

# Newcastle & Hunter Jazz Club Inc.

Patron: Bob Henderson

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Newcastle & Hunter Jazz Club presents



## NEW EMPIRE BALLROOM DANCE ORCHESTRA

14 piece 1920's & 1930's Jazz Orchestra



2 x Trumpets, Trombone 1st Alto, Trombone 3rd Alto,  
Trombone 2nd Tenor, Piano, Banjo/Guitar,  
String Bass, Drums, 3 x Violins, Female Vocal

**SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025**  
2:00pm – 4:30pm  
Wangi District Workers' Club  
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE [www.newcastlejazz.com.au](http://www.newcastlejazz.com.au)

\$20 JAZZ CLUB MEMBERS  
\$25 GUESTS

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## FREDDIE STAFFORD TRIO

Featuring Leah Berry

A swinging performance of tunes old & new,  
inspired by the great bands from the past & present.



Freddie Stafford – Piano, Leah Berry – Vocals,  
Tim Geldens – Drums, Jacob Graham – Bass

**SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025**  
2:00pm – 4:30pm  
Wallsend Diggers Club  
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(Please include your name & follow up with an email to the treasurer giving details of the deposit)

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# From the President

## *Hello Jazz Lovers*



Thank you to our members and guests that attended Bonnie Kay and the Sweet Patooties at Wallsend Diggers Club for our February concert. I love that this is an all girl group in what is a very male dominated profession. I enjoyed meeting these fantastic players and listening to them perform over the afternoon. Carolyn Packer took my joke to heart at the January concert and invited me again to jump up and have a sing with the band. I had such fun singing Dream and Little Dream and was blown away when the ladies joined me in 4-part harmonies during the song. I love the thrill of never really knowing what is going to happen next at one of our monthly concerts. It's always a lot of fun.

Unfortunately former President Judy Preston had a tussle with some concrete in the car park at Wallsend and received quite a serious injury to her leg. Being such a trouper, Judy stayed for the first set and still drew the raffle prizes before being chauffeured by Carol to a nearby medical clinic. Judy has told me that is 'grounded'! She will have to stay put until her injury is healed. I wish Judy a speedy and full recovery. You will be missed at our concerts until you are no longer 'grounded'!

Planning has begun for the 2025 Jazz Festival, as we search for sponsorships and grant opportunities. The struggle is real with the committee locked in an earnest tussle between budgeting and delivering another fantastic festival. We have had many new acts throwing their hat into the ring to be part of our Festival this year. I think this demonstrates that the Newcastle Jazz Festival is a culturally important event in the Australian jazz calendar.

As you are aware the cost of City Hall is big hurdle to this event being financially successful. The event is successful in every other way as each year we receive terrific feedback from audience members and musicians. The Festival Planning Committee will keep you posted as things move along. But again, if you have any suggestions for funding, grants or sponsorship, come and have a chat with myself or any of our committee members.

We are still on the hunt for a Director of Raffles. If this is something that you are interested in, please consider signing up to help raise much needed funds for the club. We also need volunteers to help the concert entry desk to collect either cash or credit card payments from entrants, issue door tickets and reconcile money taken for the concert.

I would like to welcome our new members Maureen Brown & Jan Brine, I look forward to meeting you at one of concerts soon.

In March we set our gypsy train off again as we move to Wangi for the monthly concert with the New Empire Dance Ballroom Orchestra. This is a 14 piece 1920's & 1930's Jazz Orchestra featuring a blend of new young players and more experienced jazz musicians. We are trying out a number of venues this year to check for suitability, price and audience enjoyment. Please feel free to come and chat to me or other committee members to give your important feedback about the venues.

Just a reminder that you can now purchase tickets for our monthly concerts from our website at: <https://www.newcastlejazz.com.au/>. Your membership discount will be applied at the checkout.

I look forward to seeing you all at Wangi District Workers' Club, 11-19 Market St, Wangi Wangi.

In the mean time, take care and I'll see you at the jazz.

## *Sheriden*

Donation to the Club.

Alex Cowie was a long time member of the Club who has had to go into care and who has donated (via Mark his son) a container of CDs, another of music charts etc. Alan and Val collected 4 x containers of items we can sell or donate (hopefully the first lot will be at Wangi). We all thank Alex for his thoughtful donation.

As well as the donation to the club, Alex has put his instruments up for sale.

## For Sale

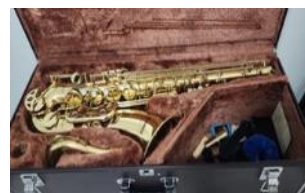
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# Jazz in Newcastle

By Val Jones



## 1963-64 NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Staff member Barry Gordon instigated a series of lunchtime record recitals at the student's Union and a Jazz Record Society was formed in late 1963.

