

ELLIOTT STREET BAR - Bunbury WA Saturday 18th April 2015

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Recently the South west Blues Cub was fortunate to host one of WA's most inspiring young performers, Tracey Barnett. Tracey performed a wide variety of her own personal favourites from her recently released album titled 'Blooming'. Tracey delivered what can only be described as a sensational performance. Her fluent guitar playing interspersed with the odd taste of the harmonica and her beautiful melodic soulful voice was brilliantly uplifting. Tracey managed to captivate the audience and there was not a single foot in the house that wasn't tapping to the earthy flowing rhythms.

Tracey has chosen a difficult path to travel, a soloist's job can be a very difficult one. With nothing more than her guitar, harmonica and pure ethereal voice. With a combination of her exceptional song writing skills and her down to earth performing, Tracey manages to entertain. If asked to describe Tracey's voice I would liken it to Emmy Lou Harris or Gillian Welch. A little bit of Blues, a little bit folky with some gritty rock for good measure!

Throughout this marvellous performance the audience was transfixed, it's not often you get an opportunity enjoy a performance from someone who is so totally on top of their game that you feel so drawn into the performance. Tracey manages this with her easy-going approachable nature, her ability to interact with the crowd telling short stories and anecdotes to enhance the musical journey that she takes us down. Simply a fantastic evening.