

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 8.00pm



## Bags of Groove

This band is a tribute to Milt (Bags) Jackson who famously played vibes with the great Modern Jazz Quartet. Milt's tune 'Bags' Groove' soon became a signature tune for the MJQ. The quartet was made up of musicians with a be-bop background but, with the influence of John Lewis on piano who introduced an infusion of classical, baroque, swing and blues, the MJQ became the epitome of cool. 'Bags of Groove' have added their own flavour to this style of jazz and will provide an evening of music to dance to, tap feet to or simply listen and enjoy.

The band, which features Gold Coast jazz luminaries Glen Shepherd on piano and Val Jones on bass, will be joined by Dave Kemp on vibraphone and Richie Seymour on drums. Unlike the MJQ, this band sports the robust tones of a tenor saxophone played by special guest Catharina Kemp.



The Early Birds
will be joined by the
lovely Pattie Bogart on
vocals to entertain
you in the first set. Be
there early.

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

For bookings call Condong Bowls Club 02 6672 2238

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#### Happy birthday

to members having a birthday in January and February. Why not celebrate on the last Friday of your birthday month at the Condong Bowls Club.

#### Welcome to new members

**Victor Pires & Cindy Wessling Bernie Baguley & Karen Lang** 

### **President's Report**

The start of another year, with half the nation on fire, and the other half no doubt about to go under water. Sick of hearing the 'climate change' debate raging around our ears? Tired of watching the pollies grabbing every TV opportunity? The optometrists used to call '2020 vision' something to be desired, but my vision of 2020 you can have all to yourselves, apart from those magic Friday evenings at the end of each month, as the reward for making it through another four weeks.

So what can we look forward to, assuming that we haven't become a bushfire or flood statistic? Well January has a good 'vibe' about it, when 'Bags of Groove' make a welcome return visit with their tribute to Milt 'Bags' Jackson. Vibrophone, keys, double bass and drums, with a bonus tenor sax thrown into the mix. February is for the Blues purists, when 'The James Street Preachers' bring their street sound under the cover of the Condong Bowlo, trailing behind them the echoes of those inspirational trailblazers with funny names like Muddy Waters, Howling Wolf and Hound Dog Taylor.

That takes us to March – and George is back! He's a bit tightbottomed about the actual line-up and music format this time around, but for my money he can just stand there singing 'a

cappella' and banging a tambourine.

Let's hope that the fire bans have been lifted by the time that he reaches us 'at the foot of the sugar mill'. because he never fails to ignite the room with his effortless talent and compelling presence.

So lots to look forward to, whatever the climate throws at us. See you there!



David Field, President

## Thinking of joining our club?

We're half way through the financial year. If you'd like to become a member you can join us now and pay half price, that is \$7.50 for single and \$12.50 per couple. This will take you up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 paying an entrance fee of \$15 instead of \$20 for most of our gigs. Now that's a bargain. Pay directly to the club account at Southern Cross Credit Union BSB 722744 A/c 7980, by Mail to Box 5417 South Murwillumbah, or pay at the door when attending a gig.

#### **Sponsors**

Please read our back page where you will find a list of sponsors who give generously to our club. When you need services please consider using one of our jazz supporters.

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Gigs last Friday of each month or as announced

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

# Friday 28th February 2020 "The James Street Preachers"



Kasdaglis and Matt Lye were fortunate enough to learn at the feet of the master, playing in Wylie Reed's backing band off and on for 15 years.

The James Street Preachers are on a mission to take the blues back to the street by playing homage to Blues Legend Wylie Reed. Key influences include Muddy Waters, Willy Dixon, Sonny Boy Williamson, Howling Wolf, Hound dog Taylor, Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee. The duo began busking on James Street, Burleigh playing blues the way it was played in Maxwell Street, Chicago. Since then they've played many gigs on the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers.

There is more to look forward to in 2020 and for those of you who like to plan ahead here are some sneak previews of what to expect:

Book early for George Washingmachine in March. This group is always a sell out. Why? The inimitable, idiosyncratic, quirky George has a good following because, with his style of gypsy jazz and his carefully selected group of excellent musicians, he entertains and involves the audience with top class music.

In April we'll have the pleasure of a lovely guitarist, Fiona Boyes, who has been described as Bonnie Raitt's evil twin. She is one of those artists who put the blues into Tweed Valley Jazz and Blues.

#### **VALE**

It is with a sense of intense sadness our club acknowledges the passing of one of our longstanding members and sponsors

## Dr John Kennaugh.

John and his wife Diana joined our club in the year it formed, 1996. They were members at first then decided to become sponsors to give the club more support.

John and Diana were familiar faces at most of our gigs and he will be missed by many members.

He was one of nature's gentleman.

REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND

Marlene Downing, Secretary

#### **VALE**

## **John Argent**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of long-term member and former committee man John Argent.

John was one of our earliest members, and was a hard-working stalwart of the Club Committee during our long association with Greenhills on Tweed.

David Field,

President



## **November Gig - The Session Band**

Peter Uppman led a seven piece line-up that played their hearts out. We almost forgave Peter his jokes in return for his skilful trumpeting and immaculate vocals aided and abetted by the vivacious Cherryn Lomas.

His other partners in crime were the evergreen Jo Bloomfield on keys, Eddie Bray on reeds, Russell Bayne on guitar, John Conley on bass and Pat Robbins on drums. There wasn't a music format that this talented outfit didn't tackle, rounding off a great night of live music with their version of 'Silent Night' that was anything but silent.





# **November Gig**The Early Band and some audience members.



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