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CAROLYN PACKER'S STOMPIN' RHYTHM ACES

Traditional blues and jazz sounds with a driving swing



Carolyn Packer – Keyboards/Vocals,
Greg Englert – Trumpet/Vocals, Paul Furniss – Clarinet/Saxophone,
Cameron Jones – Guitar, Darryl Neve – Double Bass,
Lawrie Thompson – Drums

SUNDAY JAN 26, 2025
2:00pm – 4:30pm
Souths Leagues Club, Merewether

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE www.newcastlejazz.com.au

\$20 JAZZ CLUB MEMBERS
\$25 GUESTS

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BONNIE KAY AND THE SWEET PATOOTIES

Sassy, bawdy blues and jazz from the 1920's, 1930's and beyond.



Carolyn Packer – Keyboards/Vocals
Bonnie Kay – Guitar/Lead Vocals
Claire Hollander – Trumpet
Catherine Golden – Bass
Katie Glendenning – Drums

SUNDAY FEB 23, 2025
2:00pm – 4:30pm
Wallsend Diggers Club

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Alan Hunter Ann Gibson Val Jones Reinhold Zielke Ian Hissey Murray Scoble
Marianne Cummins Sheriden Nelson Kylie Fischer

NHJC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2025



From the President

Hello Jazz Lovers



Another year of jazz has drawn to a close. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. I wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to more great live jazz with you all. Last year was another big year with lots of ups and downs so here is a quick recap of the last few months of 2024.

Firstly, following the Annual General Meeting on 24 November, I would like to welcome the incoming committee. I would like to say how pleased I am to be your President again this year and I will be joined by Murray Scoble as Vice President. Ian Hissey has taken the coveted role of Treasurer and the always very organised Marianne Cummins remains as Secretary. We are joined by returning general committee members Val Jones, Alan Hunter and Kylie Fischer. I extend a warm welcome to our new committee members Reinhold Zielke and John Lock. I am also pleased to welcome former committee member Ann Gibson back to the team. I think you will agree we have a wonderful blend of new enthusiasm and years of experience to keep the live jazz going in the coming year.

I would like to thank outgoing Treasurer Casey Sherry for the last 2 years of dedication and hard work. Your enthusiastic energy and commitment to the job is really appreciated. Thank you Judy Preston for your work as Vice President (Or as you say..and I prefer it... President of Vice!). Thank you for your assistance with the raffles and in your role as Welfare Officer. I am pleased that you have agreed to continue as our welfare officer. Thank you also to Paul Ward who served on the committee for the last few years. Your work on the committee has been appreciated.

In late October I received a lovely email from new member Faye Fowler who advised me that her friend from Brisbane, who had attended the jazz festival this year had knitted a little gift for my brother Jason. Faye's friend had seen Jason performing at the festival and thought he reminded her of the painting by Magritte, The Son of Man (google it). It's a surrealist painting with a man in a bowler hat with a bright green apple. Faye's friend had knitted a small green apple and wanted Jason to have it. Faye delivered the gift to my home and she came in and we had a great chat about learning piano and all things music. These special interactions are a big part of the reason why I love being part of the jazz club so much. People show so much generosity and enthusiasm, it's such a great thing to be part of.

Our November concert was another cracker with Tailgate Jam. Just days before the concert I received a few messages from David Saxon informing me that his daughter Ella was unable to make it for the concert due to school commitments...and then that Peter Buckland was unwell and would be replaced by Jack Wiard on reeds. In some industries this news might be cause for panic, but not in jazz. In fact, this arouses a kind of perverse thrill because jazz musicians thrive on the excitement of the unknown. Adding an unexpected element usually brings a fresh and unexpected energy that can result in extra fun on stage. This show was no exception.

The band gave a rousing rendition of Plastic Jesus, and after the show David advised me that he swapped out a few lyrics that may have had more of a blue tinge, for others that would be better digested by the audience! It's no secret that jazz musicians can err on the naughty side. That's why we love them!

To add to the excitement of the day, regular sound man John Lock ran into some unavoidable issues and we found ourselves without a sound man or PA! I made an emergency call to jazz jam sound man Matt Graham who was readily sprung into action with a thrown together PA. What a legend. I have worked with Matt at the Thursday night jazz jams at The Grand Hotel and knew if anyone would be ready to take a last minute call, it was Matt. I then spoke with the band who said.. yeah it's ok we'll just go old school with no PA, we can just use the house mic and our amps, no biggie. Cause in jazz you just have to be ready to go with the flow! All good... I spoke with David and all was well.....Immediately after speaking with David I saw I had a missed call from John Lock so called back to discover that emergency sound man number 2, Alex, was on his way!

Alex loaded in and freshly minted VP Murray Scoble and I sprang into action setting up the PA during the first set. Luckily I've had about 15 years of experience setting up a PA with Half Nelson so I had half a clue of what to do. Murray took direction like a champion and halfway through the first set we were wired for sound! What a roller coaster! The day was a great success and I enjoyed a few spins around the dance floor with new volunteer raffle ticket seller Amy and also long standing member Janette West, up the back near the bar. What fun!

The Christmas party on 8 December at Wallsend Diggers with Fish Fry was a very fun affair. Fish Fry played an energetic set and my dancing shoes got quite a workout again when I was joined on the dance floor by members. I also learned a few new dance steps taught by a very patient Simon Baker. The surprise of the day came from committee member Alan Hunter who took the dance floor by storm. Alan I did not know you had the moves like that!!



Thanks you to all my dancing friends, I had such fun with you all. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day, which included some members from the Illawarra Jazz Club who were dressed so fabulously for the occasion.

Take care and I will see you at the jazz.

