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The newsletter of the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club

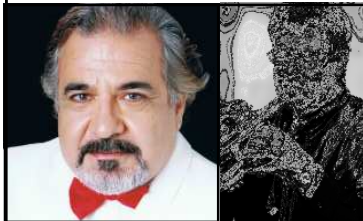
May - June 2008

Patron : Fred Baines

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Coming Events

Saturday 17th May:
Mike Ross Quintet



Mike Ross

Alan Murray

Friday 20th June:
Lee Gunness and the
Caxton Street Jazz Band



Saturday 19th July:
Glenn Miller Tribute
Band with Andrews
Sisters Tribute

Free !

As you will see in my President's Report (pp. 2- 3) to the annual general meeting on Friday 18th April before the Geoff Bull gig your jazz club has had a most successful year, perhaps the most successful since its inception in 1985.

The facts and figures are summarized in my report. The most satisfying statistic is the one which says that during the year average attendance at gigs (150) has increased by 25% over the previous year (120).

As a way of saying "Thank You" to our members for your support during the business year (April—March) we are having a **free gig** for members on Saturday 17th May. You must produce your 2008—2009 membership card to take advantage of this free gig. So, if you haven't renewed your membership as yet please do so pronto!

Please note that the Lee Gunness / Caxton Street Jazz Band gig will be on a Friday evening. See panel on left. The caterer at the golf club made a double booking! These things are sent to try us. And this one did! But we solved the problem! So it's back to Friday for this one.

Roy McKeen
President/ Editor



President's Report to A.G.M. 2008

I am pleased to report that our jazz club has had a most successful year, probably the most successful year in our 23 year history.

Some statistics:

Club membership stands at 290 and we aim to pass the 300 mark before too long.

During the year we had 1,972 bums on seats at our gigs;

1,164 of those were club members;

Average attendance at gigs was 150;

By contrast, last year the average attendance was 120.

Therefore that is an increase of 25%. That is quite outstanding !

As you heard in the treasurer's report the club has a healthy bank balance showing an operating profit in the past twelve months. We may need that in the future as a buffer against events which are yet to transpire but more of that later.

This increase in patronage and our cash assets is a reflection of the hard work put in by your committee.

Our club is fortunate in that we have had a stable committee for the past few years. Each and every member of your committee has a job to do and every one of them, without exception, has done his/her job in an exemplary manner.

I also want to express the thanks of all club members to a few other people who do not serve on the committee but who regularly turn up at the golf club prior to gigs to help set up the tables and chairs and to decorate the ballroom and stay on afterwards to clear up.

Will you please show your appreciation to Barry Doyle, Ray Williams, Frank Marks and Wayne Baxter? Thank you, gentlemen!

In the past twelve months there have been several innovative ideas introduced.

Jim Oxenford came up with the idea of building a stage at the far end of the ballroom and that has been well received by members and visitors and the musicians. Thanks, Jim !

Members and visitors are now able to book seats at gigs on the club's web site.

Visitors to the web site can now read the club newsletter in glorious colour.

For the first time in our 23 year history we have incorporated some colour into the hard copy of the club newsletter '*Improvisations.*' We think that this is a first in Australia.

As a result of our on-line activities we now appear in Google !

During the year we spent money on upgrading our sound equipment and we bought a new keyboard.

And, of course, and this is what it is all about, we have had some memorable evenings.

What lies in store in the next twelve

As many of you know there is a likelihood that the golf club will be sold to developers and this building may be demolished. We do not know for certain when this might happen. That is our dilemma. But I want to assure our members that we have a contingency plan in place.

Since the news about the sale of the golf club became known we have been exploring the various options open to our club. That means finding a new venue and I can tell you that there are some interesting possibilities in the pipeline.

As I mentioned earlier, we have a substantial bank balance and that will come in very useful at a time of transition, perhaps even uncertainty, when numbers attending gigs may fall away and operating costs rise.

As a way of showing our thanks to our members for their support during the past twelve months your committee has decided to offer free admittance to members at our gig on Saturday 17th May. In order to take advantage of this free gig members must produce their 2008-2009 membership cards. Visitors and reciprocal members will pay normal admission prices.

During the year we lost our patron, Vern Moore, but we are delighted to announce that club member Fred Baines has agreed to become our new patron.



Fred and his wife Wendy have been members of our jazz club for a number of years. For some considerable time Fred entertained us on the piano prior to gigs with the late Ron Armstrong on drums and vocals.

