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Tweed Valley Jazz Club hosts March/April Entertainment @ Condong Bowls Club

Friday April 1st 6.30pm to 10.30pm DST Entry \$15 Visitors / \$10 Members

John Hoffman Horn Among the Roses



John has put together the unusual combination of the incredible talents of Elizabeth Lord and Sharny Russell and his own incomparable flugelhorn playing. Audiences who have experienced this joyful, inspired trio have been absolutely captivated.

U.S. born John Hoffman has toured and recorded with the Buddy Rich Band, the Woody Herman Orchestra, the Glenn Miller Buddy de Franco Band and the Harry James Orchestra. He has performed with Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Sara Vaughan, Tony Bennett, Dizzy Gillespie, Sammy Davis Jnr., Shirley Bassey, Ray Charles and other greats.

Living in Australia since 1977, John has led his own Big Band in Sydney, has performed and recorded with leading Australian artists, and is truly a legend in Australian Jazz.

Vocalist Elizabeth Lord is reminiscent of the great song-stylists of popular music's golden age, and delivers a stellar performance that is at once classy and feisty! The musical and emotional range of her voice, coupled with a torchy, seductive flair for the jazz standard, lifts her beyond simply a tribute to a bygone era – the audience simply cannot resist.

Sharny Russell Known and respected as one of Australia's best jazz singers, Sharny brings a wealth of experience to her performances. Having performed at "The Basement" in Sydney with her own band, which included James Morrison, she has been a regular feature act at many jazz festivals around the country – most recently, the North Coast Jazz Festival.

Being also a pianist, composer and arranger, Sharny has played and sung with many of the top names in jazz. A unique artist, Sharny is equally at home on vocals and keyboard. Loved by musicians and audiences alike for her obvious musical skills, her warm personality, and her dazzling vocal improvisation, she enthrals audiences continually.

Sharny released her original 10 track CD "A Good Thing on Hold" on the ABC Jazz label, and in 2004 won the APRA (Australian Perform-

ing Rights Association) Jazz Award.

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CLUB DETAILS

*Gigs last Friday of each month at Condong Bowling Club McLeod St, Condong Bookings 6672 2238 Members \$10 Visitors \$15 U/18's \$5 For Bookings Ph: 6672 2238

THE WAY I SEE IT



President

Our club is privileged to be able to attract leading musicians to come and play for us. Seems obvious? Maybe so, but it is only so because the club is known to be serious about a wide range of music genres, a reputation built up over 20 years/

Labels for music can be a problem, Wikipedia lists over 50 names under the heading 'Jazz' (are they all really different?).

The bands we invite cover a wide range of sound and rhythm regardless of any tags. The vocal and instrumental mix pays homage to the original creators with live interpretations that are the heart and soul of jazz.

Our gigs for March (April 1st) and April 29th embrace this vast range of music. Always quality, always musicians who create pleasure, be it with pure sophisticated sound or original acoustic fun street music – the whole breadth and depth of jazz flavoured musical entertainment.

Lastly a reminder. Getting the room at Condong set up and later cleared

involves putting up/taking down some curtains, a banner and some posters. We set out the tables as we want them, CBC clear them next day. So it is neither arduous labour nor rocket science but extra help would be most welcome. Join in and be a friend of the jazz club as well as a member.

> TVJC Birthday Celebrations I would like to let members and guest know that our club turns 20 in June come and join us for JUNE 24th Gig

Report on the Grampians Jazz Fest at Hall's Gap

Hi all,

Well back from my trip 12000 km all up ... Perth /Melb /Ballarat/ Halls Gap / Ballarat then home. Great music as usual weather was hot. Shirazz Band* did not impress me as usual they played Tom Jones stuff not my kind of jazz. The main topic was, the festival will be at Port Fairy next year as they could not get any body at Halls Gap to take it on being, **most** wanted to get the profits from it but did nothing to help run it. The Port Fairy Jazz Club were the only ones to put there hand up! I so remember we are very lucky to have good members to form a committee to run our club, please give all the support you can by being at our gigs. However, it is disappointing to see the move from Halls Gap, it was a great venue, most people I spoke to, did not like the idea of the move. Nobody wanted to organise it. So be it! Looks like Port Fairy next year and the copy of the Festival program,

I hope to bring with me at the next gig ... see you there. Story by Gordon Lee

Note: *Shirazz is a six-piece Melbourne trad jazz and Dixieland band, specialising in classic hot jazz of the 20s and 30s, and has been gaining a reputation as Melbourne's Premier jazz bands.

Friday April 29th 7.30pm to 10.00pm DST



The Blueskillet Rovers Jug Band formed early this century - as a result of the need for up-front, accessible, on the level entertainment. Music and performers that you can see, connect with, even get involved with.

Performing mainly on the street, and as acoustically as is possible, 'The Rovers' present **old school, jug band style blues**, with a zest and passion, that emanates the good times within the music. Keeping it real folks!

Banjo, washboard, resonator and cigar box guitars, bass, trombone and harmonica blend authentically and acoustically, as the tunes were played before the days of amps, cables and electricity.

The Blueskillet Rovers have been a hit on the street and on the stage, at Woodford Folk Festival, Byron Bay Blues & Roots Festival, Blues on Broadbeach, Gympie Muster, Village Blues, – and a host of weddings, parties, rodeos, markets, themed events, centenaries, festivals and other small events.

'The Rovers' are renowned for not using, and in fact boycotting, the use of any electricity in as many of their performances as possible, (except to power fridges for beers and bourbon - rehydration fluids) in the aim to keep the music 'alive' with the use of good old acoustic instruments...and a load of energy!! This really allows the audience to BE a part of the show...the band can mingle with the crowd, and the audience can get right up close to the performer's music keeping it real folks!

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... before the main band 6.00pm to 7.00pm DST

Last Friday of the month..

A reminder and invitation to any member who plays an instrument, or can sing, that our Early Birds band is an informal platform for a jam session. It is an unpaid group of members motivated purely by a shared love of music – any music with rhythm and swing. The composition of the band varies according to who puts up their hand. A bit rusty? Not to worry. Blow the worst out at home then come along and be drawn into the spirit at the club. Just joining in lifts you anyway and you are truly helping the club. Ours is a friendly environment and your involvement will be appreciated. Contact any committee member.

COME ON DOWN!





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