Sheriden

November Monthly Concert

Tailgate Jam Band



Lucky Door Winners
Paul Clarkson M Kitty Chesney NM

Raffle Winners
Sue Knight Reinhold Zielke
Jim Nott Rachel Goeldner
Trenette Harris Richard Devon
Jeff Graham Ray Potter
Trenette Harris Astrida Scoble
Jeane Gravolin



Band Leader David Saxon with
Jazz Club President Sheriden Nelson
David and the band dedicated a number
of favourite songs to the late Doug Saxon

Tailgate Jam

Jack Wiard Clarinet Rachel Hamilton Keyboard Geoff Power Trumpet
David Saxon Trombone /Vocal Craig Goeldner Sousaphone Lawrie Thompson Drums

Jazz in Newcastle

- Val Jones

Coming Next Month

"When I was asked in 2017 by Ron (from U3A) if I would do a talk
on Jazz in Newcastle, I initially thought

'What can I talk about for an hour and a half?'"

Val has never been lost for words

- next month she'll continue her story of

JAZZ CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS IN NEWCASTLE

December Christmas Concert

FISH FRY JAZZ BAND



Merrily The Band Played



December Christmas Concert

FISH FRY JAZZ BAND



Thank you Dianne & Ernest
For coming all the way from
Illawarra Jazz Club to celebrate
with us



LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS

Alan Morgan Ean Sutton Ray Penny Ian Burl
Bev Robinson Margaret Taylor Karen Hulls
John Hamilton Karen Hulls Ian Burl Casey Sherry
Ian Burl Maureen Brown Margaret Marocco
Sally Croxton Dianne Wikstrom John Noonan

Fish Fry

Kim Pink Saxophone David Richardson Drums Laura Sands Trumpet
Andrew Wallace Double Bass Justin Collins Vocals Ian Dunn Guitar

Jazz on a Relaxing Afternoon

Our Future Jazz Concert Calendar

Date	Band Booked or Suggested	Room Venue Hire	Status
Jan 26 th	Carolyn Packers Stompin' Rhythm Aces	Souths Leagues Club	Band & venue booked
Feb 23 rd	Bonnie Kay and the Sweet Patooties	Wallsend Diggers	Band & venue booked
March 30 th	New Empire Ballroom Dance Orchestra	Wangi Workers Club Market St, Wangi Wangi	Band & venue booked
April 27 th	Freddie Stafford Quartet	Wallsend Diggers	Venue booked
May 25 th	Andy Firth SuperNova	Wallsend Diggers	Band & venue booked
June 15 th	Kearney Brothers Band Grammer School Band – Lee Sheringham	Wallsend Diggers 5 Tyrrell St, Wallsend	Venue booked
June 29 th	Band to be confirmed	Wallsend Diggers	Venue booked
July 27 th	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 st	36 th Jazz Festival	Newcastle City Hall	Venue booked

Please book your concert tickets online at www.newcastlejazz.com.au

With respect to the concerts at Wangi Workers Club, if we have enough bookings we can provide a bus from Newcastle to Wangi. Please confirm your interest in bus travel to these concerts with Val Jones enquirieshc@gmail.com by 23rd February.

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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
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What's Happening

For Those Out & About



JANUARY

11th – Mark VI Ensemble
 18th – Aston Martinis
 25th – Belmore Basin Jazz Band

\$10 14:00 - 17:00
 Collegians Illawarra Leagues Club



HOTA

Home Of The Arts
 135 Bundall Road
 Surfers Paradise

www.gcjazzandblues.org



Geoff Power Great Gatsby Orchestra

Sunday, 19 January 13:00 – 16:00
 Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison
 Cnr Catchpole & Bowman St,
 Macquarie ACT



2-5 PM TERRACE ROOFTOP BAR
 CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB



Last Friday
 Each Month

CODONG BOWLING CLUB
 1 McLeod Street Condong NSW
www.tweedvalleyjazzclub.org

WESTERN PLAINS



2nd JAZZ FESTIVAL

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



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Accommodation

The Quality Inn International

0268 824 777

next to the Golf Club



JANUARY

8th Geoff Bull and the Finer Cuts

26th Bathtub Gin Orchestra

12:30 - 3:30pm

Freeway Hotel

115 Reserve Rd, Artamon NSW



Members \$20 Visitors \$25

Everyone is welcome!

Bookings Essential

Please Phone 0432 914 539



1:00 - 3:30pm

4th Thursday

Each month

January

Home Brew Jazz Band



Majestic Theatre

3 Factory St, Pomona QLD

www.noosajazzclub.com



JANUARY

Fri 31st – Nathan Hitzke Quartet

FEBRUARY

Fri 14th – Sam Pace Quartet

Fri 28th – Beef Cheeks and the Salty Beans

19:30 – 22:30

Drayton Bowls Club

46 Gipps Street, Drayton, QLD

www.toowoombajazz.com



NIMA
 NEWCASTLE IMPROVISED
 MUSIC ASSOCIATION INC

Zenith Pop Funk
 21 January 2025

Ohh Bee Three
 28 January 2025

Ben Lerner Quartet
 4 February 2025

8:00 - 10:pm

Grand Hotel

32 Church Street, Newcastle

Details at www.nima.org.au

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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 \$15 for financial members of the SJC and \$20 for others.

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

**2ND WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
THE FREEWAY HOTEL
12.30 - 3.30PM**

Sydney jazz Club Co-op Ltd -
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Freeway Hotel Artarmon
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Free Underground Parking.
Great Bistro. Dance Floor
\$10 entry includes a house beer or wine.

New Orleans Quartet- Carrington Bowling Club
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