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Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club Presents:

BILL DUDLEY'S NEW ORLEANIANS



New Orleans and
Australia Day
Jazz.



Bill Dudley - Trumpet/Vocal
Carolyn Packer - Keyboard/Vocal
Paul Furniss - Clarinet
Cameron Jones - Guitar
Ed Rapo - Double Bass
Jimmy Fletcher - Drums

CENTRAL LEAGUES CLUB

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023
2 PM - 4.30 PM

JAZZ CLUB MEMBERS - \$15 GUESTS - \$20

Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club Presents:

'SWING COMPANY'

RECREATING THE BIG BAND ERA

SUNDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2023
CLUB CHARLESTOWN
2.00PM - 4.30PM
\$15 ENTRY MEMBERS - \$20 GUESTS



ADAM FERRIER - TRUMPET JASON NELSON - TROMBONE
CHRIS GILL - ALTO SAX NEVILLE JAMES - TENOR SAX
WARREN SHAW - BARITONE SAX JOSEPH CADMAN - PIANO
DAVE JONES - DRUMS CHRIS DAWSON - BASS
RENEE BERGER - VOCALS

Jazz Club Christmas Party - Sunday 11 December, 2022. More Pics- Pages 6 & 7



When The Zackerbilks began to play ' Bourbon Street Parade' a number of the audience members couldn't resist the beat and sprang to their feet and paraded around the room in an impromptu umbrella parade. The band got the biggest surprise when this happened as no other audience they'd played for had been so inspired!

More details on page 7.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

Hope you have all had a great Christmas and 2023 will be a happy and healthier year for us all. As most of you will know I have decided not to stand this year for the Committee or President (after 13 years). I will still give support to the club and the loyal members and be there when needed in my role as life member of this great club of which I have been a member for over 30 years.

I thought the Christmas party was one of the best we have had. I thoroughly enjoyed the 8 piece band "The Zackerbilks" from Canberra. They presented a wonderful variety of quality music with great enthusiasm. Thank you to Central Leagues Club for their effort in decorations, service and food (any day I don't have complaints on food is a bonus.)

I am enthusiastic about seeing Bill Dudley (and his New Orleanians) again in Newcastle for our January 29th concert performing with the wonderful Carolyn Packer and supporting artists. Bill, who now resides in Cairns, is headed for Sydney, Illawarra and Newcastle over the Australia Day Weekend. He is a super band leader and this band is a great boost to starting off the quality music that we provide each month.

I was sorry I was unable to support the 76th Australian Jazz Convention that was held at Newcastle City Hall over the Christmas period due to family commitments and health. There is more on the Convention on pages 4 & 5.

We are still looking for nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer, for 2023, without these positions being filled this club can't operate. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter. There will be a continuation of the adjourned AGM at 12 noon on Sunday 26th February 2023. This will be followed by the popular local 9 piece "Swing Company" at 2pm.

I am pleased that Joanne is still going to be Membership officer but will not be on the Committee and has advised me that she will still be assisting the club when possible.

Welcome to new members Lesley Walker, Kathy Frew and Bill Nolan. It was nice to recognise Bill at Carrington Bowling Club recently. He and his wife had met and became members and friends of Ex-president Keith Franks and his wife Robyn back in the 1990's. After giving him a current newsletter, he re-joined.

It was sad to hear of the death of member Nancy Watts after illness. She was a staunch member for many years and filled in as Vice President in 2008.

I am looking forward to another great jazz year with the quality musicians Doug books, but in a less demanding role. Please consider filling the executive rolls for this to move forward.

Thank you all for your support and friendship over my time with the club and keeping live jazz in our area. Thanks also to the hard-working committee who worked so hard during the year, organising concerts and Festival.

Regards to all,

Judy.

Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club Adjourned Annual General Meeting- Election of Committee - 2023

At the Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club held on 27 November 2022, there were only four nominations for the committee. There were no nominations for President, Vice- President, Secretary or Treasurer. Before nominations from the floor could be taken a motion was put that the AGM be adjourned until 26 February, 2023, at 12 Noon, prior to The 'Swing Company' concert. This motion was passed to give members another chance to nominate.

For the Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club to continue functioning nominations are needed to form a viable committee. Would you please consider standing to keep our jazz club operating.

