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Membership- Renewal Fees Due by 30 September

A reminder that the membership renewal fee of the Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club for 2022/23 is due by 30 September. A membership form was sent out with a previous email or you can download one from our website. A completed membership form is necessary to verify details and to get your agreement that you agree to be bound by the rules of the Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club. Most of the membership fee goes to pay for the printing and posting of our monthly newsletter. We have also been advised that Australia Post has increased postage rates. Membership entitles you to a \$5 discount on all club functions.

Please renew your membership or this will be your last newsletter.

All enquiries to Joanne Taylor. Please send the completed membership form via email or post.

33rd
Newcastle
Jazz
Festival



Dancers from Near and Far Back Row: 1 Greg Powter, (Coffs Harbour), 2 Cheryl Armstrong, (Coffs Harbour) 3. Kevin Judd, (Sydney) 4. Sue Watson, (Q) 5. Bruce Howlett, (Blue Mountains) 6. Simon Baker (N), 7. Isabelle Lyttle, (Blue Mountains) 8. Linda Baker, (Q), 9. Laurie Baker, (Q), 10. Anne Parker, (N) 11. John Woodman, (N), 12. Anglina Macie (ACT), 13. Peter Macie (ACT)
Front 1. Mark Millman, (Q), 2. Louise Valois, (Pottsville) 3. Bob Thomas, (Pottsville) (Above left: Dancers-Sue Watson, Bob Thomas)

After a break of two years due to the COVID virus the 33rd Newcastle Jazz Festival was held at the Newcastle City Hall from 19-21 August. It was a very successful event and we welcomed visitors from Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and New Zealand as well as Sydney, the Illawarra and various towns throughout NSW. The photograph above shows some of the dancers who enjoyed moving to the music in the Concert Hall, one of four stages that operated across the weekend. More photos from the festival on pages 4-5.

THANK YOU to all the people who supported the festival and attended over the weekend. Thanks also to those who volunteered to take on various jobs before and during the festival. Your support was very much appreciated.

Particular thanks to the Committee of the Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club – Judy, Susan, Murray, Val, Carol, Joanne, Sheriden, Paul and Alan whose hard work and dedication over the weekend helped to make the festival a success.

The festival featured over 240 musicians and we thank them for their contribution including those experiencing the atmosphere of a jazz festival for the first time.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone,

I would like first to congratulate Murray, Doug, Val and the hard-working committee for the time, effort and dedication they put in to the huge success of our 33rd Jazz Festival. Also, a huge thank you to the ambassadors, sponsors and supporters. There was a great atmosphere right from the start. I always like the ambiance of the Newcastle City Hall, and had a lot of accolades saying the same, we had great service from the friendly staff.

Although I didn't get to see a lot of the bands, I had rave reviews as to the quality and diversity of the music and organisation. We will look at your surveys if there is anything that needs our attention for the next year (this is not always possible). The lucky winner of the survey CD's pack was Louise Valois.



Thank you to those of you who rang me after my car accident on the way to the Gospel on the Sunday of the festival. I came off a lot better than my car which was written off. I am now trying to get used to another car. I am still getting occasional visits from the different age groups of kindy kids if weather permits. Amy from there has now gone to another child-care at Charlestown and had the day off and took me for lunch on Friday.

If you intend coming to our free members concert on Sunday 25th September with a split concert of Fish Fry and Half Nelson, you need to book with Val Jones on 49296315 (as we have limited numbers) non-members if room \$20.00.

Membership is due by the end of September. You need to complete a current membership form and post or email it with your payment to Joanne Taylor. membershipshjc@gmail.com

For those going on my jazz day on Sunday 16th October you need to pay at the next concert or before the end of the month. The day out is \$60.00 & \$65.00 for non-members and commences at the rotunda opposite Wests (be there at 8.30am). Morning tea is at the Heritage Gardens where there is a lovely gift shop and nursery. A hot lunch at Tilligery R.S.L and 3 hours of jazz with Eric Gibbons New Orleans Band. Will you please see me at the next concert or contact me as I have 5 selections for lunch (if you let me know prior) Judy 49637237. This is a chance to at least make your lunch selection and not have to have the alternate drop as usual.

Our October concert on the 30th October will be with Bob Henderson and his band. I will also be taking bookings for our Christmas Party on Sunday 11th December with "Zackerbilks" 8-piece band from Canberra. There will be a 2-course meal and a bread roll, tea and coffee, a Christmas raffle with great prizes and lucky seats.

