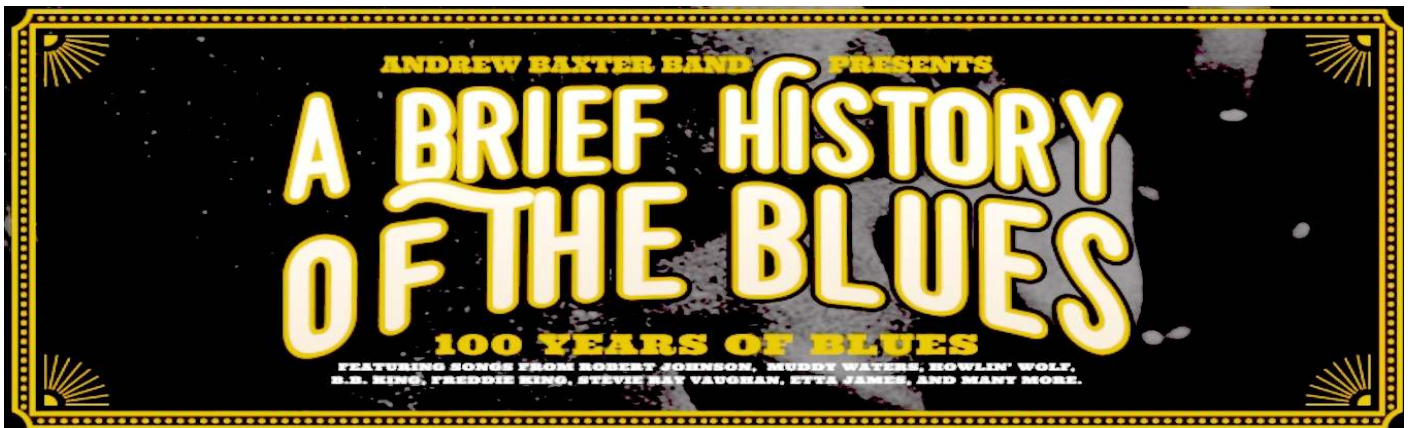


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Friday 29th March – Andrew Baxter and ...



This popular blues band from the Gold Coast is here again. They will take you on a journey through the history of blues from the Mississippi Delta to the pre-war styles of Swing & Jump Blues through to Chicago Blues and today's contemporary Blues. Gather your friends and make a night of it. Guaranteed to make you feel good. Enjoy Brisbane sensation Mark Gibbons on harmonica and local Martha Baartz on sax. This six piece combo is led by Andrew Baxter on guitar and vocals. The rest of the crew are: Chris Hartley, piano and Hammond organ; Martha Baartz, alto sax; Rebecca Bruce, vocals; David Fergusson, bass, and Cvitan Barac on drums.



The Early Birds
begin the evening
playing their trad jazz style.

at 6:30pm DST

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Claimed (because he was there)

Happy birthday to

To all our members who will have birthdays in March or April.

A group get together on the last Friday of the month could be one way to celebrate.

Check below to see if you share a birthday with a jazz great.

Jazz Musicians' Birthdays

March	April
1 st Glen Miller	6 th Gerry Mulligan
10 th Bix Beiderbeck	7 th Billie Holiday
14 th Quincy Jones	8 th Carmen McRae
15 th Harry James	17 th Buddy DeFranco
17 th Nat King Cole	20 th Lionel Hampton
27 th Sarah Vaughn	25 th Ella Fitzgerald.
27 th Ben Webster	

President's Report

Looking forward to Autumn? I think most of us are, and more than usual after the sauna bath of a Summer that we just endured. At least the weather gods didn't add insult to injury by sending us another flood of Biblical proportions to follow – perhaps they work for the Tourist Board. After all, 'On fire one day, underwater the next' is hardly a good way to attract visitors to our area, although we do seem to live in a climate given to excess at both extremes.

While it was happening, those with a bit of common sense hid under the nearest available air-conditioner. Shopping malls, cinemas and other places of public resort always experience an increase in patronage at this time of year, as folk take advantage of being in air-conditioned luxury at somebody else's expense, and we were mightily relieved when the Condong Bowlo kicked theirs into life for our January gig, when the rhythmic offerings of 'Sweet Thunder' tempted folk onto the dance floor. For those of us near the door it was more like sunbathing in the Antarctic, but the icy blast permeated the entire room, and your Committee grinned indulgently through it, knowing that those in attendance were benefitting from the air that was still cool when it hit the far wall.

Let's hope that Autumn is doing its thing for our March gig, and the welcome return of Andrew Baxter's 'Short History of the Blues'. It was one of our best attended nights last year, and March 29th promises to be no different. So if we're not either on fire or underwater, let's give them a hearty welcome back 'at the foot of the Sugar Mill' as George Washingmachine always jests when he's among us. Start time 6.30 with the ever-popular 'Earlybirds', and the main band kicks off at 8. Admission \$20 for members, and \$25 for visitors.

In April brace yourself for 'A Night of Swinging Standards' from the Todd Hardy Quintet, led by a trumpet virtuoso who learned his trade in Sydney before he escaped to the Tweed Coast with a music case full of Duke Ellington, Count Basie. And Benny Goodman.

Admission will be, members \$15, visitors \$20. See you then.



David Field, President

Don't wait for our Newsletter. Actually please do, but as it is only five times a year, it's always worth checking our web page for upcoming gigs and reviews of earlier gigs and more.
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Entry: Members \$15, Visitors \$20, U/18s \$5, or as otherwise announced for individual gigs.

January Gig – Sweet Thunder.



The Club year blasted into life with our January gig. Despite the other distractions of the Australia Day long weekend, members and visitors gave an enthusiastic and loud welcome to Rick Best's 'Sweet Thunder' big band as they demonstrated why this particular music genre has survived the years. With gems culled from Fats Waller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, the Gershwins and Cole Porter, Rick's twelve piece gave a master class in how regular weekly rehearsal can make a band as tight as the lid on an unopened jam jar, while in no way diminishing the freshness of its music and the obvious joy of those playing it.



The boys (there are a couple of youngsters) keeping the audience enthralled with a swinging Duke Ellington tune. The young man below looks impressed, and is probably our youngest visitor.



Harry Lynn, an local Gold Coast keyboard player, was at the Club to listen to Sweet Thunder.



The audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening of music with our regular Early Birds (pictured below) and Rick Best's presentation of Duke Ellington music - well known standards and lesser known tunes which should be standards. Sweet Thunder kept us all enthralled. There was also time to chat and socialise and even to smile for the camera.



A happy raffle winner



Time to chat and socialise during the break. Peter, a former president of the club, with current secretary Marlene and Leo on the right.



Smiles for the camera



April 2019 Gig

The Todd Hardy Quartet



Todd Hardy will be a new face at the Tweed Valley Jazz Club, but he's been around for a while in Sydney and more recently the Gold Coast. His quartet will be playing standards from the big band era and what the Americans like to call "straight ahead" jazz. He will be joined by a rhythm section of well known Gold Coast musicians, but he hasn't yet let us know who they are. Possibles are a great favourite of ours, Wil Sargerson on the keys, and maybe another Galapagos Duck musician, John Conley on bass. Check our web page closer to the date.

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