

Brisbane Jazz Club

Newsletter
November
2009

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Huge river deck | Fully Licensed bar | Meals | Fully air-conditioned | Onsite car-parking | Friendly atmosphere

On the river at 1 Annie St Kangaroo Point (next to the Holman Street ferry stop) | Bookings - 07 3391 2006 | fax - 07 3891 9931 | bookings@brisbanejazzclub.com.au

President's Report

WELL, we are into a new year and a new committee. I would like to welcome back all the old stagers, Tony Freedland - Vice President, Rita Laurie - Secretary, David Hardiker, Alan Webster, Alan Western and David Herbert are all back on Committee.

The new committee members are Ric Carthew - Treasurer, Red Murphy, Spencer Whitley and Michelle Secis. A big welcome to the committee and an exciting year ahead.

The AGM was well attended with some lively discussion on various matters, including bands to dance to and admission fees for Sunday nights.

I am very happy to report that the meeting voted unanimously to bestow Life Membership upon Melissa Western. Melissa has been a life-saver for the club a dedicated worker and a President who gave herself to the club for 2 years and more, and is well deserving of this award.

We have had some ups and downs this month but we are still staying ahead of the race. There have been some good full houses, and some bad nights, but they have evened out over the month. There have been quite a few southern acts passing through this month. They come to us at a discount rate because of government sponsorship and are hard to pass up, but in future we will look more critically at these opportunities, as they don't always seem to be what you want to hear or come to see.

We have simplified our policy with regard to complimentary passes, in that they can be used for all functions run by the Brisbane Jazz Club. While we are talking about housekeeping matters can you address all mail to our post box address please. [PO Box 7130 East Brisbane 4169.]

Rita ran another working bee this month. It was very well attended and a lot was achieved. Thank you to all who contributed to the outcome. Well Done.

Membership renewals are due. We have record numbers and are happy to have you renew. Do it soon please.

We are working hard to put our club liquor licence in place and hope to finalise this by year's end.

We have enhanced the deck area with new furniture and it looks great. Come in one night and enjoy it.

My pick of the month is Brad Leaver and Swing Central. If you don't come to see this great outfit you are depriving yourself of one of the best nights out this month.

I hope I don't offend other bands with this endorsement but this is my kind of music - LOVE IT!

That's it for this month. We have a great November program, make a booking and come in.

Yours in Jazz
Neil Walsh, President BJC.



SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Brad Leaver and the Swing Central Big Band

[Big Band for Dancing / Listening]

Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm - 11pm
Members \$20 Non - Members \$25

Crooner Brad Leaver will swing up a storm with his new big band as they serve a powerhouse of classic songs. Brad will inject his own heartfelt panache to the unforgettable tunes originally delivered by Ol' Blue Eyes in the era surrounding Dean Martin and Mel Torme. With effortless vocal style coupled with class, charm and more than a hint of roguish humour, Brad Leaver brings to life the magic of Sinatra himself.

BOOK EARLY TO CATCH THIS HOT 9 PIECE SWINGING BAND!

For more info go to our website www.brisbanejazzclub.com.au

LOOKING FORWARD TO A SWINGING DECEMBER WITH:

The Ashley Lewis Band
The Brisbane Contemporary Jazz Orchestra
Graeme Norris and the In Swingers
Shannon Marshall with Jim Kelly and the Twenty Buck Desert
The Brisbane Big Band

More fantastic Jazz Singers Jam Nights
Galapagos Duck
Sean Foran's European Project
Mal and Sean O'Boyle's Christmas Special
Ingrid James and Trudy Kerr [UK]
Melissa Western
Collin Offord and Friends

and many more great acts at your home of world class jazz, The Brisbane Jazz Club.

NEWS FLASH! . . . NEWS FLASH!

The secret is out.....This year at the Brisbane Jazz Club our New Years Eve Party will feature two of our popular bands in one swinging evening to say good bye to 2009 and hello to 2010.

The Andrew Sisters Tribute Show and the Caxton Street Jazz Band will have you dancing and partying all night long.
Stay tuned..... More details to follow shortly.



New Years Eve 2009
at the Brisbane Jazz Club

Caxton Street Jazz Band and the Andrew Sisters Tribute Band

Tickets \$75.00
[includes meal]



FREE Swing Dancing Classes!

Every 3rd Sunday Afternoon!

From 2:45pm for 3pm start, till 4:30 pm

Come along and meet some new friends and learn a new skill!

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!

Next Class :: Sunday 15th November, 2009

All Welcome

Reviewing Rita & Friends

Saturday 16th October - Melissa Western Quintet

DIMINUTIVE in stature, a giant in beauty, personality & talent. The constant smile on the face of this human dynamo of entertainment & vocals ... said it all tonight. This was an evening of sheer enjoyment, where the audience was entertained with a wonderful repertoire from Melissa's quintet. From reflective to gutsy, to falsetto Melissa gave us everything she had - and then some. To have two such natural performers as Tnee & Melissa on stage is always a pleasure, and with the backing of Greg, Rich , Jeremy & Josh ... the evening was perfection. The Brisbane Jazz Club is the 'richer' for evenings like this! Thank you Melissa, Tnee, Greg, Rich and Josh.

Rita



Melissa was thrilled to receive her well deserved award - Life Membership at the Brisbane Jazz Club.



Melissa Western, Tnee Dyer, Greg Gottlieb and Rich Seymour played to a captivated audience! What a wonderful show!

bookings

WE are trying hard to promote bookings at the club to make it better for you to have a more organised experience at your club.

We are encouraging bookings as a service to you as well as a planning tool for us to have catering and seating arranged to cope with demand.

We are taking phone bookings and bookings via the net. The phone number is 07 3391 2006 just leave a message and we will be back to you within 48 hrs. To book via the net go to www.info@brisbanejazzclub.com.au make your booking and it will be confirmed within the same 48 hrs.

We are in the process of negotiating with an online booking service and the success of our booking response from you will dictate whether or not we will proceed.

Enquiries

Please phone the office on 3391 2006. All enquires will be answered within 48hrs.

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GETTING JAZZY

WITH...
LOUISE DENSON

As I child I was very obedient.

The question I'm most often asked is...at the Con: "Could I borrow your keys to open a rehearsal room/an equipment cupboard.....?"

Three things people might not know about me... I love tropical fish; I'm a long time member of Amnesty International; I love eating uncooked spaghetti.

My worst habit is... not answering my friends' emails promptly.

My guiltiest pleasure is... those ju-jube snake lollies.

It's a big daggy, but I love... Inspector Rex!

The strangest place I've been recognized is... in a taxi in Montreal.

My first job was... digging weeds out of the lawn for 10 cents a pound

If I were a superhero, my superpower would be... to make people instantly feel calm, relaxed and at peace with themselves and the world.

The first concert I went to was... I don't remember! It would have been classical music, but no idea.

My first album/cd was... Iron Butterfly In a gadda da vida

A song that resonates with me is... Amelia by Joni Mitchell - in fact the whole Hejira album is magnificent.

The musician I'd most like to work with is... Kenny Wheeler

My first (jazz) gig was... playing solo piano for Valentine's Day in the MacDonald's in Antigonish Nova Scotia.

The best advice I was given was... enjoy the journey!



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