Welcome to our new members Robert & Maureen O'Shea, Bruce & Dennice Gregory, Paul & Ruth Clarkson, Ian & Polly Burl, George Kontekakis and returning members John and Carmel Noonan. Thank you to those of you who attended our jazz festival, and my gratitude for your continued support in keeping this as one of the top running jazz clubs.

Regards to all and thank you for helping to keep Jazz alive in Newcastle.

Judy

(Pics: Top right: Committee Members - Murray Scoble & Sheriden Nelson)



Leigh Sherringham, Sousa, Dave Tracey-Drums
Umbrella Parade

Jazz Club Workshop - 2nd meeting Wednesday 21 September

Following the initial workshop on 15 June the meeting on 21 September will see Glenn Hardy present his findings/results and recommendations to secure the Jazz Club's future. If you would like to attend, please book your place with Judy Preston. Finger food will be served for attendees at 6pm prior to the meeting.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Sunday 25 September 2pm - 4.30pm
Central Leagues Club

Fish Fry (2-3pm) / Half Nelson (3.30-4.30pm)

Free Entry for Jazz Club Members \$20 Guests

*Please book with Secretary Val Jones
to reserve your place - 02 49 296 315*

We will be holding a raffle to help us cover costs.



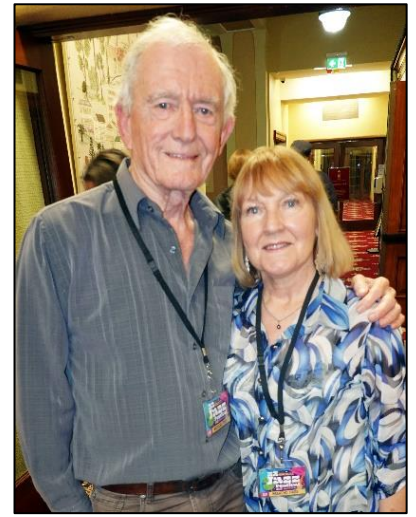
At the Newcastle Jazz Festival



*From Toowoomba Jazz Society
Anitta Saunders & Bill Ensor*



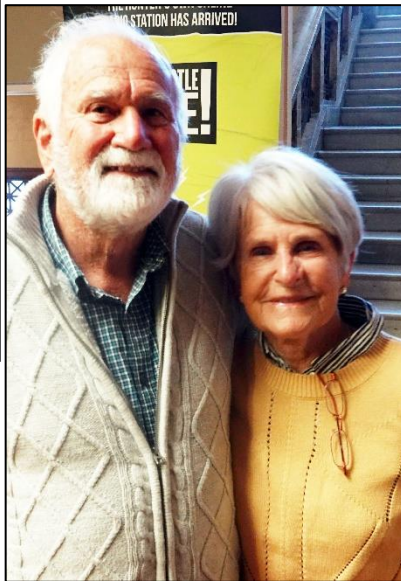
*From Illawarra Jazz Club Anthony and Skye
Jarman. Skye is the Illawarra Treasurer*



*From Auckland New Zealand
Mike & Jenny Brunt*



*Above: Bev Nicol, Newcastle Jazz
Club and Jill Sutton, Secretary
Central Coast Jazz League.
Right: Bob Long and Liv Everingham
from Tea Gardens. Bob and Liv
deferred a holiday to Perth so that
they could attend the festival*



Dancers- Anne Parker, John Woodman and Isabelle Lyttle

Festival Surveys: Thanks to those patrons who returned survey forms. The majority of surveys were positive about the festival and there were some excellent suggestions for the committee to consider. Some surveys asked why we had moved from Wests Club where the 2019 festival was held. They liked the on-site accommodation and range of food available. The answer is that during COVID Wests closed the Starlight Room and have not reopened it. There were many comments about the price of drinks and the catering. Unfortunately this was beyond our control as we have to have the City Hall caterers. There were also comments about the coffee cart- we had to pay for the rent of the cart but the City Hall kept all the profits. Like most businesses at this time, it is difficult to get staff, hence the disposable plates and glasses. **(Survey Prize Winner- Louise Valois – Pottsville)**



Grant Palmer and 'Inca'



*Cygan Groove were very popular on Friday evening
and it was great to see Barbara Walker from the
Central Coast taking to the dance floor for the
umbrella parade. Above right: Musicians Jeremy
Burrows and Adam Ferrier*



Some of the Festival Musicians- Photos from Cary Bennett:



