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The newsletter of the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club

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President's Report

Annual General Meeting
31/05/09

I am pleased to report that our jazz club has had a very successful year.

The most significant event during the year was the change of venue for our club to the Paradise Showroom at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. Without a doubt the Paradise Showroom is one of the best, if not the best, venue for a jazz club in Australia.

I would like to place on record our appreciation to everyone at the Arts Centre for their courtesy, friendliness and cooperation ranging from the promotion and marketing of jazz club functions to the smooth running of the gigs on the night.

At last year's A.G.M. I reported that we had probably the most successful year in our 23 year history with an increase in average attendance of 25%. That was always going to be a hard act to follow but in our 24th year we excelled ourselves by once again increasing the average attendance figure by 5%. On average during the past financial year we had 159 jazz lovers in attendance at gigs.

Since we moved to the Paradise Showroom average attendance at gigs has increased to 174. Two years ago, by comparison, average attendance at gigs was 120. That means that if we maintain that 174 figure we will have increased average attendances by 45% !

One of the features of your jazz club

over the past few years has been the stability of the committee. The committee works as a very amicable team with everyone pulling their weight and as we enter our 25th year that team remains in place. It is very much a team effort. My thanks go to every member.

The Jazz Action Society Gold Coast Inc. was formed in 1985 so we will celebrate our 25th birthday in 2010 and we plan to do that with a spectacular function.

There was one disappointment during the year. That was the failure of the two jazz clubs on the Gold Coast to amalgamate. We remain open to a fresh dialogue with the City Jazz Club with a view to joining our forces.. Common sense tells us that that is the logical way to go.

As editor of the club newsletter I wish to express my appreciation of the cooperation we receive from the staff at *Australia Print & Copy* who print '*Improvisations.*' I'm sure you will agree that they do an excellent job.

Finally, our thanks to all our members for your support. We look forward to another year of jazz entertainment with confidence in spite of the global financial crisis and the possibility of getting a dose of the 'flu.

We have seen it all before (and worse) and we're still here !

Roy McKeen
President

Lee Guinness

and the Caxton Street Jazz Band

'Singing the Blues'

Friday 17th July 2009



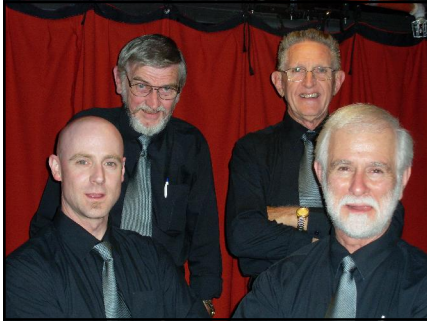
Sugar Blues
It's tight like that
Backwater Blues
Muddy Water
Hot time in the old town
tonight
Gimme a pigfoot
I've got what it takes

There'll be some changes
219 Blues
World waiting sunrise
Muddy Water
Black Snake Blues
My life will be sweeter
Lord, you've been good
Crazy



Lee Guinness appears regularly at Australian Jazz Festivals and included in the highlights of her career have been opening the Edinburgh International Jazz Festival, performances in Japan and recording two CDs in New Orleans. This evening Lee makes her third appearance at the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club.

Members \$20: Visitors \$25



JAZZ IN THE BASEMENT

Harry Lynn Quartet
and a guest artist every week.
Every Saturday at 7p.m.

18th July: Lauren Lucille

25th July: Melissa Western

1st August: Tom Nicolson

Gold Coast Arts Centre
135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise



Jazz Festivals



July 23-26	Devonport Jazz, TAS	www.devonportjazz.com
Aug 07-09	19th Annual Dubbo Jazz (02) 6882 4649	www.users.bigpond.com/dubbojazz
Aug 14-16	19th Bellingen J&B(02) 6655 9345	www.bellingenjazzfestival.com.au
Aug 28-30	Newcastle Jazz Festival (02) 4973 2160	www.newcastlejazz.com.au
Sep 03-06	Noosa Jazz Festival(07) 5449 0711	www.usmevents.com.au/noosajazz
Sep 11-13	13th Great Tropical/Magnetic Is.	(07) 4778 5918
Sep 11-13	Wagga Wagga Jazz, NSW	information@waggajazz.org.au



Coming Soon

September 25: Harlem Swing

The music of Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, featuring attractive, young vocalist Elly Hoyt.

October 16: The Andrews Sisters Tribute Show

Not only their great songs but a hefty segment of The Great American Songbook.



**TREASURER'S
REPORT
ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING
31/5/2009**

The all-important Income and Expenditure Statement shows that membership is up significantly and there is a 10% increase in overall entry fees and 12% rise in total income.

But that is offset by the big total of the expenses this year. Band costs have risen by a third, but as we endeavour to provide a variety of high quality artists whenever they are from interstate we are responsible for their airfares, transport and accommodation.

We have tried to co-ordinate engagements with other jazz clubs to share these costs but to no avail. Another major expense is for our wonderful new venue.

At the golf club we had to set up, take down, provide our own sound and pay for cleaning. That is now all included at the Arts Centre and we also pay for the services of professional sound and lighting technicians.

The cheque account shows a little less than last year but the Term Deposit amount is up by more. Your club has accordingly increased in value.