While the previous written nominations still stand, a nomination form for the deferred AGM (election of committee) is attached for anyone who is prepared to join the committee. **We also need someone to be the Public Officer- no attendance at meetings is required. (Duties are set out on the NSW Fair Trading web page)**

**ADJOURNED AGM - NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER JAZZ CLUB
CENTRAL LEAGUES CLUB
SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2023 - 12 Noon**

**The Swing Kings
Sunday 27 November
Central Leagues Club**

L-R, Adam Ferrier,
Terence Koo,
Sheriden Nelson,
Damien Cotton,
Jeremy Burrows,
Jason Nelson,
Rob Coxon



The Swing Kings provided a very entertaining concert on 27 November. As well as music from the full band there were some items by subsets of the band including Terence Koo playing with Jeremy Burrows and Rob Coxon *Someday My Prince Will Come*. Jason Nelson was featured on vocal and trombone with *St James Infirmary* while Sheriden Nelson sang a great version of *Orange Coloured Sky*. Damien Cotton on clarinet played a special request for Terry Gravolin, *Moon Glow*. Adam Ferrier on trumpet was featured in *You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To*. Other songs included *Take the A Train*, *Heading in the Right Direction*, *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*, *S'Wonderful*, *Shoo Shoo Baby* and *Steppin' Out with my Baby*. The afternoon concluded with a swinging version of *Stuff Like That There*.



Deb and Stu Bartholomew.



Norma Sellers and Manfred Oechsle



Jenny & Brian Fallon



Adam Ferrier and his son Aidan. Aidan is a trumpet player like his Dad and plays in the Valentine School Band.

Lucky Door:

Laurette Hampson, Monice Wardell,

Raffle:

1. Patty Cox, 2 Susan Perrin,
 3. Jan Montgomery, 4. Richard Devon,
 5. Wendy Davis, 6 Dianne Hocking,
 7. Jeanette Watkins, 8. Judy Rowett,
 9. Norma Coughlan, 10. Pam Parsons,
 11. Maelynn Dennis
- Congratulations to all the lucky winners.



Left: The masked man's (see next page) alligator skinned dancing shoes!



Sheriden Nelson and Terry Gravolin



(l-r) Paul Greatrex, Bill & Ros Adam, Vicky Greatrex



Who is this masked man that brought a smile to the faces of Alan Morgan and Elizabeth Hughes?



Simon Baker and Casey Sherry with their children- Anthony (l) & Dominic. Simon and Casey are great dancers.



Terence Koo, Sheriden Nelson and Jennie Lin. Jennie is a Civil Celebrant

76th Australian Jazz Convention: The 76th Australian Jazz convention in Newcastle was held from 26-31 December. Newcastle was supposed to host the convention again in 2023 but due to the cost of hiring the Newcastle City Hall the venue for 2023 has been changed to Longford, near Launceston, Tasmania where most of the venues are available at minimum cost but not under the one roof. Newcastle bands that participated were: Half Nelson, New Orleans Ramblers, Dr Sax and the Rhythm Rats, Chloe Gill and the Neon Blue Collective, Dedos Curiosos. Individual musicians in various bands- Adam Ferrier, Bob Henderson, Brad Rheinberger, Carter Smyth, Charles Pope, Chloe Gill, Chris Dawson, Eric Gibbons, Greg Griffiths, Guy Thomson, Jim Lyons, Jason Nelson, Mark Pinner, Martin Rotolo, Peter Boys, Peter Buckland, Sheriden Nelson, David Jones, Tom Tyler. Jack McLaughlin, a stalwart of past conventions broke his hip prior to the convention and was unable to participate.



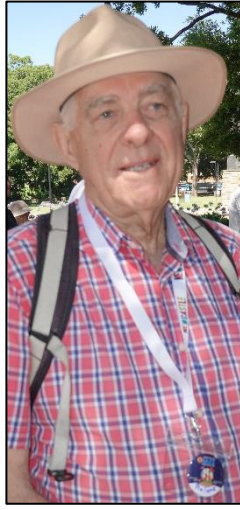
Post Street Parade Trumpets - (l-r) Donald Mayne, (Mildura), Charlotte Newhouse (Adelaide), John van de Koogh, (Adelaide), Hannah Gibbons (Newcastle), Peter Ratnik (Tasmania).