## 1964 19TH AUSTRALIAN JAZZ CONVENTION

(This is the longest running Jazz Convention in the world and commenced in 1946 in Melbourne).

Organised by NEWCASTLE JAZZ CLUB -

President Roland Bannister and held between Boxing Day and New Year's Day at Tyrell House and Newcastle City Hall.



## 1970s-80s NEWCASTLE CONTEMPORARY JAZZ SOCIETY

Met at Waratah Mayfield RSL

## EARLY '80s

A group of musicians including Jim Lyons and Neville Ure, and jazz lovers started another listening/discussion group, meeting regularly at private homes. As the group grew they moved to the Bel Air Hotel at Kotara and Newcastle Workers Club, holding concerts and dances. Membership grew and they formed the NEWCASTLE JAZZ ACTION SOCIETY which was affiliated with the JAS NSW organisation. JAS NSW however was synonymous with 'modern jazz', and as the group in Newcastle were mostly 'TRADDIES' there was a decision made in 1988 to change the name to NEWCASTLE & HUNTER JAZZ CLUB.

## 1988 1st NEWCASTLE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Organised and promoted by Kevin Norman and members of the JAS Club with a grant from the State Government as part of the Bi-Centennial Music Festival.

## 1989 NEWCASTLE & HUNTER JAZZ CLUB

The Club became Incorporated as a Traditional Jazz Club and because of the huge success of the 1988 Festival the Committee decided to continue to organise an annual Jazz Festival. The Club also organised 'Vintage Jazz at Wyndham Estate' in the Hunter Valley for a number of years.

Neville Ure was elected organiser of the Modern Jazz component for the Club, and for many years organised a regular gig at the Kent Hotel. After retirement he continued to support the Newcastle & Hunter Jazz Club and local musicians.

NEWCASTLE & HUNTER JAZZ CLUB Inc. has existed continuously since 1988 with volunteer committees elected yearly and organises and promotes the Newcastle Jazz Festival on the last full weekend in August and is one of the longest running Jazz Festivals in Australia.

## 1991 46th AUSTRALIAN JAZZ CONVENTION

Was held at the University of Newcastle and organised by Eric Gibbons a local musician and a committee of Jazz Club members and other interested jazz lovers.

## 1997 DUNGEON JAZZ CLUB

Operated out of the Dungeon at Adamstown Uniting Church.

## 2008 NEWCASTLE JAZZ COLLECTIVE

Brainchild of Peter Gray and Mark Tinson

## 2009 NIMA- Newcastle Improvised Music Association

This Venue at the Underground at the Grand Hotel Newcastle for contemporary jazz artists and improvised music performances. Like all live music venues, it is also closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions

Not just Jazz, but music scene generally in Newcastle, is recognised nationally as a breeding ground for talented young musicians who often make their debut in Newcastle and ultimately go on to bigger and better careers. The Dungeon, Newcastle & Hunter Jazz Club, NIMA, The Newcastle Jazz Collective and Newcastle Conservatorium all continue to play their part in the educating, promoting and fostering talented jazz musicians.



1963 Newcastle University Lunchtime Jazz Recitals



1989 Roaring Horns Jazz Band at the University of Newcastle



1970 University of Newcastle Open Day Jazz performance

# February Monthly Concert

## Bonnie Kay and the Sweet Patooties



The fabulous Bonnie Kay and the Sweet Patooties, an all-female 5-piece band, performed old and new 'tongue-in-cheek' women's blues classics, bringing this music to light in a new and refreshing way.

The lyrics of the 1920s and 30s women's blues and jazz are so hilarious that everyone was grinning from ear to ear as they played the soulful and sassy package of blues and roots.



# February Monthly Concert

## Bonnie Kay and the Sweet Patooties



### Lucky Door Winners

M Mike MacKenzie NM Sue Campbell

### Raffle Winners

Bill Nolan Richard Devon Ruth Elliot  
Margaret Marocco Allan Morgan  
Susan Perrin Jen Bennett



Bonnie Kay and the Sweet Patooties  
Carolyn Packer Keyboards / vocals  
Bonnie Kay Guitar / lead vocals  
Claire Hollander Trumpet  
Catherine Golden Bass  
Katie Glendenning Drums