A nine page audited financial report is available to members on request.

**Bob Mirams
Treasurer**



**SECRETARY'S
REPORT
ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING
31/05/09**

This has been a great year for our club. The move to the Arts Centre has been a step forward as it is such a wonderful venue.

Our committee has worked well together and as usual a big thank you to Sue who looks after the raffle, and Kay who also assists with raffle and handles our publicity in The Sun.

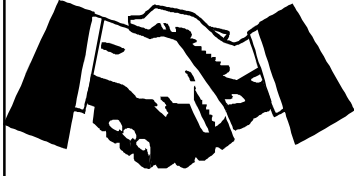
On the raffle note we are always grateful for those members who offer to sell tickets. Thank you very much.

The booking on line, apart from a few hiccups, has been very helpful. We don't want to go to the expense of having the Arts Centre take the bookings as this would incur a booking fee so we hope you will bear with us if the service is not quite as professional as Ticketek.

Our email stream is often disrupted by emails of members who are no longer current so I would ask that if you change your email address please let me know as in several cases it has stopped the email stream from transmitting.

We look forward to seeing you all at the great entertainment we have lined up for the year.

**Mary Oxenford
Secretary**



Welcome to our new members !

Joe & Lilian Reisenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hegarty, Arion & Cherill Pierson, Lloyd & Margaret Reeves, Margaret Mundell, Keith & Klara Furniss, Norm & Jo Fizell.

We welcome you and hope you enjoy the jazz and the friendship.

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Gold Coast City Jazz Club Coming Events

Southport Yacht Club and GCCJC Friday 24th July

Joining together to present the seasonal festivities associated with the Australian tradition of celebrating Christmas in our winter. A welcoming drink, then a sumptuous 3-course meal prepared by the SYC chef. Dixieland Jazz music provided by 'The Swinging Jazz Cats'. This group of experienced and recognized musicians from the Brisbane / GC area know how to entertain the audiences providing exactly the music to suit the occasion. Loads of fun and even a visit by Santa – if you've been good! Everyone welcome. Come along and be with other happy people. Bring your friends too.

Booking NOW is strongly recommended. \$45. Ph: 5591-3500.

'The Black Opal Jazz Band' at VMR : Sunday 2nd AUGUST: 10am.—2pm.

Reunion of the renowned Sydney band. The original bands playing at the Sydney Jazz Club in the 60's were *The Black Opal & Paramount Jazz* bands. *The Black Opals* performed there once again in November last year - not all the original personnel, but a large percentage.

ALLAN MURRAY - trumpet, KEVIN GOODEY - clarinet , JOE EPPS - trombone / tuba , RAY MARTIN - bass, NEIL MACBETH - drums, MAL SELLARS - keyboard. Phone Sonia on 5528-8015.

Lunch, drinks, nibbles available—reasonable prices. NO BYO. Cover charge; \$10. Reservations advised. Phone Sonia: 5528-8015

'The RISING STARS' : Monday 3rd AUGUST in the Medallion Room at Sharks The Annual TALENTED YOUTH JAZZ MUSICIANS Concert

THE YOUNGEST STAR : *Sam Bennett (9)* has only played his Jazz violin once before to a large audience of adults and came away to the sound of amazing applause. His father, *Ken*, will accompany him on keyboard.

TOE JAM'N : An 11- piece Stage Band formed 4 years ago under the baton and dedication of Bill Tanner. Andrew Best, as new bandmaster and instrumentalist, has a new portfolio of musical arrangements to engage a younger audience as well as the older generation. The band is keen to showcase their new play list.

THREE'S A CROWD : A Quality Trio who enjoy playing Jazz, Funk and Blues, consisting of *Nick Laganin* – keys/vocal, *Daniel Malloy* – bass and *Jason Lanbeth* – drums.

S & J QUARTET : An enthusiastic, talented and happy quartet of good mates, *Ethan Jones* – vocals, *Scott Mullins* – guitar, *Sam Maguire* – bass and *Jesse Green* - saxophone

Gold Coast Youth Orchestra

An 18- piece Band comprised of senior school teenagers. Always entertaining and fun. The band has performed to over 12,000 people. Conductor *Malcolm Wood* brings extensive experience, both nationally and internationally as a performer and conductor. He is renowned as a brass player, composer, arranger, singer and teacher.

FINALE : Supported by *Cassie Godbold* and *Shelley Bishop* on saxophones

Admission: Members \$15: Sharks Members \$18: Guests \$20
Pre-paid bookings on 5532-1155



The Jazz Action Society Gold Coast Inc. trading as the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club meets in the **Paradise Showroom in the Gold Coast Arts Centre**, 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise on advertised dates. The bar and restaurant open at 6pm. The music commences at 7.30pm. until 10.30pm. Visitors are made very welcome. Members of jazz clubs worldwide are admitted at members' rates. Website: www.goldcoastjazzclub.com

Please reserve your seats at the above website or on 0405-143-720.

Do not telephone the Arts Centre.

Jo's Boys

Friday 21st August



This evening we take you to New Orleans, the home of jazz, where **JO'S BOYS** will play the great Classic Jazz songs that you know and love. It is music for dancing, music for listening to, the happiest music on earth!

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