

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 25th August 2022 7:30pm

The Todd Hardy Jazztet @ Murwillumbah Golf Club













The Todd Hardy Swingtet is a six piece band comprising some of the best musicians from the Northern Rivers and Gold Coast: Adam Thomas on tenor sax, Griffin Youngs on trombone, and a talented, rhythm section of Wil Sargerson, piano; John Conley, bass and Dave Sanders on drums.

The band performs a choice selection of swing, mainstream and bop standards, featuring bespoke arrangements showcasing the swinging talents of this allstar band. With repertoire from Buck Clayton, Horace Silver, Lee Morgan, Benny Golson and a good dose of Basie and Ellington, this band has found the sweet spot when it comes to combining tight horn arrangements and a swinging groove

Don't miss this swinging extravaganza!

Thursday 29th September at 7:30 pm



BOOKINGS Virginia Field 0432 914 539

Booking is essential, and this is the only number to call if you want to see and hear this band

Hint of Swing

There's more than a "hint" of swing when this 18 piece ensemble take to the stage. Each band member has an impeccable musical pedigree, and are led by their new musical director Ivan Cocking who has worked with Shirley Bassey, Roy Orbison, Eartha Kitt and more.

You'll hear swing era classics to the swinging sixties and seventies with vocals by Conservatorium trained Corina Sills and trumpeter James Henshaw. So sit back and enjoy a night of nostalgia.

PATRON Max Boyd President David Field 0432 914 539 Vice President **Doreen Parsons** 0448 004 068 Secretary Marlene Downing 0428 323 736 Treasurer Virginia Field 0432 914 539 Committee Peter Hurcombe Peter McLaughlin Ben Law Leo Kelly

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President's Report To the Club's 2022 AGM

Having lost the August and September gigs due to the return of COVID-19 in a new strain, we headed into 2022 with optimism until it started raining, then forgot to stop. The Condong Bowling Club finished up more flooded than during the previous deluge, and further gigs beyond February were out of the question. Then came the prognosis from the Bowlo management that it would be several months before the function room could be restored, and we went in search of a temporary venue. We were very fortunate that the Murwillumbah Golf Club was prepared to accommodate us for what was initially meant to be only May and June, but then we became aware that the Bowlo was still in insurance limbo, and we extended our stay until the end of November. We take this opportunity to thank the Golf Club for their hospitality, and to congratulate them on the comfort of their premises and the quality of their food. We may be refugees, but we are happy refugees.

The loss of gigs during the year necessitated several hard decisions for the Committee, including the need to extend existing financial membership and sponsorship to June 2023, with a resulting loss in income. However, we were insulated from this by the payment into our Club account of the generous \$5000 bequest by former President Joan Daniels, with the result that financially we've managed to survive during this challenging period.

I take this opportunity to record my grateful thanks to two of our ever stalwart officers, secretary Marlene Downing and committee member Peter Hurcombe. The burdens of negotiating a new venue and keeping in touch with members and sponsors during an uncertain twelve months were borne with characteristic energy and enthusiasm by Marlene, while to Peter fell the nail-biting chores of juggling bands, dates, venues and gig staging. All the Committee are to be thanked for their ongoing efforts, of course, and we begin the new Club year with our heads above water and the flag flying defiantly.



Early Band

You will be familiar with our gig kicking off with the Early Band. We're the only jazz club which provides two bands for the price of one. In September we will have 18 musicians on stage with Hint of Swing, and no Early Band. So the music starts at 7:30 pm.

Food Service available from 6 pm

David Field, President



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CLUB DETAILS BOOKINGS

Gigs last Thursday of each month or as announced. Murwillumbah Golf Club, Byangum Road. Murwillumbah. Bookings: Virginia 0432 914 539 Entry: Members \$15, Visitors \$20, Under 18s \$5, or as otherwise announced.



May Gig: Mojo Webb



Another great night, despite a few changes. A different venue, a different night of the week. A capacity crowd turned out for one of the Club favourites, Mojo Webb, whose authentic blues sound filled the room with energy and muchneeded uplift. The back of the stage resembled a guitar shop, and after Mojo demonstrated how good each of them sounded he switched to harmonica, leaving Club Committee member Peter 'Scrubby' Hurcombe to demonstrate his own guitar mastery of the blues format, to the delight of the already ecstatic crowd. We certainly got our 'Mojo' working!

June Gig: Harry Lynn & The Warblers



A lovely laid back, nostalgic trip down memory lane for our June gig, as Harry Lynn and the Warblers took us, cabaret style, through the song books of some of the great composers. Led by Harry himself on keyboard, with Les Kafoa on drums and John Edwards on bass, accomplished vocalists George Harvey and Beth Hamilton played musical mikes for two and a half hours of reworked standards that included 'Dancing Cheek to Cheek', 'Don't get around much any more', 'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing', 'Georgia on my mind' and 'Summertime'.

'Bags of Groove' led by vibraphonist Dave Kemp, provided an evening of jazz to be remembered. They played tunes from the pen and vibes of Milt Jackson. such as 'Django', along with other jazz favourites. He interspersed each number with fascinating facts about the history of the vibraphone and some of its famous exponents such as Milt Jackson and Lionel Hampton. Equally spell binding, playing several forms of reed instrument, was his wife Catherina, and her father Glen Shepherd was on keyboard. A tight backline of Phil Jack on bass and Pete Neville on drums kept the a faultless 'groove' all evening,



Pictures from Recent Gigs

May - Mojo Webb Band





June - Harry Lynn and the Warblers



This was one show I didn't want to miss. I know George Harvey and Harry's trio and I see them as much as I can, but it's been a long time since I saw Beth Hamilton. Miss it I did, because I was in Canada visiting family. I didn't completely miss out – first I went to the Penticton Elvis Festival where I attended a concert featuring the ten finalists, next was my sister's pool party with a finalist from previous years, Mark Stevenz, entertaining us with many Elvis songs and wiggles and singing "You ain't nothin' but a hound dog" to the resident dog, Odie. A comic version of Elvis lay on the ground during a dramatic part of "Suspicious Minds" and received a kiss from the hound dog. Then I saw the made-on-the-Gold Coast movie 'Elvis'. All Elvised out we took a trip to a "Bavarian town in the US, Levinworth WA. Interesting mock Bavarian buildings and awful American food. *Doreen*





More Audience Pictures from 2022 Gigs.

Condong bowls club. The last gig exactly one month before before the flood.





Gigs at the Murwillumbah Golf Club





Sneak Preview of October and November gigs

Thursday 27th October - The Session Band Featuring Peter Uppman



Thursday 17th November Warren Earl Western Swing Band



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