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Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club presents;

THE PORT HUNTER JAZZ BAND



Doug Hoepper - Trumpet/Flugel
Marcus Holdsworth - Trombone
Chris Gill - Alto Sax/Clarinet
Neville James - Tenor Sax
Charlie Pope - Keyboard
David Baker - Guitar
Chris Dawson - Double Bass

John Lock - Drums

Sunday, 30 July, 2023 Souths Leagues Club

Lewellyn Street. Merewether

2.00pm - 4.30pm Entry \$15 jazz club members, \$20 Guests





This is one of our members Ian Wilson playing the trumpet at the Beatty Hotel on June 18.

To find out why see page three.



The first concert at our new venue- Souths Leagues Club was a great success. Members liked the atmosphere, the acoustics were great and the meals, cafe etc at Souths were excellent.

FROM VICE-PRESIDENT SHERIDEN

Hello Jazz Lovers,

We again present the Vice President's Report this month.

Very exciting things happening here at Jazz HQ. The Committee are working hard on the upcoming 34th Annual Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Festival. The venue is booked (Thanks Murray). The bands are booked (Thanks Doug). The tickets are on sale, and tickets sales are doing well. We are thrilled to bring you our most exciting and musically diverse Festival yet. Have you got your tickets? Weekend passes and session passes are on sale, and of course you can also buy tickets at the door. We hope to see you all there for a weekend of great live jazz, fun, dancing and friendship.

We had our first concert in June at the new venue at Souths Leagues Club in Merewether. I love the new venue! The food is great. The staff are friendly...and they have fairy lights in the auditorium! The sound is great in the room and the Club have made us feel most welcome. I hope you are enjoying the venue too.

Were you there for our June concert with Chasing The Moon? Such a great band with great musicians and incredible front woman Kathy Bluff on vocals and violin. What a talented lady! I'm always excited to see the women take the stage. Jazz can be a very male dominated arena, for a variety of reasons. So it is extra special to see our talented women on stage. Kathy's beautiful violin playing had the audience enthralled and I am personally a HUGE fan of her French songs. Kathy always presents a number of tunes in French which is a very special part of Chasing the Moon.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting one of our newest members Nathalie, a native French speaker and a big fan of live jazz. Nathalie told me how special the Chasing The Moon show was for her, to hear her native French and to enjoy some live jazz in her adopted home of Newcastle. It is these interactions that make my time as Vice President of our club so special to me.

I fell in love with jazz music when I was 16 years old. Many of you know my brother Jason is a trombone player. He used to play in a local ska/funk/pop band called Vegemite Reggae. They were a little bit famous back in the day. The lead singer, Richard Morrison, gave 16-year-old me a cassette tape with his favourite songs, two of which were jazz songs. One was a recording of Ella Fitzgerald singing "I'm Beginning to See The Light." Hearing this song changed my life! I fell in love with jazz and Ella Fitzgerald and have been devoted to this style of music ever since. Thank you Richard! I should send him a card! Needless to say, this has had a huge influence on my life to this day.

So, I totally went off the track there! Back to Chasing The Moon! The band played a range of instruments and some of my favourite moments were the Brazilian tune with Paul Burjan on the piccolo and John Blenkhorn on the Mandolin. A crowd favourite was a song from The Jungle Book called "I Wanna Be Like You." Did you just sing it on your head? I loved the French Gypsy Jazz vibe of this band and I look forward to seeing them again soon.

Thank you so much to Jo Taylor for helping out on the door. While Jo is no longer on the Committee she continues to volunteer her time and expertise to our monthly concerts as well as looking after memberships. Jo your efforts do not go unnoticed. Without the hard work of our volunteers, we would be lost.

Our July concert features Doug Hoepper's Port Hunter Jazz Band. We had a little sneak preview with Doug performing at our July Jazz Jam fundraiser. I had a great chat with Doug at the July fundraiser. Doug has a long history with our own Doug (Saxon). Life really is all about human connection.

I would like to thank Capree Gaul of NIMA who assisted me recently to write some grant and sponsorship applications to Newcastle Council. I submitted both applications and the Committee are keeping everything crossed in the hope that we receive some financial support from Newcastle Council to assist with the Jazz Festival in August.

I would like to welcome our newest member, Nathalie Kennedy

Take care and see you at the jazz.

Sheriden



Parking at South Leagues Club for Jazz Gigs

Some members are concerned about the number of car parking spaces at Souths Leagues when we hold our concerts. Some people get there early and have lunch. Others parked in the surrounding streets. At the last gig – the jazz jam- when we had a large crowd, I parked in the parking area behind the Anglican Church. There are no church services on Sunday afternoons so you would not be interfering with church activities. It is then a three-minute walk to the club. It is not easy to find a venue as good as Souths who will accommodate us. If you have any alternate proposals please let the committee know.(DS)



Bob Henderson Jazz Band, Beatty Hotel, East Gresford, Sunday 18 June 2023.





