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The newsletter of the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club

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What's On?

Friday 27th November '09

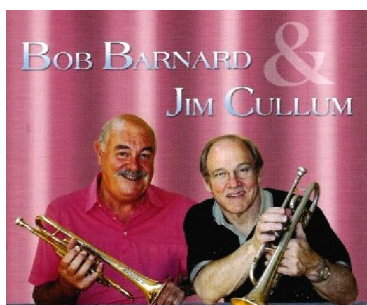
Willy Qua Quintet

with Wil Sargisson (piano)
and Melissa Western (vocals)



Friday 8th January 2010

(Please note the date)



Details on back page



Happy Christmas.

As this will be the last newsletter for the 2009 calendar year your committee and I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. The Willy Qua Quintet gig will be our 2009 Christmas Party and the last gig this year. We are taking December off to gird our loins for a busy 25th birthday year in 2010.

Thank you for your support during 2009.

*Roy McKeen
President/Editor*

Situations Vacant

For the past seven or eight years your jazz club has been fortunate in that we have had very few changes to the committee which administers the club. This has given the club stability and a team working towards a common goal. This committee has overseen us move from a Monday night at the Southport Yacht Club with poor attendance to Friday nights at the German Club and the Surfers Paradise Golf Club with excellent attendances.

And finally to the pinnacle of our journey—the Paradise Showroom at the Gold Coast Arts Centre which has been described by some of Australia's top musicians as the best jazz venue in the country.

But nothing is forever.

After many years of very dedicated service to your jazz club our Immediate Past President Jim Oxenford and secretary Mary

Oxenford have decided that it is time to stand down at the end of the financial year.

Furthermore, treasurer Bob Mirams and committee member Diane Mirams have decided to move to the Sunshine Coast.

This leaves four vacancies on your club's committee with an opportunity for someone like you to step up and "come to the aid of the party."

So we are calling for volunteers to help us maintain the high standards to which our members and visitors have been accustomed.

Interested?

Give me a ring on 5529-6562 or email roymckeen@bigpond.com

Roy McKeen
President

Here is a chance to test your jazz knowledge. Which surnames follow these nicknames of famous jazz musicians? And what instruments do or did they play? And what were their real names? Answers on page 5.

1. Fatha
2. King
3. Kid
4. Wocka
5. Baby
6. Wingy
7. Turk
8. Bix
9. The Toad
10. Smacka
11. Bunny
12. Sny
13. Lead Belly
14. Bird
15. Pee Wee

By courtesy of the editor of the Victorian Jazz Club's newsletter '**Jazzbeat.**'

Willy Qua Quintet

featuring **Melissa Western** and **Wil Sargisson**

Friday 27th November 2009



Willy Qua

As a founding member of the renowned Australian jazz band Galapagos Duck, **Willy Qua** has traveled the world impressing jazz lovers with his distinctive style. Galapagos Duck appears in the pages of many jazz history books and has received awards both in Australia and internationally.

Now based on the Gold Coast, Willy has put together in the last 3 years a group of remarkable players, each distinctive in their own field and combining to create a unique sound most notably the use of two pianos.

For this evening's performance we welcome back vocalist **Melissa Western** who has played our jazz club on a number of occasions. As well as performing, Melissa was president of the Brisbane Jazz Club from 2004 to 2007. Melissa performs internationally, acting, singing and dancing in musical theatre shows and cabarets, writing and producing new works and singing jazz with a variety of ensembles. Some quotes:



Melissa Western

"Melissa Western is a cabaret singer of the sultry jazz club variety ... this olive skinned beauty grew up in Queensland, but has honed her skills in London and New York. Her voice is incredible and she just glows on stage."

Stephanie Glickman, Australian Stage Online, February 2008



Wil Sargisson

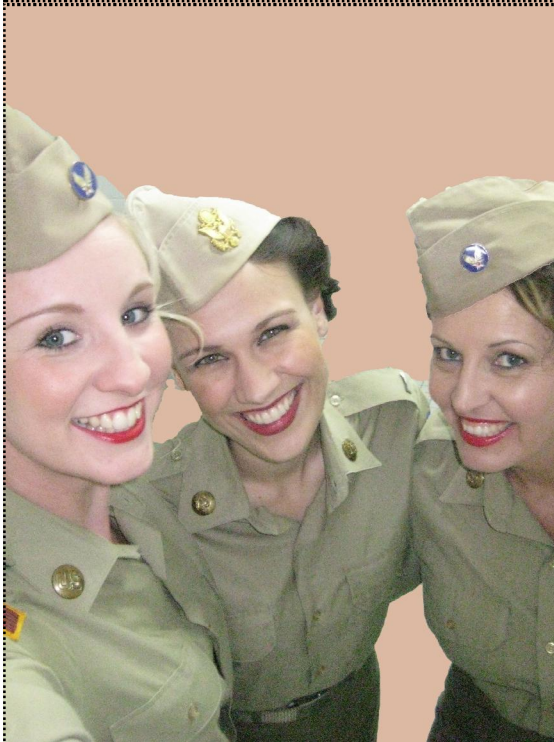
"Melissa Western is a sultry singer with an exceptional ability to scat and her rich, powerful vocals invite the audience to accompany her on her journey." Kylie Pedler, New Adelaide Theatre Guide, March 2008

