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Friday 29th November

The Caxton Street Jazz Band

Regarded as one of Australia's top bands playing in the hot jazz style. the Caxton Street Jazz Band has been entertaining audiences for over 40 years with their crisp arrangements and tight ensemble playing.

Their broad repertoire spans the classic jazz years, from the 1920s to the 1950s, and includes mainstream, swing, trad/New Orleans revival and blues. Adding variety to the performances are the fine vocals of Bernice Haydock, piano/vocals; Tom Nicolson, trombone, banjo and vocals; John Braben, trumpet; Paul Williams, clarinet and tenor sax: Andrew Shaw, double bass, and Dave McCallum, drums and washboard.



We're finishing the year with a top band from Brisbane. For this reason our November gig entry fees are \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. For that price you get two bands. So don't forget to arrive early – 6:30 pm DST – for the Early Birds.

Early Christmas Celebrations





With the **Early Birds**



PATRON Max Bovd President David Field 0432 914 539 Vice President Peter Hurcombe 02 6677 9371 Secretary Marlene Downing 0428 323 736 Treasurer Virginia Field 0432 914 539 Committee **Doreen Parsons** Annie Simonds David Lintern Ben Law Leo Kelly

Members Draw:

September: Court House Hotel No 719

Unclaimed

October: Marlene Downing No 22

Donated back to club

Happy birthday to

In November

Rick Hanks, Doreen Parsons, Leo Kelly, Graham Robinson Mary Wiseman

In December

Madelyn Devlin, Helen Blake, Stan Hitchins Lorraine Lintern Kim Drum

Not a member yet? Did you know that you can join for the rest of the financial year for half price?

President's Report

In taking over as President of the Club, I'm very conscious of the size of the shoes I have to fill. David Lintern served the members with dedication and hard work for several years before health issues required him to hand over the baton, and I take this very public opportunity to thank him for his enthusiasm, optimism and friendship during his term of office. He was the wind beneath the committee's wings, and hopefully I'll be able to continue in the style he made his own.

As we draw to the close of another year, inevitably we look ahead to 2019, and the many excellent performers who Scrubby Pete already has lined up. But they don't grow on any tree that we've yet identified, and like all of us they have to earn a living. Every gig that we put on costs the Club, not just for the band, but also related but essential items such as our Newsletter, the advertising and so on. We always hope that we can make enough noise to attract visitors, since our own member base is slowly dwindling through natural attrition, and gone are the days when membership numbers were counted in triple figures.

If the Club is to survive in the spirit intended by its original founders all those years ago, it's imperative that we get the 'derrieres on chairs' that my predecessor always spoke about. Not only can members ensure that this happens by turning up to a gig whenever their own commitments, health and finances permit, but they can assist us immeasurably by bringing along a friend or another potential member.

Let's make 2019 the year of increased gig attendance, and let's do a practice run with the November gig, when we welcome back Caxton Street.

Probably the most popular act the Club has ever put on, this is a rare opportunity to welcome them back, so bring along a friend or six, and let's be able to congratulate ourselves afterwards that it didn't blow a big hole in the Club bank account.

See you there. I'll be the handsome one on the door.



David Field, President

Jazz Musicians Birthdays

November	December
12 th Buck Clayton,	6 th Dave Brubeck
19 th Tommy Dorsey	8 th Jimmy Smith,
21 st Coleman Hawkins	15 th Stan Kenton
22 nd Hoagy Carmichael,	25 th Cab Calloway
25 th Paul Desmond	28 th Ed Thigpen,
30 th Jack Sheldon,	28 th Earl "Fatha" Hines

These are a few of our favourite jazz musos. Guess which one is still alive and will soon be celebrating his 87th birthday.

CLUB DETAILS Gigs last Friday of each month or as announced

Condong Bowling Cub McLeod St, Condong Bookings 6672 2238

Entry: Members \$15, Visitors \$20, U/18s \$5, or as otherwise announced for individual



The Tweed Valley Jazz Club was proud to showcase the winners of the Tweed Festival of Performing Arts Jazz section. I'm sure the winners loved performing for us and were also happy to receive the cheques presented.

It was a pleasure to see and hear this up and coming talent.



Mount St Patrick's High School in Murwillumbah were winners of the Under 20 years Band.

Mount St Pat's also won the Under 16 years Band award.

Congratulations.





The Instrumentalist award went to Jaedon McCulloch



Another fantastic evening at Condong

The Peter Uppman Allstars entertained with music as varied as trad jazz, old favourites and everything in between. A special treat was Jo Bloomfield playing a solo of boogie-woogie piano. The audience were enthralled and became so involved they joined in – at Peter's request – and added some different voices to the mix.

These talented musicians are well known at the Brisbane Jazz Club and at many Gold Coast venues. We are very fortunate they travelled all the way to Condong to entertain us.

Tweed Valley Jazz Club
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Peter Uppman,
Russell Bayne.
Rodney Ford,
John Conley,
Jo Bloomfield
and Mike Hawthorne
preparing to entertain us.

Peter Uppman singing (or maybe joking around) and Mike Hawthorne blowing.

The wonderful rhythm section keeping the beat – John and Rod (stolen from Galapagos Duck, ssh) and our boogiewoogie bird, Jo Bloomfield.

A table of regulars enjoying the music and three Gold Coast City Jazz Club members who travelled down especially to see Peter Uppman.



Gigs for 2019

Next year we will see some exciting new acts and some favourites in a range of styles encompassing jazz and blues.

We will kick off the year swinging with Rick Best's band 'Sweet Thunder' which includes some of the Gold Coast's best musicians.

In February, from the Lismore district we'll present, 'The Magnificence' led by Cameron Smith on trumpet.

Our vice president Peter Hurcombe works hard looking for, and negotiating with, musicians from near and far, and has managed to engage a touring French band for later in the year led by trumpeter Jérôme Etcheberry. Check him out on YouTube.

We're also including blues favourites you've seen before (or perhaps missed). These are, Mojo Webb and hopefully Andrew Baxter's 'History of the Blues' show, plus a return of Trombone

Kellie & the 'Muddy Roaders' with their mix of jazz, blues, soul & gospel.



The Magnificence

An important message from Jed the Piano Man (Jed Stone).

And an important date Sunday 2nd December 1 – 4 pm

As you know, every year I put on a student concert for my little musicians and some senior musicians. We have to keep more young up-and-coming talent rising through the ranks with encouragement from us Old Lags.

This year's concert will be at our favourite venue, Condong Bowling Club in the delightful room which we know and love. All the proud parents and their offspring will be there, and I invite members of Tweed Valley Jazz & Blues Club to pop along and be entertained.

The concert is, Sunday, 2nd December starting at 1:00pm. No entry fee of course – it's a freebie.

One important condition. Unlike the Condong Jazz & Blues Club, I only bring a small, unobtrusive sound system, I therefore politely request people to not talk during the performances. I know it's tough, but as the youngsters (in many cases) are having their first public show they become easily discouraged by loud conversations. Ordering food is fine.

There will another event for the Social Club in the bar area. Look for the big sign on the door

'Jed's Student Concert'.

The star celebrity opening the show will be international singing star David Chittick, easily the best tenor in Australia. David is a dear, good friend and is donating his services for free.

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