Brynn Hulls sang with Terence Koo Trio



Toby Hall



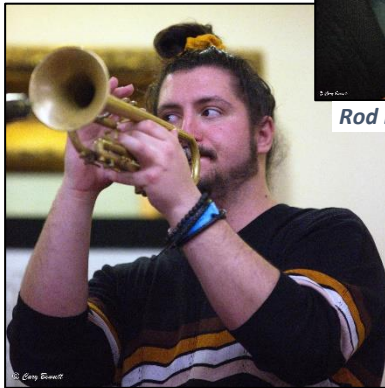
Al Davey



Rod Barnes



*Festival First - Bassoonist/vocalist
Zoey Pepper from Stitch*



Matt Woodcock



Terence Koo



Miriam Miley-Read & Justin Buckingham- Zackerbilks,



Kim Pink & Laura Sands, Fish Fry,



Heather Price- Little Dungeon Band



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Above: Dorian Mode - Bathtub Gin Orchestra, Jose Zarb - Cameron Jones Trio, Steve Edmonds - Jazz and Blues Band, Will Goeldner – and Left: Eric Gibbons - New Orleans Ramblers. Right: Coming home- Good to see Ben Elliott at the Newcastle Jazz Festival in the Steve Edmonds Jazz & Blues Band.



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A Festival Review from South of the Border

(From: Mynie Brown of Ballarat Jazz Club)

After having missed two years, the Newcastle Jazz Festival was on again this year from 19th to 21st August, and it was a great event. I won't be going into great details about bands, as I'm not "qualified" to comment on that side of things, and we could not possibly see every single band, but the ones we did see/hear were great. Newcastle Jazz Club Committee with their many volunteers did a wonderful job of putting this together and running the whole event over the weekend.

This year being the 33rd Newcastle Jazz Festival, it was held in the iconic Newcastle City Hall, which apparently was its former home for the first 25 Jazz Festivals, and is a beautiful venue. Within the one building there were 4 rooms/halls that all had bands playing in them all weekend. It is a multi-story building, so it worked well, and there was a bar in 3 of the rooms, plus one also had food and coffee for sale and there was plenty of room for people wishing to dance. All under one roof!!

Friday night we spent most of the night in the Concert Hall and heard some great "Big Bands", which Dennis really loves. For the last hour we went to the "Cummings Room" and heard "Heather Price and Dungeon Small Band", which was made up of Heather, her father and her brother, plus a "mate". It must be wonderful having a "family band" like that and they really "bounced off each other" (with humour) during the evening. We heard them again on Saturday as they all also played in the "Dungeon Big Band: 'Blues in the night'".

Saturday was another enjoyable day and bands like the "Newcastle Army Band" and "Swing Company" were fantastic. Many players from the "Newcastle Army Band" also played in the "Rehab Brass Band". Having played in the Army Band himself in the 70's Dennis really relates to this music.

We also listened to "The Smoothie Kings" with Rachel Hamilton on piano. We have heard Rachel in Newcastle previously and she also came to Ballarat (with family and other Newcastle musicians) for the last Jazz Convention held in Ballarat. Well "The Smoothie Kings" was a "treat" too. As I sat down I studied the other players' names in the program, to find that Rachel's husband was the Sousaphone player and they had their two sons playing Cornet and Drums. David Saxon on Trombone is Doug Saxon's son, and fifteen year-old Ella Saxon (vocal), is David's daughter, so a proud Doug Saxon's granddaughter. I really enjoyed Ella's, "My Sister Kate" and "Silver Bell" (being 2 songs I personally like). What a great "family affair"! There was also Jack McLaughlin on Clarinet and Tom Tyler on Banjo.

Saturday evening kicked off in the Concert Hall with "The Roaring 20s' New Empire Ragtime Dance Orchestra" which I have heard before when in Newcastle and absolutely love. They did the first 2 sets, so played for 2 hours and I sat through the whole lot, and the two hours went much too quickly.

Dennis went to the "Banquet Room" for the second hour as he wanted to listen to (Sydney trumpeter/trombonist) Al Davey, who he had heard at the last Jazz Convention in Ballarat, and was playing in the Banquet room. He enjoyed that too, and a very lively "Zackerbilks" finished Saturday evening off for us.

Sunday started off in the Concert Hall with "Gospel Jazz — Geoff Power Jazz Band with Lee Gunness" followed with a very lively and colourful "Umbrella Parade" accompanied by the "Rehab Brass Band". We were sitting in the "Dress Circle" so had a "birds eye view" and it was "magic". The sound of the music, the colour, the joy, the liveliness of it all was just a pleasure to watch and hear.

In the afternoon we enjoyed "Fish Fry" who we had heard at the 2019 Newcastle Festival, and didn't want to miss (particularly as they only played once during this Festival). "Fish Fry" is a very lively jump/jive band with Justin Collins on vocal. Justin is extremely full of energy and doesn't stop through the whole hour. He sings, jokes, and is physically active the whole time and comes down into the crowd, involves the audience and is great to watch. Great entertainment with a great band!

