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PLEASE NOTE!
Date changes for gigs
JANUARY 19th
MARCH 22nd

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events

Friday 19th January 2024 - Sweet Thunder.....Doors Open 6.30, Main Band 8 pm



To kick off the new year we're bringing back, by popular demand, one of our favourite bands, 'Sweet Thunder', with a special show they've been working on, entitled 'One Hundred Years of Jazz'. A real nostalgia fest, as thirteen of the most talented musicians on the North Coast join together in gleeful harmony under the baton of pianist and arranger Rick Best to remind us of why the genre has remained so popular since it emerged from the deep south of America a century or more ago.

To get them all onstage is a logistical feat that requires more than a band break to organise, so there'll be no Early Birds this month – just two and a half hours of the best jazz available anywhere outside New Orleans or Chicago. Doors open as usual at 6.30pm – time for another delicious meal from JT's Kitchen - and the first band intro will be heard at 8 pm.

To judge by their last appearance at our club it's going to be a full house, so to be sure of a seat, bookings are essential – phone Virginia on 0432 914 539.

Friday 23th February 2024 - Ingrid James & Libor Smoldas Quartet.....Doors Open 6.30, Main Band 8 pm

FUNKALLERO features jazz guitar virtuoso Libor Smoldas, (Prague, Czechia), vocal impresario Ingrid James (Brisbane), supported by Samuel Vincent (bass, Brisbane) and Dave Sanders, (drums/percussion, NSW).

"Earthy and soulful...richly melodic, with just the right balance of familiarity and surprise" Steve Robertson, Fleurieu FM Radio Host

"Sizzling-hot rendition of Bill Evan's obscure gem "Funkallero" - high charged emotional density, without ever turning into melodrama" Nikolas Fotakis, editor AustralianJazz.net
"It has jest. It has juice" Jan Hoceck, Jazzport, CZ

"[Ingrid and Libor] share a similar approach to jazz, their assertive phrasing being infused with a sort of lyrical sensitivity..." Nikolas Fotakis, editor, AustralianJazz.net.

Celebrating a decade of collaboration – award-winning Queensland wordsmith and jazz vocalist, Ingrid James, together with guitar virtuoso from Prague, Libor Smoldas present Funkallero. In 2022, they recorded an album "Midnight Sun" and toured Prague/Czech Republic in 2023. Ingrid and Libor will be complemented by formidable Australian musicians – the much in demand Queensland freelance bassist, Samuel Vincent, together with one of the most dynamic drummers in the country, Dave Sanders. This tight and versatile jazz outfit will present flavours from world music, Brazilian sambas and bossas, to re-imagined and original arrangements of well-loved jazz standards from the Great American, Modern Jazz Songbook and classic pop standards as well as originals.



BOOKINGS

Virginia Field **0432 914 539**

Booking is essential, and this is the only number to call if you want to see and hear this band

President's Report: Newsletter Jan-March 2024

Whenever we start a new year, many people can be heard saying 'Let's hope it's better than last year', and for the vast majority of them you can understand why. But as we begin 2024, the Club can only hope that it's as good as 2023 proved to be.

We were back in our favoured venue at the Condong Bowlo, and if nothing else came out of the flood it was the appointment of a new kitchen team. 'JT's Kitchen' has delighted many of us with their impressively varied menu, the quality of their food, and the reasonable prices for which they're served up swiftly and with a big smile. But of course we're not there just for the food, and the bands we welcomed to our gigs in 2023 just seemed to get better and better.

On the administrative side, the membership numbers are slowly creeping back to former levels, and there is now an encouraging list of sponsors. Despite the unavoidable need to raise our admission prices the attendance numbers were encouraging, growing with each month of the year.

No-one will attend unless the music's right, of course, so we must have made the right choices. The coming year will be no different, with a sprightly mix of jazz and blues, kicking off with Club favourites 'Sweet Thunder' in January, and much acclaimed Ingrid James and her quartet to follow in February.

Let's keep up the growing trend, and here's to 2024!

David Field, President.



Happy New Year 2024

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Friday 22nd March 2024 Stomp'n Rhythm Aces

While Carolyn loves to belt out her signature piano boogie style that people simply adore, what set the band apart is the driving swing from the rhythm section that makes people feel compelled to move & dance. The band also includes Cameron Jones' gypsy jazz swing on guitar!



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