The Southern Jazz Club in Adelaide sponsored four young musicians to attend the convention and they made the most of the opportunity playing in a number of bands. Charlotte Newhouse, a great trumpet player (pictured above) was one of the sponsored quartet. Others were Callum Cunningham-Byrne, Trombone, Matthew Ahrens, Piano, Paul van der Koogh, Reeds.





Street Parade- Claire Gibbons, Jenny Gibbons



Looking Good 58 Years Later!
Roland Bannister- President of the 19th AJC in Newcastle 1964 returned to the 76th convention in 2022.



One of the featured bands at the convention was the **Nicki Parrott Trio** (Nicki - double bass/vocal) with Andrew Dickeson (drums) and Peter Locke (piano) pictured above. I was fortunate to be able to hear two of their sets.

Nicki grew up in Newcastle and moved to New York in 1994 with her sister Lisa (alto/baritone Sax) where Nicki became the bassist for Les Paul in his trio's weekly performances at a club in Manhattan. Nicki remained in the USA until she moved back to Australia in May 2022 with her husband- an American record producer.

Some of the tunes presented included *Fever, Straighten Up and Fly Right, How High the Moon, You make me feel so Young, What Lola Wants, Lola Gets and a wonderful version of Sweet Georgia Brown*. Another song *C'est si bon* really summed up a great performance by Nicki, Andrew and Peter. (both with Newcastle origins).



Some Newcastle Jazz Club Members at the Convention Picnic.
Back: Alan Morgan, Casey Sherry, Val Jones, Simon Baker, Dominic Baker, Alan Hunter, Robert Smith, Graeme Brown. Front: Catherine Morgan, Brenda Brown, Nancy Minton, Ann Gibson, Ray & Joyce Penny. (Photo: Ann Gibson)

Congratulations:
1. Paul Furniss -Winner of Original Tunes Competition with *Who Knows*.
2. Rebecca Glover, Wayne Perkins John Watson- Convention pass winners Via **Newcastle Herald**.



All the way from the UK- Chris Newman

Vale David Lole
David Lole, jazz pianist, well known to many Newcastle Jazz fans suffered a major heart attack at the end of the Jazz Convention and was in the ICU at John Hunter Hospital when he passed away on January 7.

Our thoughts are with David's family and the many friends he had in the jazz loving community. David played in eight bands at the Jazz Convention and was joined in some of these bands by Newcastle musos, Sheriden & Jason Nelson, Chris Dawson, Jim Lyons, Peter Buckland.



The Mongolian All-Stars
The other featured band at the convention was the Mongolian All Stars who were in Australia to celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and Australia. Mongolia is a land locked country between Russia and China., It was a five piece band – Enji- vocal, Khongor (trumpet), Binder (piano), Khuslen (drums), Martin ((bass)- of German origin but resident of Mongolia since 2014. Again – wonderful musicians, great music.

Jazz Club Christmas Party- 11 December, 2022 with The Zackerbilks



Back: Miriam Miley-Read, Mitch Lowe, Simeon Staker, Chris Dawson, Justin Buckingham, Cameron Jones. **Front:** Robbie Mann, Zach Raffan

Lucky Door:

Pam Boyd, Carolyn James, Allan Johnson, Bob Hampson, Rosemary Potter, Robyn Smith, Jim Nott, Jill Sutton, Kevan Steward, Ian Hissey, Laurel Eggins, Jeane Gravolin, Roslyn Gilmore, Simon Baker,

Raffle: Vivienne Marjenberg, 2 Richard Marocco, 3. Mary Vivian, 4. Avril Roulston, 5. Brigita Falconer, 6. Susan O'Henly, 7. Vivienne Marjenberg, 8. Laurette Hampson, 9. Jeanette Watkins, 10. Joy Higgs, 11. Flo Smith, 12. Monice Wardell, 13. Denise Sanderson.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners.