We finished Sunday off with "Andrew Dickeson's Blue Rhythm Band", for another listen to Al Davey. Yes, he is a beautiful trumpeter, but Dennis also envies how "laid back" he is and how easy he makes it look.

I noticed during the weekend that many of the bands thanked Doug Saxon for his work, so it's obvious that the bands appreciated all he did as Band Co-ordinator. The Newcastle Jazz Festival was a real credit to the whole Newcastle Jazz Club Committee, and their many friendly helpers. It was a really enjoyable weekend. We plan to be back next year!



(Above: Mynie's pic of the Jazz Gospel Umbrella Parade taken from the balcony of the concert hall)

Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club – Annual General Meeting

Sunday 27 November, Central Leagues Club – 11am

Attached is a notice re the AGM. Please complete if you wish to nominate for one of the positions listed or appoint a proxy for the meeting. Please note that appointment of proxies must be made no later than 24 hours before 11am on 27 November. Nominations for positions on the committee should be received by the Secretary not less than seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Please consider nominating for one of the positions as not all of the current committee are re-nominating.



Australian Jazz Convention - 26 – 31 December 2022
Newcastle City Hall- Book at the convention web site

<https://australianjazzconvention.org.au>

Early Bird Registration for delegates -
\$195 for the 6 days

**Would you like to volunteer at the AJC this year
in Newcastle?- Please contact Robbie Mann at**

robbie@australianjazzconvention.org.au 

2022- Jazz Club Christmas Party

Bookings are now open for the Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club Christmas Party on Sunday 11 December. This will be a great afternoon with a tasty Christmas lunch and then some great jazz with the Zackerbilks from Canberra.

Book with Judy Preston on 4963 7237

Money to be paid by Sunday 27 November.

Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club presents;

BOB HENDERSON JAZZ BAND

MAINSTREAM AND TRADITIONAL JAZZ



BOB HENDERSON: TRUMPET/VOCAL
IAN BAKER: TROMBONE
PAUL FURNISS: CLARINET
RACHEL HAMILTON: KEYBOARD
BEN ELLIOTT: DRUMS
CRAIG GOELDNER: SOUSAPHONE

SUNDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 2022

CENTRAL LEAGUES CLUB

2.00PM - 4.30PM

Entry: \$15 Jazz Club Members, \$20 Guests
Cash or Card at the Door.



JAZZ CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, 11th December, 2022

Central Leagues Club

\$60 Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club members - \$65 guests

**Main Course (Alt drop)- Turkey/glazed ham combo w vegetables
or Chicken Breast supreme with King prawns, chips, salad
plus dessert - Pavlova w fruit/cream or Plum pudding w custard**
Special dietary requirements advise Judy Preston. Tea/Coffee Station

With - **The Zackerbilks**

ZACH RAFFAN, TRUMPET, JUSTIN BUCKINGHAM, CLARINET
ROBBIE MANN, KEYBOARD, SCOTT TEMBY, STRING BASS,
SIMEON STAKER, DRUMS, MITCH LOWE, TROMBONE,
JACK RAY, BANJO, MIRIAM MILEY-READ- VOCAL/BANJO

11.30am for 12 Noon Lunch - Music 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Round Tables of 10 [If you're not with a group we can place you at a table]

Initial Bookings (Jazz Club Members)
Contact Judy Preston 4963 7237

Pay by direct debit

(Payment Can be made at your Bank if you don't have a computer)

Newcastle Permanent Building Society BSB:650000 Account:968 270 408

Please Include your name and function [Smith-Christmas Party] and
follow up with an email to enquirieshjc@gmail.com giving details of the deposit.
This allows the treasurer to know who the money is from.

Money due by Sunday 27th November

Rod Gale Calls Time

After almost 30 years in an executive role, Rod Gale has stepped down as Secretary of the Central Coast Jazz League.

In recognition of his service a special presentation was made to Rod on Sunday 4 September.

Rod's journey began in 1993 when the Central Coast Jazz Club which operated at Woy Woy announced it was closing. Rod asked the Central Coast Leagues Club if he could start a Jazz Club at the Leagues Club and they said 'Yes' as long as it was an internal club.

The first President was Jean Tonnzing and Rod was Vice-president. After 6 months Rod took over as President until he stepped down in 1997 to become a carer for his Mum. Later Rod moved from Holgate to Gosford and resumed his involvement with the Central Coast Jazz League which was to last over 20 years.