Paul Furniss, Bob Henderson, Rachel Hamilton, Will Goeldner, Craig Goeldner

Paul Furniss & Ian Wilson

From Sylvia Shearer:

Our lovely bus driver George let us on the bus early instead of making us stand on the Lambton Street in 7.5'C. Thanks George. Later sitting on the deck, in the sun, at the Wetlands Centre, we started to warm up and enjoy the day and our morning tea. We arrived early in East Gresford so Val Jones and George took us on a bus tour of the town. I really enjoyed this because I had never seen this part of Gresford.

It was good to see a band of familiar musicians even if it wasn't Goldie and Le Toot. Bob Henderson played a tribute to Louis Armstrong, Going Back to Storyville and Bourbon Street Parade to finish the first bracket.

As usual, The Beatty Hotel supplied even more limes than usual straight from the tree. My resulting lime loaf was delicious and will be repeated. Everyone got to take as many limes as they wanted. Thanks Tony.

Our band leader and Patron Bob became unwell later in the afternoon. An ambulance was called and checked him out. In the meanwhile, club member Ian Wilson produced his trumpet and stood in for Bob who incidentally wanted to come back as he felt better. Thank you, Ian and Bob. I am so happy to report Bob went to the Mater Hospital and was checked out and allowed to leave that evening at 10pm. He is back playing. A great day out was had once again.









Avril Roulston & Syd Harrison

Lucky Bus Seat: Avril Roulston, Janette West, **Deb Bartholomew** Raffle: Betty Boswell, Irene Green, Tony Lawler, Joan Worbous (two prizes!), Sue Wilson, Jill Clifford, Margaret Castle. Thanks to everyone who supports our raffles.



Betty Boswell & Ruth Elvin



Glenys Bullen & Margaret Castle







It was great to see Alan Johnson (r) at Gresford who was accompanied by his son, Geoff

Wendy Davis and Laurel Eggins

From the Archives- Catherine Morgan, Bob Henderson, Alan Morgan 2013

Those fortunate to travel to the Hotel Beatty at East Gresford were treated to some great music. Before Bob Henderson had to retire with a muscle spasm the band played tunes such as Jazz me Blues, The Best Things in Life are Free, Sleepy Time Gal, You Always Hurt the One You Love, Making Woopee and Bourbon Street Parade. While Bob was resting Paul Furniss led the band with Cherry Berry Bin and Who's Sorry Now. He was then joined by Ian Wilson and they played a rousing version of Midnight in Moscow, followed by Sweet Sue and High Society. The afternoon concluded with Memories of You and Bye Bye Blackbird. Thanks to Ian Wilson for stepping up with his trumpet and Paul Furniss on his clarinet.

If you missed Bob Henderson at Gresford you can hear him at the Newcastle Jazz Festival on Saturday 26 August where he will be joined by Dave MacRae (piano), David Seidel (double bass), Lawrie Thompson (drums) and the great vocalist Joy Yates.

Thanks to Bernie Lawler of the Hotel Beatty for his support in assisting us to raise some funds to help meet some of the costs of staging this year's Newcastle Jazz Festival

I took a pic of Alan and Catherine at Gresford but it was a little blurred hence the pic above from the archives. Thanks to Catherine for typing up the Band lists for me for the Jazz Festival.

Chasing the Moon- South Leagues Club- Sunday 25 June



John Blenkhorn, Garry Steel, Kathy Bluff, Mike Quigley, Merv Sequiera, Paul Burjan

The first concert at South Leagues with *Chasing the Moon* was very well attended. The band played a variety of instruments including Piccolo, Mandolin, Accordion and Violin.

There was a great range of music including some French Jazz, some Django Reinhart classics, *Pennies From Heaven, I'll see you in My*

including some French Jazz, some Django Reinhart classics, *Pennies From Heaven*, *I'll see you in My Dreams*, and *I Want to be Like You* from The Jungle Book. Paul Burjan played flute, saxophone, piccolo and Kathy Bluff sang *I Wish You Love* and *Hi Lilli*, *Hi Lo*.

There was some Sidney Bechet and some original tunes before the afternoon concluded *with Bei Mir Bist Du Schon*.





Fay Jones & Carlein Eckersley

Connie & Gary MacLean- Thanks to Gary for donating 24 bottles of wine from his Hunter Valley vineyard.



Katie Vevemyova & new member Reggie Butterworth. Paul Ward with returning member Verity Matzoll, Alan Thomas & Tom Blades

Lucky Door:

Member- Catherine Morgan, Guest: Chris Cook
Raffle:

Carlein Eckersley, Vivienne Marjenberg, Rheinhold Zeilke, Gale Grace(two prizes) Avril Roulston, Gordon Maley, Carol Eastham, Reggie Butterworth.