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Members: \$20: Visitors \$25

The Andrews Sisters Tribute Band

Concert Review



From the very first moment that The Andrews Sisters stepped on stage and launched into 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy' we knew that we were in for a sensational evening of top class entertainment.

The sheer vivacity of these three young ladies, their choreographic talents and their big smiles lit up the audience and you could feel the excitement.

The US Army uniforms similar to those worn by the original Andrews Sisters for their wartime performances gave the ladies an air of authenticity as they set the tone for the evening with '*Rum and Coca Cola*', '*Don't sit under the apple tree*', '*Bei Mir Bist Du Schon*' and '*Beat me daddy eight to the bar*'.

After all those up-tempo numbers Chrissie Bowden (that's the one in the

middle in the photo above) slowed things right down with her version of Vera Lynn's '*I'll be seeing you*' before newcomer to the trio Katie Wighton (on the left in the photo) brought it back to pace again with '*Them there eyes*'.

After the interval the girls came on dressed in stunning evening gowns and launched into The Great American Songbook with '*Sunnyside of the street*', '*I'll be with you in apple blossom time*', '*Route 66*', '*Don't fence me in*' and many others. For many in the audience Katie Wighton's soulful version of '*Blame it on my youth*' brought back some sentimental memories. Then followed a medley of ABBA songs with much hand clapping and arm waving from a receptive audience "*I do, I do, I do*" they sang!

Not to be outdone by the three attractive young ladies on front stage the Elegant Swing Band of Paul Wilmington, piano, Andy Dowdeswell, bass, Jimmy Howard, drums and Paul Gibens on saxophone and flute got the dancers on the floor with their impression of a big, big band and backed the stars of the show with aplomb.

Earlier in the evening **The Toejam'n Band** made a huge impression with their tight discipline and show business flair.

We hope to see more of The Toejam'n Band in the future as we take a close interest and encourage them in their musical journey. As well as 2010 being our 25th birthday it will also be a year with emphasis on youth development in the jazz genre. Attendance: 202.

Roy McKeen
Editor



Harry Lynn Quartet Gold Coast Arts Centre

135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise

December 19
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*For further details please see the
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Jazz Festivals



November 20-30	Philip Island Jazz Festival	0432 814 407
December 4-11	Norfolk Island "Jazz in the Pines"	1800 140- 066
December 26-31	64th Australian Jazz Convention La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus	(03)9546 6705
January 8-10	Coolart Jazz Festival	(03)5971 9308
February 12-14	Grampians Jazz Festival	(03)5572 2116

On Thursday November 19th at the Lakeside Christian Centre in Tweed Heads there will be a big band night featuring John Morrison, drums; John Hoffman, trumpet; Jackie Cooper vocals and the Australian Army Brisbane Stage Band.

Plus the Toejam'n Band and the Gold Coast Youth Orchestra Big Band.

More information and bookings details on Jazz Radio 94.1FM.

Adults \$20.00 Children/Pensioners \$10.00

Family ticket (2 adults/ 3 children (and/or mix of children and pensioners)- \$50.00

Please book on 0439 110 255

How did you go with the jazz quiz on page 2?

Here are the answers.

1. Earl Kenneth Hines, piano: 2. Joe Oliver, cornet: 3. Edward Ory, trombone:
4. Warwick Dyer, trombone: 5. Warren Dodds, drums:
6. Joseph Matthews Manone, trumpet: 7. Melvin Edward Alton Murphy, trombone:
8. Leon Bismarck Beiderbecke, cornet/piano: 9. John Sheldon, trombone:
10. Graham Francis Fitzgibbon, banjo: 11. Rowland Bernard Berigan, trumpet:
12. Alan Chambers, trumpet: 13. Huddie William Ledbetter, guitar:
14. Charlie Parker Jr., saxophone: 15. Charles Ellsworth Russell, clarinet/ saxophone.

Coming to the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club in the Paradise Showroom in 2010

Friday 8th January 2010: Bob Barnard and Jim Cullum—see back page

Friday 26th February 2010: Barber, Ball & Bilk : The Caxton Street Jazz Band plays the music of Chris Barber, Kenny Ball and Acker Bilk.



