Tweed Valley Jazz Club Newsletter NO. 130 SEP/OCT 2017



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Tweed Valley Jazz Club Sept-October Entertainment At Condong Bowls Club Entry \$20 visitors \$15 members

SEPTEMBER 29th FROM 7:30



THE COL ATKINSON QUARTET

Col Atkinson, bass and vocals, Willy Qua alto sax and flute, Wil Sargisson piano and Rodney Ford drums. This quartet covers an enormously wide range of jazz, mainstream standards and own compositions. Col's vocals can stir many emotions, not least the need to smile. The picture tells the story—FUN.

This is the last of the 'real time' gigs for 2017!! Next month we're back on synthetic time starting 30 minutes later each gig. PATRON Max Boyd President David Lintern 02 6679 5551 Vice President Peter Hurcombe 02 6677 9371 Secretary Marlene Downing

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Committee

Virginia Field Annie Simonds Ben Law Joan Daniels



Looming for October is our Annual General Meeting. This is the time to renew, to refresh, to re-invigorate the committee. Your interest in club matters is important to say the least. Step up and participate in the running of your club, deal with anything that you feel could do with a change, a gee up — but hands on, get stuck in and help. It isn't a matter of muscle (although a little is needed once a month) no, the need is for thinking and imagination, above all creativity. So come on, stand up, give us a hand. For example, a project for the committee, ticking away quietly in

For example, a project for the committee, ticking away quietly in the background, is the name of the club reflecting our music style,

what we do. It is important we get this right and at the moment 'Jazz and Blues' seems to be front runner. There have been some highly successful blues gigs to strengthen this idea. There was also the question of running gigs on a Sunday lunchtime or afternoon. This got an overwhelmingly positive vote at the last gig but, looking at all the ads in the local media, it might not be easy to find a spot! Like the name, like everything else, your committee will continuously work on subjects like these, trying to ensure a positive future for the club embracing any change that may be to the club's benefit.

We are still looking for a sponsor to help us restore our local school music students workshops. After many years of providing these mentoring sessions it is regrettable that current economic conditions have prohibited previous donors from backing the club. We continue to pursue sources and have braved some daunting documentation sessions—so far all to no avail. But like Robert the Bruce observing a spider's repeated rebuilding of her web, if at first you don't succeed, try and try again (second, third and fourth time too!!) David Lintern President

A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW SPONSORS WHO HAVE JOINED OUR SUPPORT TEAM.

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It is another demonstration of the strength of this community after the shattering impact of the March 31st storm. Our thanks also to all our other sponsors who have renewed their support.

The arts will always be high on any hit list when economy is a priority but a community without a vibrant art scene is a black and white or grey community.

VALE

Sadly I advise the passing of club member Christine Halloran. Christine joined the club in 2004 and was Club Treasurer in 2013. She was a conscientious and valued member of the committee who gave freely of her time and talents in support and promotion of the club. I am sure members will want to join the committee in offering our sympathy to Christine's family and in particular to her two sons, Michael and David.

Virginia Field, Committee Member

VALE

We wish to acknowledge the passing of a former member of our club Leslie Taylor. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Marlene Downing Secretary

CLUB DETAILS

*Gigs last Friday of each month at Condong Bowling Cub McLeod St, Condong Bookings 6672 2238



Col Hobson, founder member and first president of the jazz club, arrived in Murwillumbah in 1986. He soon hooked up with musos Rob Philp (bass) and Jim Mills (piano) and jammed with his guitar at the Australia Hotel and Australia Day garden jazz jams. Dave Rankin encouraged Col to learn banjo and the group morphed into the Murwillumbahbarians who play at the Courthouse Hotel. The current musicians are:

Harlie Axford, trombone. Harlie originally played in brass bands and moved into jazz over a period of 60 years. He has played in Melbourne and Brisbane and spent the last 20 years in the Northern Rivers. Along the way he developed a unique form of vocal jazz.

Bob Fawaz, trumpet. Bob moved to Tweed from Victoria and immediately joined the Tweed Valley Jazz Club. His trumpet career began when the regular trumpeter left and Bob took his place. He is a true fan of Dixieland and an admirer of Bob Barnard.

Peter McHutchison, saxophone, clarinet and flute. Peter played with the resident band at Sydney's Eastwood Leagues Club for 30 years, he then played and taught on the Gold Coast He is now retired from teaching at A B Patterson College, he plays multiple reed instruments and trombone, and even sings.

Bob Young, saxophone. Bob started his career in 1963 playing trumpet and keyboard in Rock and Roll Bands. He joined the army reserves as a trumpeter, and when a sax player was needed, Bob took up the tenor sax. He has played with a PCYC band, the Melbourne Concert Band and the Hinterland Community Band. Along the way he added baritone and soprano sax to his musical talents.

Jed Stone, keyboard. Another veteran with all the breadth and depth of experience gained over a 60 year career. He has worked with such notables as David Bowie, Engelbert Humperdink and Tom Jones. One of his favourite pianists is the great Oscar Peterson.

