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To bring in the New Year, and to celebrate returning to our normal venue at the Condong Bowls Club, we welcome back perennial Club favourites the Mojo Webb Band. We guarantee a packed house filled with foot tappers, arm wavers and dancers.

Mojo's authentic blues sounds travel all the way back to the Delta, with overlays of the Chicago elements that came later. But the presentation is always fresh and vibrant, and you can't fail to feel Mojo's love for the genre that he invests with his own personality and style. With a rhythmic, talented and multi-instrumental backline, Mojo never fails to deliver the goods, and leave the crowd yelling for more

Friday 24th February Sweet Thunder Jazz Orchestra



The Orchestra draws its membership from the best musicians on the Gold Coast and specialises in great swing standards using such greats as Duke Ellington and Count Basie as its inspiration and reviving great songs from great composers such as Quincy Jones, Benny Carter and many others.

With a unique repertoire, exceptionally tight ensemble playing and no less than nine accomplished soloists this hugely experienced and energetic band is not to be missed.

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

VALE

It is with deep regret I inform members of our club of the passing of Owen Smith. Owen was associated with the club from its very beginning, and he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Beryl at this time.

Rest in Peace old friend.

Marlene Downing Secretary.



President's Report January 2023

This report opens on a sad note, since we lost two long-term friends of the club just as the old year came to an end. First to go, over Xmas, was Owen Smith, whose drumming history took us back to the golden years of rock and roll, but who more recently had devoted his time to reviving an even older era, with his 'Goodman Swings' line-up. Then, on New Year's Eve, the second blow, with the passing of Peter Mclaughlin, former President and leading light of the club since its inception. Muso, music teacher, friend and club stalwart, he'll be impossible to replace, but his memory will be undying for those who knew him. On a more uplifting note, I'm delighted to be able to confirm that we'll be kicking off 2023 the way we did 2022 - at Condong, before it started raining. The Bowlo management and members worked hard for the rest of that year in order to retrieve their club from its watery grave, and it now has a completely fresh look, with new tables, chairs, carpets and bar counter. All they retained was a water line six feet up one wall to remind them of how high the tide came.

Although we were very grateful to Murwillumbah Golf Club for their generous hospitality for the remainder of last year, the

attendance numbers were down, and we now need all the gig support we can get. Membership fees are not due again until June, so take this opportunity to enjoy the superb line-up of musos that Scrubby's organised, beginning in January with the club's perennial favourite, Mojo Webb. David Field, President

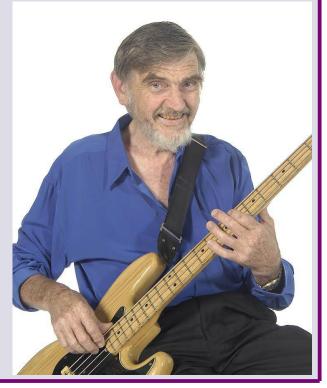


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It is with extreme sadness I inform members of the passing of Peter McLaughlin. Peter was the second President of our club and has been closely associated with it from our humble beginnings. He was also a current member of our committee. Peter was a well known musician in this area and played with several groups over the years and he also taught generations of students. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nola and the boys at this sad time.

Rest in Peace Peter. You will be greatly missed.

Marlene Downing Secretary.



Tweed Valley Jazz & Blues Club

Gigs last Friday of each month at Condong Bowls Club in McLeod Street Condong, just North of Murwillumbah. Bookings: Virginia 0432 914 539 Entry: Members \$15, Visitors \$20, Under 18s \$5, or as otherwise announced.



Early Band 6:30pm Two bands for the price of one.

The Early Birds kick off the evening at 6:30 pm



Early arrivals will enjoy the trumpet and jokes of Bob Fawaz in addition to saxophone and jokes from Peter McHutchison who also plays clarinet and flute. The rhythm section consists of Jed Stone, keyboard; Jean Stone, bass and Pete Neville on drums. Patti Boogaert will sing for us.

Friday 31st March – Slips and the Flaming Whippersnippers



Slips & The F.W.'s are an eclectic collection of musicians from Gold Coast, Brisbane and Toowoomba who love to reignite the spark and charm of Early Blues, Traditional Jazz and Ragtime tunes from the 1900's to 1930's. Taking influences from Clarence Williams, Blind Boy Fuller and Spencer Williams to name a few, Slips & The F.W.'s thrive on performing classic numbers and originals in their own unique way bringing a taste of New Orleans wherever they may roam.

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The first Newsletter of 2022 promised to start the year with some lively gigs. We enjoyed the Blue Skillet Rovers, but we then missed out on a Hint of Swing (they joined us in September) and Snips and the Flaming Whippersnappers were booked for March 2022 (see above). Why did we miss out? A little matter of 31 cm of rain on our gig night in February, followed by 169 cm on the Sunday which resulted in the flooded Tweed River running straight through Condong Bowls Club. We missed four months, but the show must go on, and eventually it did.

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October Gig : The Session Band







November Gig : Warren Earl Western Swing Band



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