A wonderful afternoon's entertainment was provided by the Zackerbilks for our 2022 Christmas party. There was a mixture of music including traditional; jazz, original tunes from Zach and Miriam and some Christmas songs with a jazz twist and a first- a jazz arrangement of 'Friday on My Mind' arranged by Robbie Mann. Trad favourites included a red hot version of *Tiger Rag*, *High Society*, *Snake Rag*, *Original Dixieland One Step* and to conclude the afternoon 'Bourbon Street Parade' which was mentioned on the first page of this newsletter. A song I hadn't heard for some years, 'Shine on Harvest Moon' proved popular with the audience, as did the songs written by Miriam and Zach. After the band played 'Bourbon Street Parade' there was sustained applause and the band played an encore, 'In a Persian Market'.



Our multi-talented sound operator John Lock- left dancing with Sheriden, right, playing drums at the jazz convention (Convention pic- Catherine Morgan)



Brigita Falconer, Kerry Sprigg It was so great to see Jill Sutton after her car accident. Jim Nott & Gail Grace, Maxine & Richard Devon.



Avril Roulston-Raffle winner, New Member, Lesley Walker, Dianne Hocking, Carolyn and Nev James, Wendy Davis, Liz Tocque.



Brenda & Graeme Brown, Monice Wardell, Ray & Joyce Penny, Ean & June Sutton. You can see how happy Ean was with the music!

Celebrating Long Time Jazz Musicians

Two long time Sydney jazz musicians , Billy Burton and Valda Marshall were recently featured in the media.

Billy Burton, 90 still plays trumpet at the Avalon Bowling Club and was featured in December in a story aired on the ABC's 7.30 Report. It is a wonderful segment that you can watch simply by Googling Billy Burton Trumpeter. The segment includes commentary by bassist Craig Scott. and Gregg Arthur who was the vocalist with the band when the ABC filmed Billy's 90th birthday gig.

The Sydney Morning Herald ran a story by Angus Thomson '**Valda can't read music but plays in a band at 95.**'The story read in part:

'When Valda Marshall's jazz band started playing at the Hero of Waterloo in The Rocks in 1977, she was in her 50s and thought she was only going to play for a couple of days. Forty-five years on, her original bandmates have died and the pub has changed hands, but she still plays alongside a rotating crew of musicians at one of Sydney's most storied watering holes every Saturday and Sunday afternoon.....'

Marshall grew up in a musical family in Sydney's inner and eastern suburbs, first in Zetland and then in Kingsford, where she still lives. Her mother played piano, and she started playing music from about 5 years old, although she didn't pick up a saxophone until she was in her 50s. A natural musician, she taught herself.

"I started on the trumpet but got osteoarthritis in my back, so I couldn't hold it up," she said. "I wanted to keep up the music, so I thought, 'blow it, I'll get a saxophone. I can't read the music, I just know what the sounds are.'"

All the Best Ian Goodier- Ian, President of Geelong Jazz Club has had to retire as president due to ill health. Ian and his wife Susie have previously been to Newcastle for our jazz festival.

Jazz Events - Near and Far

1. Thursday Night Jazz Jam - Grand Hotel Newcastle. Doors open 7.30pm \$10 entry. Free entry jazz jammers. Begins Thursday 2 February, 2023.

2. Port Fairy Jazz Festival February 10-12, 2023. www.portfairyjazz.com.au

3. Jazz on the Lawn - Sunday 19th March, 2023, 11am-4pm
The Macquarie Club Dubbo Enquiries-Greg Barker 0416 989 946

4. Merimbula Jazz Festival – 9-12 June 2023 www.merimbulajazz.org.au

5. The Hip Gringos Guide to Rio – Musical cabaret- Well Bar, 48 Watt Street, Newcastle. Friday 24. Saturday 25, Sunday 26 February. Evening Show \$35, Dinner and Show \$65, Matinee \$25. Bookings hello@48wattstret.com.au. Helena Kitley, bass, David Baker, guitar, Crackers Carruthers, drums, Mannie Serrano, trumpet. All four sing.

6. Jazz at Lincoln Centre with Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Experience this extraordinary tour de force which combines New Orleans jazz, gospel, spirituals, African chant, symphonic modernism, ragtime, blues, folk song and Latin dances with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Thurs 31 August and Fri 1 September 2023.

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1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 2PM - 5PM
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