Chris Barber Kenny Ball Acker Bilk

Three of the great names in British jazz and their music. *'Petite Fleur'*, *'Midnight in Moscow'* and *'Stranger on the Shore'* are tunes that will come to mind but there are many more. Played with the professional flair of the Caxton Street Jazz Band.

Friday 19th March 2010: The Harlem Swing Band with Elly Hoyt



Elly

Wil

Allan

Joe Epps

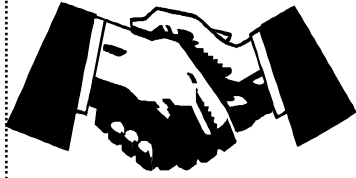
Back by popular request after that sensational gig in September. Same gang, different songs! How well can this 22 year old young lady sing!

Friday 23rd April 2010: George Washingmachine



The man of 1000 songs, George is famous for his party act which features songs from the roaring 20s right through to the 70s. He has appeared at our club many times and at our Gold Coast Jazz Festivals. Noted for his notorious sense of humour (remember the German Club?) George is an outstanding entertainer.

Roll up!



Welcome to our new members !

Ian and Vicki Tristran, Maureen Martin, Deanna Roberts, Silvano Sicuro, Howard and Elaine Campbell, Sonia Martin, Pamela Rex, John Clark, Kathy O'Rourke, John & Robyn Vander Wyk, Margaret Rushton, Peter Solomons, Peter & Pat Hayes, Jenny Fairlie and Elizabeth Douce.

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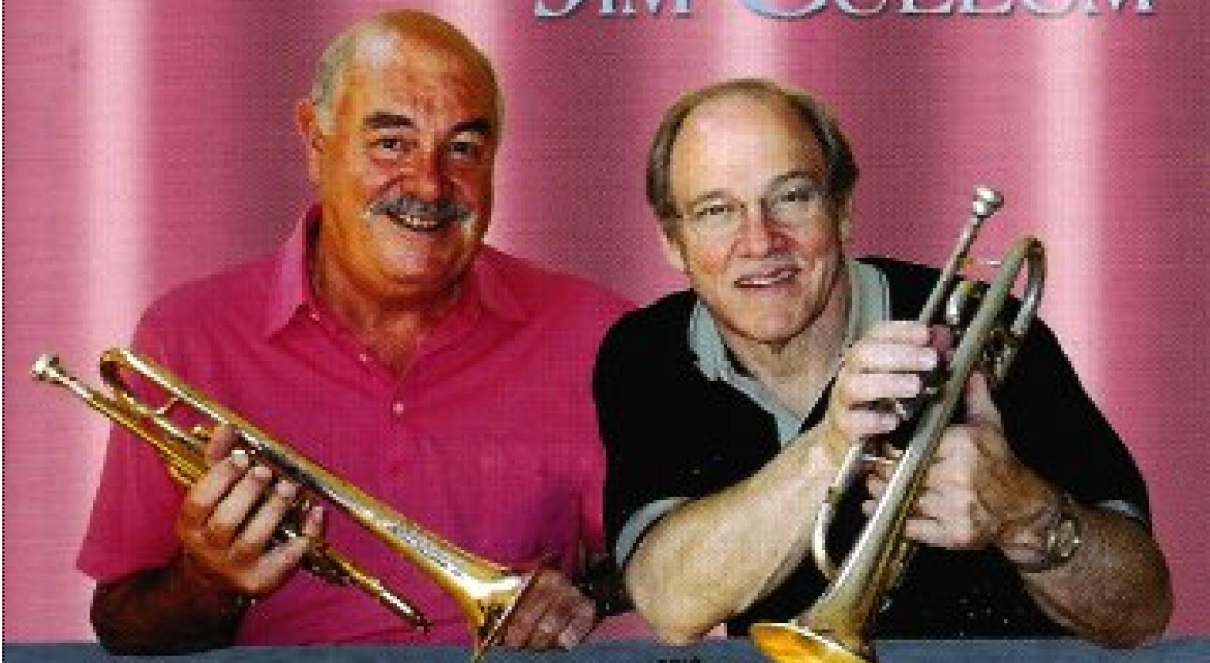
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Friday 8th January 2010

**BOB BARNARD &
JIM CULLUM**



This should be quite a night so don't miss it! Jim Cullum and Bob Barnard are old friends. Jim makes regular visits to Australia and when he does he and Bob play a few gigs. Our club is lucky to have them for this special one-off performance. Hear these masters backed by local rhythm group play their versions of *'West End Blues'*, *'Potato Head Blues'*, *'Chimes Blues'*, *'Shreveport Stomp'*, *'When you're smiling'* plus Aussie favourites like *'Waltzing Matilda'*, *'On the road to Gundagai'* and many others.

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