# Tweed Valley Jazz Club Newsletter No. 129 JUL/AUG 2017



# Notes from the Jazz Club



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> Tweed Valley Jazz Club July-August Entertainment At Condong Bowls Club Entry \$20 visitors \$15 members



# July 26th from 7:30

The Clarence Jazzmen have become an institution of good time jazz on the north coast. Drummer Warren "Clarence" Byrnes (pictured left) now the only original member, is both drummer and much acclaimed lead vocalist. He's joined by Pietro Fine on clarinet, soprano sax, melodica and piano, Terry Villis on guitar and banjo, Bob Dooley on double bass. along with newest member Dave Stephenson on trumpet and trombone. They play the repertoire of the old Australian jazz bands, plus popular show songs and jazz classics, from Buddy Bolden's Blues of the 1920s to Mercy, Mercy, Mercy from the 60s.Terry and Bob are both great singers and instrumentalists. They'll even let rip a three part harmony with Warren on a song or two. Terry's bringing his baritone banjo which is the older sibling of the far more common tenor. He's been playing it since the 1960s in the Melbourne azz scene. Pietro's been a jazz man since his first band had a residency at the Sydney Jazz Club in the 70s. He'll play some Bechet and Goodman style clarinet along with his modern keyboard playing and composing. Dave has been playing with the infamous jazz and gypsy band Waiting for Guinness for over a decade and has made quite a mark on the Lismore scene in the last few years.

Footnote: When Warren was a 10 year old he met and actually played with Louis Armstrong. When Louis was on tour in Australia, the Byrnes family invited him back to their place for dinner. Of course when Louis found out Warren had a drum kit the inevitable jam happened . Since then Warren has always loved Satchmo's music and takes great pleasure in rendering a few songs in his best gravel voice style.

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What is the jazz club all about? In short, the club is an integral and vital part of the creative world in this part of Australia. There are many aspects; keeping quality live music as much to the fore as possible; promoting the jazz genre in the Northern Rivers and S.E Queensland; community involvement—the arts sector in particular. Regrettably it hasn't been possible to attract funding for continuation of the 20 years of running jazz workshops for local school music students. So it was a chance too good to miss when asked to allocate time in July for a local community based band that includes HSC music students. Following on from the club's sponsorship of the Tweed Festival of Performing Arts, and the invitation for winners to come along and play at Condong, the committee has been discussing offering individuals from these bands a chance to sit in with the regular Earlybirds set up. Now July sees a big jump in that direction. Budding musicians, like their senior mentors, appreciate the chance to test and demonstrate their developing skills to an appreciative audience. So much more challenging and rewarding than the hours of essential but often quite lonely practice.



Tweed Valley Jazz Club has a significant role to play, a responsibility to the jazz world, to foster this branch of music and to support the development of young musicians who, even if they do not adopt a career in music, will always have the important social skill of being able to play a musical instrument. In due course, as parents in years ahead, they will encourage a love of music in the next generations. This jazz club plays an important part in this. David Lintern, President

We have our usual renewal notice/reminder on page 5 but in light of the recent weather event please give a special thought to our sponsors. Many have taken a beating and are on an uphill climb to recovery. Some just may not make it. We must still ask them all to renew their support for us for another year if possible but in return please give them priority whenever you can. A club needs to be a team. We need to support each other, members and sponsors, to keep the club not just functioning but healthy.

Friday July 28th we welcome a new, upcoming local big band in the Earlybirds spot - the Hump Day Horns. This band was formed in 2013 by Jake Bryant and Jenny Capper. After playing with the whopping big band for students, they decided that there should be an adult's equivalent in this thriving music community. The 15 strong band uses the classic big band balance of brass, reeds and rhythm section including senior high school music students with the more experienced players. The band is led by Jake Bryant who plays tenor and alto saxophone. Their developing repertoire includes well known big band standards by Count Basie and more modern composers such as Gordon Goodwin. The band will also be playing a few pieces directed by year 12 students Audrey Spence and Rainer Tiffen in preparation for their HSC later this year.

# **Congratulations! Harlie Axford OAM**

Club member Harlie has a history of music involvement in the community with special interest in vocal as well as his trombone. Perhaps known mainly at the club as a member of the Earlybirds when his many other commitments allow, he brought his Chillingham Voices along 2 years ago for a much appreciated concert backed by instrumentalists equally well known to the club.

#### **CLUB DETAILS**

\*Gigs last Friday of each month at Condong Bowling Cub McLeod St, Condong Bookings 6672 2238 Entry Members \$15 Visitors \$20 U/18's \$5 or as otherwise announced for individual gigs.



Dan Bolton, home again

with John Stefulj on sax and members of Galapagos Duck, John Conley on bass and Rod Ford on drums.

Where the new meets the old is but one way to describe Dan Bolton's music. His songwriting delves into the rich tapestries and flavours of jazz and pop.

Dan has performed his shows throughout the US, Japan, the Middle East, Australia and New Zealand. He has spent many years in New York City where he carved out a niche with his own act and as musical director for Hollywood, Broadway and cabaret star, Nathan Lee Graham and Laura Hart, singer with the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Every one of his songs has a story behind it. Drawing on his life experiences, he delights in engaging his audiences so they feel as much a part of his songs as he does. Dan has recorded 5 albums in all with the last 3 albums in particular receiving critical acclaim: The New York Sessions: Volumes 1,2 and 3.



This month the Earlybirds will lead in as usual from 6:00 with Dan starting at 7:30

# THE JOY OF JAZZAT CONDONG



September 29th Col Atkinson Quartet

Wil Sargisson will be on Keys, Col Atkinson Bass and Vocals, Rodney Ford Drums and Willy Qua Alto and Flute

October 27th
The Murwillumbahbarians



Bob Fawaz Trumpet, Peter Mc Hutchison Clarinet, Harlie Axford Trombone, Col Hobson banjo/guitar, Ian McKay drums, Dave Robinson Bass



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

The completed form below can be sent to Tweed Valley Jazz Club PO Box 5147 South Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or handed in at a gig. THIS YEAR'S AGM WILL BE HELD THURSDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM AT THE CONDONG BOWLS CLUB McLEOD STREET CONDONG MEMBERS WELCOMED & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

THINKING OF JOINING THE COMMITTEE ? CONTACT SECRETARY MARLENE
It is not an arduous task to become a committee person and as the saying goes many hands
make light work, so please give it some thought and contact Secretary Marlene if you are
interested in joining the committee.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR CLUB AFLOAT

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