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Friday 29th October 2021 8:00 pm

"Scrubby & Friends" featuring Martha Baartz & Trombone Kellie.







This line up is a collection of friends who play in various combinations in other regular working bands. The nucleus of this line up will be the trio of Scrubby on vocals and various guitars, Toby Baron on drums and Robert Renfrew on bass and vocals.

Special guests include one of the most sort after and respected musicians on the Northern Rivers today, being Ms Martha Baartz on saxophone. She's played at venues and festivals all over the globe with a legendary list of sensational and well known performers.

Our other wonderful guest is the infamous Trombone Kellie, whose gutsy vocal delivery and roots blues trombone playing feature regularly alongside Scrubby Pete. Kellie is a delightful and exciting entertainer, with a totally captivating and enthralling stage presence. She has arguably one of the most powerful female voices in the region today.

This combination will deliver a mix of Old School authentic, featuring exciting and fresh takes on Delta Swing and raunchy street blues styles with a mix of swing and jazz tunes added to the flavour, made for the people and delivered with relish. It will be a wonderful gathering of friends for this show.



The Early Birds

will once again entertain you in the first set. Be there early.

6:30 pm



Venue Condong Bowling Club, McLeod Street, Condong. Just north of Murwillumbah



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You're probably thinking, "where's the rest of it", but sorry, there are only two pages. No previous gigs to show, and just two more gigs this year to warn you about sorry, tempt you with. Let's blame Covid.

So who did Peter pick? An excellent rhythm section of Glen Shepherd, keys; Peter McLaughlin, bass; and Kevin Collins drums & vocal. In the front line we have the amazing Col Jones on trumpet and vocals and Trevor Rippingale on sax, flute and vocals — an extremely talented and versatile pair. You'll be entertained

with varied jazz styles – Latin, mainstream, traditional, and what the Americans call 'straight ahead'.

But there's more!

We also have the beautiful and talented Leslie Rose on vocals

President's Report

There's an old Chinese curse that says 'May you live in interesting times', and we've certainly been doing that lately! Apart from the apprehension of actually catching the dreaded COVID, we've had to cope with all the restrictions designed to ensure that we don't. The main losers have of course been business owners, particularly if their main source of income comes from Sydneysiders or Queenslanders (remember them?). But the musos have also felt the draught as venues go into lockdown and borders become no-go zones. In the middle of all this, how do you manage a jazz club? The answer is — with considerable difficulty and much loss of torn-out hair.

We had to cancel our August and September gigs, of course, since our venue – the Bowlo that was suffering along with us – was closed anyway. Not because they wanted to, but because, like the rest of us, they have to abide by the frustrating and ever-changing rules. Then even when we have a venue, how many members and visitors are we allowed, must they wear masks, and may they be seated in groups of more than two? Finally, given the limit on numbers, can we still afford the band we'd provisionally booked, or do we have to look elsewhere?

Bear with us while we do our best to get the Club back into operation, and please accept our apologies for frustrating conditions that are no fault of ours, but come to us courtesy of NSW Health. Fortunately our local area is full of talent, and Peter Hurcombe has drawn on the best of them to form a new band "Scrubby and Friends" mixing street blues, swing and some jazz to add flavour.

Then in November it's the return of some Club favourites, as our own Peter McLaughlin picks a team to celebrate the end of a very frustrating year – assuming that *we're* not in lockdown again.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as we can as we crawl back out from our boltholes!





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