Thanks to everyone who supports our raffles.



Sheriden Nelson, Murray Scoble with new member Nathalie Kennedy



When I was at the entrance to the Chasing The Moon gig I saw a lady who sparked a memory but I couldn't quite place it. However, when the Lucky Door prizes were announced, and Chris Cook's name was read out my mystery was solved. In 1992 I was appointed Principal of Jewells Primary School and I was keen to form a school choir. Chris Cook was one of two people who agreed to take the choir. The other person to assist with the choir was Mr Wayne Cooper, well known around Newcastle for his Elvis Presley shows. The choir was very successful due to Chris and Wayne's work. Chris and Wayne pictured above with Jewell's Choir Members. (Photo: Doug Saxon, 1992) (see also page 6)

Would you like to become a Friend of the Newcastle Jazz Festival?

Recently one of our members, Robert Worboys, approached the committee wanting to know if it was possible to make a donation towards the cost of staging the Newcastle Jazz Festival. The committee discussed this and agreed that any donations would be welcome and greatly appreciated. The committee also decided that donations of the following amounts be formally recognised: **Bronze:** \$100 - Silver \$500 - Gold: \$1000. If you are interested, please contact our Vice-President, Sheriden or any committee member. (Donations may also be made anonymously). Thank you to Joan and Robert Worboys who became the first *Gold Friends* of the 34th Newcastle Jazz Festival. with a donation of \$1000.



Dedos Curiosos

(Acoustic Brazilian Choro)
Best described as "the New
Orleans Jazz of Brazil."
See Dedos Curiosos at the
Newcastle Jazz Festival on
Sunday 27 August.Martin Rotolo -guitar,
Neil Simpson, accordion,
Gareth Lewis, woodwinds,
Dennis Walsh-percussion

A vinyl album collection consisting of 2400 titles will go on sale at Newcastle Bidbarn on the weekend of July 22nd/23rd. The previous owner has been a collector for 60 odd years and the collection reflects a strong Jazz and Swing/Big Band flavor through the years. The collection will be broken down into affordable size packages which will be sold by silent auction. For those who still have the capability, the collection also contains 1600 cd's going VERY cheaply. This is an amazing opportunity to pick up some great titles at bargain prices. Location: 2/8 Albert Street, Wickham. Phone: 49695656 Email: newcastle@bidbarn.com.au Facebook: (3)

34th Newcastle Jazz festival Fundraiser- Jazz Jam - South Leagues Club Sunday 9 July



(I-r) Adam Ferrier, Jason Nelson, Kim...., Capree Gaul, Ben Ewald (back), Aidan Ferrier, Sheriden Nelson, Amanda Yuill, Ben Barnes, Paul Chaplin, Vic Mills, Dave Thompson, Heather Price, Doug Hoepper, Blade and Fin Kearney, Ian Wilson, Krystine Aderi, Jo Cadman, Jack.....

What a wonderful afternoon we had when some fifteen jammers joined the Heather Price Band during the afternoon to present a wide variety of music. A large crowd was present, and we have had a number of requests to have a repeat show in the future. Thanks to all the musicians who came along to give us their support. Those who took part are pictured above after everyone joined Paul Chaplin in a rousing version of 'Tequilla' to conclude the afternoon.

Aidan Ferrier who plays in the Valentine School Band was the youngest participant. After Heather's band opened the program brothers Blade (Trombone) and Fin Kearney (trumpet) were the first to take to the stage, playing St James Infirmary. Vic Mills played his harmonica and was joined by Kim (last name unknown) on guitar for *Gee Baby* and *All of Me*, Doug Hoepper played *Don't Get Around Much Anymore* and *Lady Be Good*. Krystine Aderi sang *Days of Wine and Roses* and *Let's Get Lost*. Ian Wilson got the audience involved with *So Do I*. Adam Ferrier played *Softly as a Morning*. Adam, Jason and Sheriden joined the house band for a rousing version of *Mack the Knife* while Jason played *C'est Magnifique*. Ben Ewald played the Soprano Sax and the *Mousai* girls joined the band for *Miss Celie's Blues*. Guitarist Jack (last name unknown) played *Stormy Weather*. Thanks to Heather Price for coordinating the music and all those who came along to support the fundraiser, bought raffle tickets or made donations.

We greatly appreciate the support of our members and that of the musicians who took part.