Thank you Fred for agreeing to become our patron !

It is fair to say that the considerable success which our jazz club has enjoyed in the past few years is a direct result of our decision to move from the Southport Yacht Club to the German Club and then to the Surfers Paradise Golf Club.

Since the move from the Southport Yacht Club our attendances have improved dramatically, the quality of the bands and artists has improved and our bank balance has grown substantially.

It has been a story of unmitigated success ! Thank you for your support !

We look forward to further success as we enter our 24th year. The best is yet to come !

*Roy McKeen
President*

At the recent annual general meeting of the Jazz Action Society Gold Coast t/a the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club the current president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and other committee members were re-elected. The success of the club as reported at the AGM is a reflection of the stability, talent, compatibility and hard work of your committee.



Saturday 17th May

Mike Ross Quintet



Mike Ross

Alan Murray, trumpet
Bill Croft, reeds
Dave Burrows, guitar
Peter Freeman, bass
Mike Ross, drums, vocals



Alan Murray

This will be a free night for jazz club members with new silver membership card.

Please produce your card at the door !

Visitors \$10

Reciprocal members: \$10



Jazz Festivals



June 6— 9
June 26—29
July 12 - 19
Aug 8 - 10
Aug 14 - 17
Aug 15 - 17
Aug. 29- 1 Sept.
Dec 26 - 31

Merimbula Jazz Festival	0419 445 011
Barham Jazz Festival	(03) 5453 2159
2008 Mackay Festival of Arts	(07) 4968 4444
Palmer Street Jazz Festival	(07) 4721 5333
28th Dubbo Jazz Festival	(02) 6882 4649
Bellingen Jazz & Blues Festival	(02) 6655 9345
Newcastle Jazz Festival	www.newcastlejazz.com.au
63rd Australian Jazz Convention	Lismore

Friday 20th June 2008



**Lee
Gunness
and
the Caxton
Street
Jazz Band**



Members \$15 Visitors \$20

Bringing you the cream of jazz talent from all over Australia

Saturday 19th July 2008



Glenn Miller Tribute Band
with
Andrews Sisters Tribute



Members : \$20
Visitors : \$25



Welcome to our new members of the jazz club:

Doreen Doran, Bill & Eileen Walsh, Margie Dearing, Barry & Christine Purvis, Joy Geerling, George & Vivienne Back, Robert & Joan Purcell, Bob & Judy Coburn, Keith Sly, Rex & Evelyn McNeill, Margaret Smith, Carole Donohue and Christa Rehberg.

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**Death
of
British
jazz legend
Humphrey
Lyttelton**

Humphrey Lyttelton, jazz musician has died in England aged 86.

Lyttelton began playing the trumpet in 1936 and still toured with his band up until recently. In 1956, Lyttelton's 'Bad Penny Blues' was the first British jazz record to enter the top 20.

Humph, as he was known, was also a talented cartoonist, DJ and radio personality chairing comedy and panel programmes on the BBC.



**May 30: Galapagos Duck & Johnny Nicol
June 27: Roger Burke Quartet
Greenhills-on-Tweed
River Street, Murwillumbah
Ph: (02) 6672-1697**



The Jazz Action Society Gold Coast Inc. t/a The Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club meets in the ballroom at the Surfers Paradise Golf Club, 1 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters on the third Saturday of each month. The bar and restaurant open at 6p.m.. Music from 7.30p.m. until 10.30p.m.. Visitors and reciprocal members welcome.

Website: www.goldcoastjazzclub.com

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Scott Martin
presents *The
Great American
Songbook*
Saturday
16th August

Treasurer's Report

An analysis of attendance at our Friday night functions this financial year shows that we entertained 1,972 patrons. About 60% of these were financial members of our jazz club.

This is an average attendance of just over 150. That is up from 120 and 115 in the previous two financial years.

Total income for the financial year was \$40,119.56 of which \$27,435.00 was from members and visitors. Fees from reciprocal members came to \$2,895.00.

During the course of the year we paid \$21,680.40 to bands and musicians.

This was an increase of \$2,380 over the previous year. Total members' funds are \$25,854.87. This is an increase of \$4,717.00 over the previous year.

Profit from ordinary activities was \$4,717.00, an increase of \$327.13 over the previous year.

This is a summary of the ten page Treasurer's Report presented to the recent annual general meeting. If members would like a copy of the full report please write to the club at P.O. Box 6421, GCMC 9726.

*Bob Mirams
Treasurer*

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