club then take a look at our photo display and be blown away at the bands who have graced our stage. As I go around different venues and festivals and get talking to people they invariably tell me they have been to a show or have heard of us. In fact I was in the city a short while back doing my day job with the shirt and tie on and a loan file under the arm when a guy approached me and said hello and asked me when the next WOW gig was. I was gobsmacked. I know that punters have proudly worn their WOW t-shirts to events and people will come up and ask about what is happening at WOW. We need to build on this to make sure we continue to be successful. Complacency by committee and or punters could very quickly

see us as non viable. To this end I have a bit of a rave on page 3 and I would love to get some feedback. Let us know who you want to see perform, let us know what we can do better, if you have a suggestion or want to help out then let us know as we want to be a big music family to all. I am a music fan first and foremost and this is the reason the club exists. WOW is a not for profit organisation and our charter is to make the musician the number one priority in all our dealings. In the nine odd years I have been up on stage introducing acts I still get this feeling of *is this really happening?* It seems so surreal to introduce artist who you have grown up with and who you have admired from afar.

WOW Trivia Night Friday April 1st 2011

We plan to have a couple of music trivia nights in 2011 which we hope will raise some funds for our coffers. All questions will be music related and some will have a local/WOW slant. The first night is set for Friday April 1st at 8PM in the function room at the Willy RSL. Lots of prizes and fun to be had. Start thinking about getting together a table

of four to six people and let us know asap as we can only seat about 80 people.



Highlights

- HARRY MANX
- RAY BEADLE
- ANDY BAYLOR GUMBO DAY
- GEOFF ACHISON
- DINGOES
- ANDY COWAN
- STRINGYBARK McDOWELL
- SPECTRUM HALLOWEEN SHOW
- SKA VENDORS
- CHRIS WILSON

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WOW Story



Harry Manx @
WOW Sep-
tember 2010

For those of you who are not familiar with our beginnings here is the truncated story of our ever evolving history.

WOW started out on a wing and a prayer in Dec 2001. A group of roots music fans whose regular watering hole on a Friday was the Willy RSL pooled together \$50 each to put on a gig featuring the Hornets. With the blessing of RSL management (which was a brave thing to do) we put the word around 'Dog Town' (see page 4) that blues music was coming to the West. Up until this time if

you wanted to see quality live music you had to travel across the scary WestGate. It was a gamble but it worked and it gave us the confidence to build on that days success. Here we are nearly 10 years later an Incorporated Club hosting the best musicians in the land as well as fielding enquiries from Memphis, Austin Texas, Nashville and recently Cape Town S.A. 'From Little Things Big Things Grow'

We are so proud to be an integral part of the Australian Music scene and now a sought

after venue for overseas touring artists. Many friendships have been forged at the Willy RSL and I like to think of us more as a family than a club. Stay with us as who knows what is around the corner

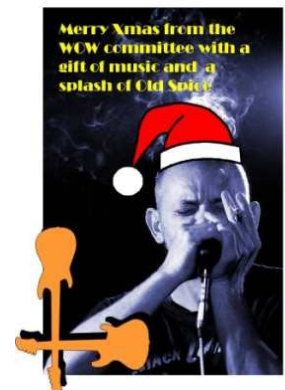


'From Little Things Big Things Grow'

2010 Honour Roll

As they say at Poker - Read 'em and weep'. We can be mighty proud of the artists that have graced our humble stage in 2010 Stringybark McDowell, Chubby Rae & the Elevators, Eugene 'Hideaway' Bridges, Dan Dinnen, Lulo Reinhardt, Brewster Brothers, Fiona Boyes & the Fortune Tellers, Ray Beadle, Bobby Bright, Kelly Auty, John 'Swanee' Swan, Fats Wah Wah, Verendah Band, Stevie Paige,

Andy and Peter Baylor, Geoff Achison & the Soul Diggers, the Dingoes, Mick Thomas, the Hornets, Andy Cowan, Ross Hannaford, Robert 'Continental' Susz, Harry Manx, Spectrum, Brod Smith & Matt Walker, Dragon, Tom Richardson, Ska Vendors, the Laments, Sam See & Glyn Mason, John Luke Shelley, Hat Fitz & Cara Robinson, Dom Turner & Supro, Blues International, Barb Waters and Chris Wilson



WOW Committee, Movers & Shakers



Chris Wilson @
WOW December
2009

WOW is fortunate to have had many people over the years who have supported the club in an informal way before we Incorporated and now that we have Incorporated we have a first rate committee. Here are the people that make the club tick:

President- Rob Rowe, Vice President-Terry Smith, Secretary-Jenny Brockman,

Treasurer-Jennie Chapman, General Committee Rob Smiley, Mick Newington, Ian Fraser, Trish Hart, Diane Forster, Judith Prigg and Vicki Sullivan. Of course we cannot forget the incredible work of Tony Bishop and Suzette Pedersen our very own Sound Engineers plus our resident photographer (whose photos adorn these pages) Bruce Davis

Also I would like to acknowledge two of our inaugural committee members who have stood aside this year in Ursula Ratten and Wendy Rowe

WOW AGM-Saturday Oct 22nd 2011 2PM at Willy RSL all welcome

WOW Thanks

We could not have achieved what we have over the years without the help of some fantastic people. Here is a list of names where mere gratitude is not enough, I thank you all for your support.