Blade and Fin Kearney



Heather Price Band - Ben Barnes, Heather Price, Dave Thompson, Jo Cadman



Aidan Ferrier



Chris Cook, Gary Robinson, Lesley Robinson, Carole Eastham, Jill Bunt

Paul & Ruth Clarkson



Two Thirds of "Mousai" the female Jazz Band to debut at the Newcastle Jazz festival played at the Jazz Jam. Pictured above (I-r), Heather Price, (double bass), Sheriden Nelson, (vocal), Capree Gaul, (piano) Amanda Yuill (trombone). At the Jazz festival they will be joined by Tessie Overmyer (Saxophone), and Emma Wardman, (drums). You can see 'Mousai' at the festival on Saturday 26 August from 12.15-1.15pm.

Lucky Door at Jazz Jam: Julie Batts, Ruth Adams

Raffle: Raoul Walsh, Ben Barnes, Joyce Penny, Di Hocking, Alan Johnson, Gail Grace, Barbara Andrew, Ruth Clarkson, Julie Elliott, Jill Bunt, Hilda Batchelor, Brigitte Grange. Thanks to all who supported the jazz jam raffle.

4th Newcastle Jazz Festival- Saturday 26 August — 10am- 5pm



The Newcastle University Jazz orchestra will open the festival in the Concert Hall at 10am. The very popular **Bathtub Gin** *Orchestra* will then entertain. They will be followed by the award winning Sydney Band Jive Bombers **Band playing swing**, blues and Latin. They will appeal to those who like to dance The Jive Bombers will feature brilliant pianist Don Hopkins. The Nicki Parrott Quartet will then follow. Nicki is internationally recognised in the jazz world for her singing and bass playing. She has recently toured in Europe with one review stating: 'With her dark, velvety and sometimes cheeky voice, she mastered Ella Fitzgerald's "A-Tisket, A-Tasket" as well as "Quizás, quizás, Quiz". Farres and in the English version ("Maybe, Maybe") by Doris Day. Her performance of Michel Legrand's "I will wait for you" from the film "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" was another deeply moving piece before it with Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" really went off

Below: Robert & Joan Worboys

again. Geoff Power's popular 11-piece Great Gatsby Jazz Orchestra will then follow before the afternoon in the Concert Hall concludes with some great traditional jazz from Bill Dudley's New Orleanians

The music will begin at 10am with the 8 piece 'Jack McLaughlin Memorial Band' remembering one of Australia's best known 'Old New Orleans Jazz' enthusiasts. The Unity Band from Sydney will then play before the Bathtub Gin Orchestra play their second set. There will be a dance floor in the Banquet Room so the Jive Bombers will be popular when they play their second set. The iconic Unity Jazz band will follow before the afternoon in the Banquet Room concludes with a set from Canberra's Zackerbilks. The Banquet Room will serve lunch between 11.30am and 2pm, the bar will be open from 11am and you can get your coffee fix from the coffee cart from 10am.

CUMMINGS ROOM

Music in the Cummings Room will begin at 11am with Sydney's Bridge Street Band. Mousai- the female Jazz Band will then take to the stage before the Blues Point Vocal Group (

Lorraine Silk, Lauren Dawes, George Washingmachine and Dan Barnett accompanied by bassist Craig Scott) will entertain. Bob Henderson will then lead his Quintet before Chris Dawson will lead his band (Carter Smyth, piano, Shane Shanks, sax, Jim Lyons, trumpet, Ben Barnes, drums and Chris on double bass) playing many original tunes written by Chris. The bar in the Cummings Room will open at 11am.

MULUBINBA ROOM

Just near the concert Hall and Cummings Room is the Mulubinba Room where the day will begin at 11am with guitarist Steve Brien presenting, 'From Bebop to Broadway". Bob Henderson's Quintet will then play and feature vocalist Joy Yates. The Bridge City band will then play some traditional jazz before brilliant young pianist Fredie Stafford will lead his trio. The afternoon will conclude with a trio featuring three of Australia's leading jazz musicians – Andrew Dickeson (drums), Peter Locke (piano) and Craig Scott (double bass).

Band Timetable - 34th Newcastle Jazz Festival

Included with this newsletter is a festival timetable as at the beginning of July. The timetable shows the variety of music that will be on offer. Please note that the timetable could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Half Nelson Jazz Band

Goldfish Bar- Half Nelson quartet- 8-10pm Saturday - 12 August

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

HENDO & FRIENDS
The Flynn, Bligh St. Sydney
First Saturday each month
Noon till 3pm - \$10 entry
Lunch Menu

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Bridge City Jazz Band and Guests
7.30pm Fridays



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Sydney Jazz Club Monthly Lunchtime Jazz

The Freeway Hotel 115 Reserve Road Artarmon

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.

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Al Davey and the Groovers -

NIMA- Tuesday Evening Gigs The Underground
Grand Hotel, Newcastle 8pm
Entry \$22 NIMA members
\$27 Guests

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