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Friday 27th March 2020 8.00pm

Hint of Swing Big Band

A 17 piece Big Band of experienced musicians, with renowned Bandleader **Roger Munsie** has the reputation of *'playing the music that the audience wants to hear'*. Between you and me I think there will be more than a "hint" of swing with these guys. They will be playing music from the early "swing era" to the "swinging sixties". Music to dance to or simply sit back and enjoy. It's OK you can still tap your toes to familiar tunes. Roger will tell you all about them on the night.

Roger will also introduce all 17 of the band members, but here's just a few: Guitarist and vocalist John Pieri who appeared on Graham Kennedy's 'Tonight' show. Also a TV veteran and vocalist is trumpeter James Henshaw. Tab Paenga on tenor has played in many local bands. If they were inclined to Tab and Pat Steer, trombonist, could talk of their experience on stage and TV, and drop names till the cows come home. I like to quote Michael Parkinson whose show often featured big bands. "I do like a big band".



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



George Washingmachine was scheduled to appear "at the foot of the sugar mill" in March. Unfortunately, he had to change plans. Do not fret, it is a postponement not a cancellation and he will be here later in the year. Our Website tweedvalleyjazzclub.org has more information about up and coming gigs More pics too.

Venue

Condong Bowling Club
McLeod Street, Condong.
(Just north of Murwillumbah)

Drinks and Meals available

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President's Report

We've finally put that bizarre Summer behind us, and as we move cautiously into the first few weeks of Autumn we're fully into the swing of the 2020 Club year. Two major innovations will hopefully have caught your attention.

First of all, thanks to our youngest Committee member, the irrepressible Sami Fidock, we now have a presence on Facebook. If you haven't done so already, take a look at all the goodies she's already put up there by accessing Facebook and hitting 'Tweed Valley Jazz and Blues Club'. Feel free to make your own contribution, since that's what a website's all about, and the more the merrier, as they say.

Secondly, you can't fail to have noticed the new seating arrangements at our gigs, in order to make the Club venue look less like Hogwarts' Dining Room, again down to Sami with her professional internal design skills. The response has been favourable, so it looks as if the inclusion of smaller tables will be permanent, unless you tell us otherwise. And you've still got time to give us feedback.

We'll be making full use of the new layout in the months to come. In March it's the return of the evergreen 'Hint O' Swing', and if you were wondering what happened to George, who was originally slotted in for this gig, he had to cancel because of family issues for band members, and the ongoing concerns regarding bush fires, floods and Coronavirus. He'll be back later in the year at a gig to be announced, and in the meantime sit back and enjoy the combined offerings of one of the most

talented set of musos you could ever wish to hear. Congratulations and thanks to Vice President Scrubby Hurcombe for negotiating the urgent switch.

In April we play host to blues legend Fiona Boyes, while in May we welcome back the evergreen Whopping Big Band. So keep the last Friday of each month free, and see you there!



David Field, President



Happy birthday

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

Welcome to new members

Diane Mills
Jennifer Engle
Julie McKay

Thinking of joining our club?

We're more than 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 30th 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.



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Gigs last Friday of each month or as announced.

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Entry: Members \$15, Visitors \$20, Under 18s \$5, or as otherwise announced.



April Gig – Fiona Boyes Friday 24th April

Top shelf blues with a difference. Australian blues guitarist and vocalist, Fiona Boyes has earned the nickname 'Bonnie Raitt's evil twin'; and was the first woman and non American to win an International Blues challenge in Memphis. She has also toured widely and has played at jazz and blues venues in more than twenty countries.



She has recorded with, and shared the stage with, blues giants Pinetop Perkins and Hubert Sumlin who described her as one of the best women guitar players since Memphis Minnie.

At home on both acoustic and electric guitars, we are lucky to have her performing for us at Condong and entertain us with her vocals and guitar playing, both fingerpicking and slide. This is an evening not to be missed.

Every gig begins with the Early Band. These are local musicians and club members who volunteer their time to start off the evening with music and banter. Photos in this edition of the newsletter show our regular band. Jed and Jean Stone on keyboard and bass who both also sing. The front line is Bob Young, alto, Peter McCutchinson, tenor sax and Bob Fawaz, trumpet. Les Kefoa plays drums and Bob Green sings. The group's regular vocalist is Patti Boogaardt



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It is with deep sadness I notify members of the passing of one of our longstanding members Marion Roberts.

Marlene Downing, Secretary

January Gig Bags of Groove

There were "good vibrations" all round for our first gig of the year. David Kemp on vibes bringing us memories of the Modern Jazz Quartet and swinging the group with special guest Catharina Kemp on reeds, mostly tenor sax but also clarinet and a wierd looking instrument we learned is a baritone clarinet.



Hammering the metal to make those bars sing.



Joking with a young fan.



Jed and Jean enjoying lunch after playing with the early birds



The audience enjoying the evening





February Gig James Street Preachers



'The James Street Preachers' - served up a hailstorm of Delta delights that was so authentic that you could almost smell the bourbon. This was blues raw and 'down home'.

They played many familiar blues tunes such as 'Tobacco Road' and 'Got my Mojo Workin', but their repertoire included some unknown but good tunes as well as a more familiar classic blues tunes. Ask the audience, it was an amazing night.

From the Early Band performance. Something the audience don't often get to see – Jed's fingers on the keyboard. *Photography by "Scrubby" Pete Hurcombe, our Vice president.*



Don't forget there are many more photos on our web page.
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Conversations during the break.



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