The WOW committee and past members Wendy and Ursula, all WOW members and loyal punters, all the fabulous musicians who come Way Out West, Tony & Suzette our sound engineers who do not get paid nearly enough, Dave Padroth another fine sound man. President of the RSL Ernie Poole and Man-

ager Mark Mitchell who support us to the hilt. Chris Cronin RSL committeeman who always helps with the PA. RSL chef Bernie and her fabulous kitchen staff and the very hardworking RSL bar staff, Bruce Davis the best music photographer in the business, RRR's Brian Wise & Gary Young PBS's Helen Jennings & Mohair Slim for advertising, Billy Pinnell, Derek Guile and Slinger from WYN FM, the Age EG Guide and the street press Beat and In Press, Premier Artists John Sinclair and Pat Delves all the booking agencies

that have put their artists through the club, Tommy Blank who is always ready to lend us an amp at no cost (except for a shot of whisky) Janet Dawes of City of Hobsons Bay, the MBAS for letting us advertise in their newsletter.

I hope I have not left anyone off the list, if I have then I do apologise.



Geoff Achison @ WOW

2011 Start Salivating!

Just to whet the appetite here is a short list of artists already booked for year 2011

Ray Beadle, Vika Bull backed by the Hornets, Pete Cornelius, Kieran Kane (USA) and David Francey (Canada), the Backsliders, Chain, Dingoes, Rosie Flores (Austin, Texas), Andy Cowan and Rose Tattoo

We also have planned a couple of WOW music trivia nights with the first being on Friday

April 1st. We plan to have a couple of bus trips during the year. Maybe a Sunday arvo down to our friends at the Sleepy Hollow Blues Club Geelong.

Let me know if you have your own wish list



Kieran Kane & David Fancey
Thursday 24th
Feb a superb night of the very best story telling and music that is guaranteed to please

Serious Stuff- We Need Your Support

As much as we have had a superb year we have been disappointed in some instances when we have put on quality acts that may not have a big name but who deserve an audience just the same. One thing that is guaranteed at WOW is that all the artists are first class. I have been very disheartened on a number of occasions as well as feeling embarrassed for

the artist when people have not shown up. Please do not just come out for big names as we are not a retro club, we support all live music. And have diverse artists across many genres. We do not put on JAMS, we do not put on GOLD HITS cover bands singing Mustang Sally ad nauseum, There are a lot of venues who have jumped on the band wagon

in this town and around Melb for Sunday arvo gigs but in some instances I question their motives. Yes we have a cover charge but this is to pay the band. These people are trying to make a living and it is very hard work for them. We would all rue the day if quality music disappears because of ambivalence.



Ray Beadle WOW Gig @ the Pirates Tavern

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DOGTOWN— Between the bank and the higher ground extended, from Cole St to the point, a low lying level of noisome swamp-land, almost always covered with stagnant water, further back from the foreshore the black sand changed to stiffer clay soil, whereupon grew and struggled stunted corses of Sheoak, Blackwood and the Native Cheery. As before mentioned, the whole dismal environs were haunted continuously by voracious packs of wild dogs and dingoes, whose melancholy howling made night hideous. (History of Williamstown)

Tamworth: If anybody is heading to next years Tamworth festival and needs accommodation then contact Ian Fraser 0418375877 ianfraser5@bigpond.com or fraser.ramsey@bigpond.com - One bunkhouse room (4 beds) at Bif 4 Caravan Park, easy walk to main performance area. Only 1st five nights available 14th to 18th Jan 2011

Mark your diary now or better still buy tickets for **Guitars Across The Bay** www.guitarsacrossthebay.com check out the awesome line-up for this incredible inaugural guitar fest.

www.wowrmc.org.au

Fun Stuff

I am on Sam See's mailing list and he never fails to send through a good joke or humorous musing with his gig guide here are some inspirational quotes from his last missive.

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother

I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me - Hunter S Thompson

Some mornings, it's just not worth chewing through the leather straps

When I told the people of Northern Ireland that I was an atheist, a women in the audience stood up and said 'Yes but is it the God of the Catholics or the God of the Protestants

in whom you don't believe - Quentin Crisp

Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change

I think that all right thinking people in this country are sick and tired of being told that ordinary, decent people are fed up in this country with being sick and tired. I'm certainly not! But I'm sick and tired of being told I am- Monty Python

May the forces of evil become confused on the way to your home- George Carlin

The only difference between me and a madman is that I am not mad - Salvador Dali

And finally...

What is a committee? A group of the unwilling, picked from

the unfit, to do the unnecessary (but of course not the incredibly talented, qualified and hard working WOW committee!!)



Collard Greens
and Gravy @
WOW