Jean Stone, bass. Jean's musical career began in the UK where she played a mixture of jazz, pop, and rock, wherever a bass player was needed. She has played with Acker Bilk, and in Sydney, Australia has recorded with Mike Isaacs and Joye Jensen's 'Jazz Ladies'. She also adds some soft vocal ballads.

Ian McKay, drummer. Ian has had a long history in rhythm sections, he has played at Chequers in Sydney and accompanied many overseas stars including Shirley Bassey and Liza Minnelli. He has also worked with a nine piece Maori Show Band. Ian also loves to sing.

WITNESS THE FUTURE OF LOCAL MUSIC TALENT

Again this year we welcome to the stage the winners of the Tweed Festival of Performing Arts, Jazz Section.

They will play from 6:30 followed by the awards ceremony. Tweed Valley Jazz Club supports this part of the Festival with trophies, prizes and certificates of merit.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY TO

September

Carol Donohue Marlene Downing Neville (Tassie) Duff Virginia Field Helena Lewis Slavic Petryszn Andrew & Dianne Selinger Bonny Shore Jed Stone Gordon Wiseman Graham Ashcroft Peter Brosnan Michael Newell Tab Paenga



October

Max Boyd Keith Cahill Geoff & Robyn Clifford David Field Barry McKenna Thea Shepherd Jean Stone Robert Young

You all share your birthday months with some illustrious talents! Cannonball Adderley, Mel (the velvet fog) Torme, Lee Konitz, Thelonius Monk, Barney Kessel, George Gershwin, Buddy Bolden, Zoot Sims, Jelly Roll Morton, Chico Hamilton, Memphis Slim, Art Blakey, Jacques Loussier, Anita O'Day, Wynton Marsalis, Illinois Jacquetto name just a few

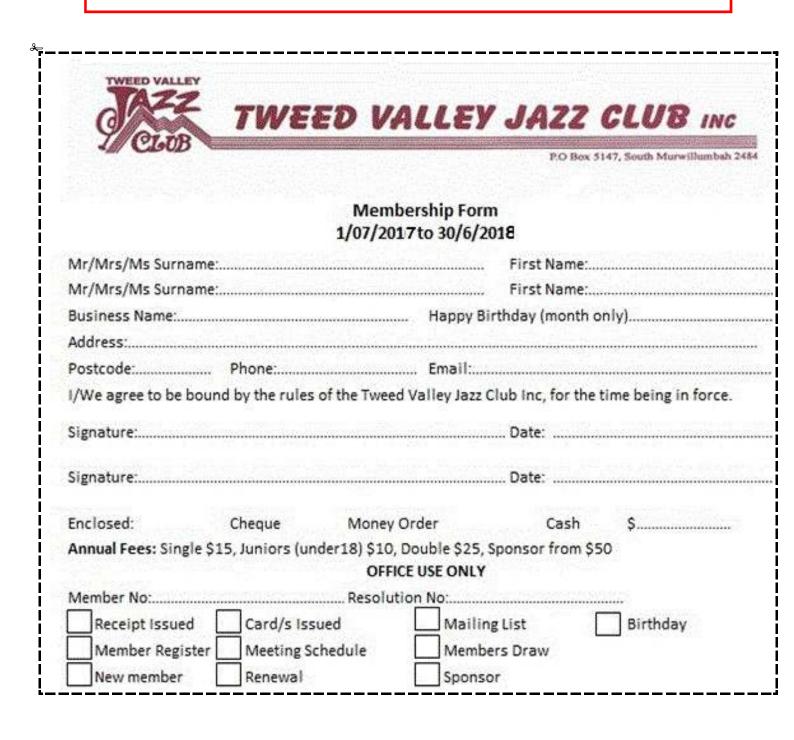
MEMBERS DRAW 30th June 179 Peter Hurcombe, not claimed No winner in July A warm welcome to new member Leo Kelly



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 12TH AT 6PM AT THE CONDONG BOWLS CLUB McLEOD STREET CONDONG MEMBERS WELCOME & 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 IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR CLUB AFLOAT





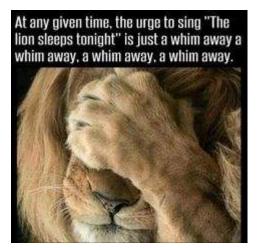
About the Earlybirds.

Our 'house' band is simply a group of club members who love their jazz and play with great relish. The objectives are simple enough: enjoy playing: share the love of jazz: have fun. Since my own involvement I have seen written playlists from time to time but they are more often than not discarded when a better idea comes along! The audience sees the informality live - what key? how does it go? faster or slower? The raw working side of music making, like live rehearsals sometimes but real from the heart jazz. Audiences also are involved when it all comes together (or falls apart - rarely) If you play an instrument or sing and you're a member, come on and join in. You're amongst friends!! Ed.

And speaking of fun, there's a lot to be had in music circles









An inside joke in the jazz & blues circles goes, "A blues guitarist plays 3 chords in front of thousands of people, and a jazz guitarist plays thousands of chords in front of 3 people."



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