# Jazz on a Relaxing Afternoon

## Our Future Jazz Concert Calendar

Date	Band Booked or Suggested	Room Venue Hire	Status
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	New Empire Ballroom Dance Orchestra	Wangi Workers Club Market St, Wangi Wangi	Band & venue booked
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Freddie Stafford Quartet	Wallsend Diggers	Venue booked
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Firth SuperNova	Wallsend Diggers	Band & venue booked
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Kearney Brothers Band Grammer School Band – Lee Sheringham	Wallsend Diggers 5 Tyrrell St, Wallsend	Venue booked
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Band to be confirmed	Wallsend Diggers	Venue booked
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	A Day of Jazz at WANGI Doug Saxon Memorial Concert 10:00-16:00	Wangi Workers Market St, Wangi Wangi	Venue booked
August 29-31 <sup>st</sup>	36 <sup>th</sup> Jazz Festival	Newcastle City Hall	Venue booked
September 28 <sup>th</sup>		Wallsend Diggers	Venue booked
October 26 <sup>th</sup>		Wallsend Diggers	Venue booked

Please book your concert tickets online at [www.newcastlejazz.com.au](http://www.newcastlejazz.com.au)



John Helman Bob Henderson Col Hanson John Burns Roland Bannister Bill Jones

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20-30 MARCH 2025

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In a city that boasts a vibrant cultural heritage, the Newcastle Fringe Festival has been running since 2016 and showcases a smorgasbord of performing arts from Newcastle, Australia and the world. Comedy, Theatre, Children's Theatre, Music, Dance, Cabaret, Burlesque, Spoken Word, Performance Art and Circus

7-9<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2025

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A Relaxing Weekend in Coffs Harbour

**JAZZ & TAPAS**



Sat 12 Apr 2025 16:00 - 22:00  
Mylestom Hall 18-20 River Street,  
Mylestom NSW 2454  
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15-18 May 2025

[www.bluesonbroadbeach.com/](http://www.bluesonbroadbeach.com/)

**BLUES ON BROADBEACH**

**ADELAIDE JAZZ FESTIVAL**

[www.adelaidejazzfestival.com](http://www.adelaidejazzfestival.com)

24 April to 02 May 2025

02nd - 04th May 2025

[www.melbournejazzjammers.com.au](http://www.melbournejazzjammers.com.au)

**Jazz festival NEWPORT**

Merimbula

**43<sup>rd</sup> JAZZ Festival 2025**

JUNE 6-9

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9, 10, 11 MAY 2025

South Coast Region of NSW  
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# What's Happening

## For Those Out & About



**MARCH**  
22nd Di Bird Quartet  
29th Geoff Power Band

**APRIL**  
5th The Jive Bombers  
12th Pat Powell & the Blue Lounge  
\$10 14:00 - 17:00  
Collegians Illawarra Leagues Club



**Forever Everley**  
19:30 Wed 02<sup>nd</sup> April

**HOTA**  
Home Of The Arts  
135 Bundall Road  
Surfers Paradise

[www.gcjazzandblues.org](http://www.gcjazzandblues.org)



Sunday, 13th April 13:00 – 16:00  
**Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison**  
Cnr Catchpole & Bowman St,  
Macquarie ACT




**11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
Bonnie Kay and the Sweet Patooties  
2-5 PM TERRACE ROOFTOP BAR  
CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB

**80th & 81st**  
**Jazz Convention**  
**Dubbo**  
**2026 & 2027**



**Last Friday**  
**Each Month**

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**2nd JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
2nd, 3rd & 4th MAY 2025  
DUBBO GOLF CLUB  
Newell Highway, Dubbo



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**Sydney Jazz Club**

**MARCH**  
12<sup>th</sup> Celtic Fire

**APRIL**  
09<sup>th</sup> Geoff Power Jazz Band

12:30 - 3:30pm  
Freeway Hotel  
115 Reserve Rd, Artarmon NSW

[www.sydneyjazzclub.org.au](http://www.sydneyjazzclub.org.au)



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Warren Earl Western Swing Band

Members \$20 Visitors \$25  
*Everyone is welcome!*  
Bookings Essential  
Please Phone 0432 914 539



**MARCH**  
28th Connect the Dots

**APRIL**  
11th Gypsy Jumbucks

19:30 – 22:30  
Drayton Bowls Club  
46 Gipps Street, Drayton, QLD  
[www.toowoombajazz.com](http://www.toowoombajazz.com)



1:00 - 3:30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
Each month

Thursday 27 March  
Rythme Mélodique



**Majestic Theatre**  
3 Factory St, Pomona QLD  
[www.noosajazzclub.com](http://www.noosajazzclub.com)



**Volant**  
18 March 2025

**Coast**  
25 March 2025

**Half Nelson**  
1 April 2025

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0297 193 876  
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