All the best Rod and thanks for your support of Jazz and young musos.



Bob Brooks, Rod with his presentation and Peter Cowden, President Jazz League



Former Jazz League President John O'Connor and Newcastle Jazz Club Secretary Val Jones.



Rod and his great mate, Ron Cross



FROM THE HISTORY FILES

Left: Rod Gale shares a joke with Lucy Goeldner- July 2014.

Right :Rod & family (2016)



Did you guess the names of the well-known musicians, from the last newsletter, who have played for us in 2022?
Left: Lawrie Thompson
Right: Paul Furniss



New Jazz Gig- Thursday Night Jazz Jam. Grand Hotel Newcastle - \$10 entry. For the next 3 Months beginning 15 September

This is a joint venture with NIMA and Newcastle & Hunter Jazz Club. There will be a rotation of 5 local house bands led by Adam Ferrier, Jeremy Borthwick, Dave Thompson, Adam Miller & Heather Price. Doors Open 7.30pm Music- 8pm- 10.15pm. NIMA to provide sound, Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club to provide a door volunteer to check tickets.

(You do not have to stay till the end of the program). Some of our committee have volunteered to man the door in the first month but we need a few other members to take a turn. If you are prepared to take a turn on the door please contact Val Jones – 4929 6315



COVID saw the closure of the popular Newcastle Weekly. In August new owners took over and their first issue back supported the Newcastle Jazz Festival. Please try and support the new owners who will issue the magazine monthly until the advertising revenue picks up. Copies available in most shopping centres.

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**Sydney Jazz Club
Monthly Lunchtime Jazz
Cheltenham Recreation Club
60-74 The Crescent,
Cheltenham**

Our lunch time jazz concerts, held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, are designed to allow guests to enjoy live traditional jazz whilst having lunch and refreshments at the club venue. Special concerts are also held as advertised. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Admission is \$12 for financial members of the SJC and \$15 for others.

Lunch (where applicable) and refreshments are at guests own costs.

**2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
CHELTENHAM RECREATION CLUB
12.30 – 3.30PM**

Sydney jazz Club Co-op Ltd -
P.O. Box 186 Broadway NSW 2007
Tel. (02) 9719 3876 - email:
sydneyjazzclub@tpg.com.au
www.sydneyjazzclub.org.au



Colin Monk:
Monday and Tuesday
9am- 12 noon.
Kelly Moylan: Friday
12noon – 3pm

Russell Thornton:
Wednesdays 8pm-10pm
Saturdays 10am-12 noon
(Jazz Gigs at 11am)

You can listen on your
radio, online or
via a phone app that
you can download.

Frenchman Street Jazz Band

Thursdays, 7pm-9pm at
Earp Distillery Company,
41 Darling Street, Carrington.



Sydney Jazz Club – The home of Trad. Jazz since 1953

**Central Coast Leagues Club
Jazz League – Gosford
Jazz
1st Sunday of the month.
2pm-5pm \$10 entry**

ABC Classic Fm- 106.1 You can also listen on line.



With Mal Stanley
Saturday & Sunday 5pm
Repeated Tuesday &
Wednesday 2pm & 9pm

Introducing 'The Dinner Set'! Hungry for some swingin' sounds?
Monica Trapaga shares her favourites from
the ABC Jazz collection - on air every Friday night. 7pm

You can find ABC Jazz on digital radio (DAB+), digital TV (channel 201), or ABC Listen App on your phone, ipad or desktop computer.

**HENDO &
FRIENDS**

The Flynn, Bligh
St. Sydney
First Sat. each
month
Noon till 3pm
\$10
entry Lunch

**Club Ashfield Jazz
Bridge City Jazz Band and Guests
7.30pm Fridays**

**NEW ORLEANS QUARTET- CARRINGTON BOWLING CLUB
1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 2PM - 5PM
BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

Served hot, cool and swingin'
HENDO'S FREE-RANGE JAZZ
Farmers' Market, Speers Point Park
2nd & 4th Sat morning each month

**NIMA- Tuesday Evening Gigs –
The Underground
Grand Hotel, Newcastle 8pm \$20/\$15**



**All That Jazz on
2NUR- Thursday
9pm- 11pm**

Peter Cowden
Swingtime Radio 24/7
jazzology.com.au

**Al Davey and the Groovers
Second Saturday of the Month 2pm-5pm**
The Freeway Hotel- Artarmon. Free underground parking- \$10
entry includes a house beer or wine. Great Bistro- dance floor.



Left: Part of the large
crowd at the Jazz
Gospel at the 2022
Newcastle Jazz
Festival
Sunday 21 August