



Press Release

Blues for a Cause Raises \$5,000

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Sleepy Hollow Blues Club presented a "Blues for a Cause" fundraiser in support of the Lazarus Community Centre on Sunday October 27. Lazarus provides support for people experiencing homelessness and social isolation in Geelong. The Centre Manager, Michael Kenneady (pictured, right), described the work Lazarus does in providing meals, shower & laundry facilities, and a safe place where people can also receive support from specialist homelessness staff.



[Photo courtesy of MRB Imagery]

Paul Brooke, SHBC president said "Overwhelming is the word that comes to mind. We heard directly from Michael about the work Lazarus does and the people it supports. His words were emotional and heart-wrenching. Our members and guests responded with generosity that exceeded our expectations, and was, frankly, overwhelming. I'm very pleased to announce that SHBC has raised \$5,000 for Lazarus."

This was a sold-out show, superbly hosted by Blues Music Victoria's Barry Maxwell, and featured some sensational music by several artists. The Casuals, a local band, presented a very tight set of music and got feet tapping and the dance floor filled from the start. Alistair Turrill, who was described by Lloyd Spiegel as "a songwriter of the highest order and a sign that the future of Australian blues is in good hands.". Eddy and the Exciters did what they do - outstanding harmonica flavoured boogie blues. Shannon Bourne provided a master class on how to deliver a solo performance and demonstrated why he was voted Blues Music Victoria's blues legend last year. The show rounded out with the Maskell Love Band who delivered a very polished performance that showcased their musical virtuosity.

About Lazarus Community Centre

Lazarus Community Centre Geelong is a drop-in centre for people that may be experiencing homelessness and or social isolation. It is open 7 days a week and provides a safe place for people to go during the day where they can receive support, access a shower and clothing, have a meal for lunch, make use of the internet or phone to contact workers, sit in the outdoor garden or have a rest or chat in the indoor lounge room.

The Centre is upheld by dedicated volunteers who prepare and service a hot lunch, facilitate access to onsite services and provide a warm and welcoming environment. There are around five paid staff that provide additional onsite assistance, make referrals, and follow up where needed.

Lazarus Community Centre is a registered charity than relies on the hard work and commitment of volunteers, staff, and donations from our local community.

About Sleepy Hollow Blues Club

Sleepy Hollow Blues Club was established over 30 years ago and presents a well-attended monthly blues music event every fourth Sunday. The gig starts at 3pm with a very popular jam session and has a feature band from 6-8pm. A BBQ is provided by the Geelong Lions Breakfast Club who provide support to our local community, with a strong focus on youth. All are welcome.

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