

# Brisbane Jazz Club

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## President's Report

**IT'S** April and Easter - join us in a celebration of the Easter season at our traditional, popular and very smooth Tell Heaven Gospel Brunch on Easter Sunday. Book early. Our regular breakfasts at the club once a month are always a special delight and this is a once a year beauty.

We welcome some new staff members to our club. Peter Court is now maintaining the smooth running of the bar, Libby our chanteuse and bar person will also now be at front of house and Alannah and Jess will be in the office during the week. Lisa is now our club coordinator for office and front of house operations and support to the Treasurer. Of course you all know Bob our security man who does a wonderful job in keeping our street safe for all members as well as passersby and residents. They make a great team and love you to say hello and introduce yourself when you come to the club.

Due to our fabulous program and subsequent increase in booking activity we are seeking volunteers who are able to attend the club during the week for a few hours to take the messages and process bookings. If you are able to help we would love to hear from you.

This month we have a few changes to our committee as Tony Freedland, our Treasurer, heads overseas for a 4 month break and Kathy Goodwin joins the committee to take up the Treasurer reins. Welcome Kathy. Keryl Michener is on study leave in Jakarta until July.

Judi Walters is now a retired committee member and continues her highly valued commitment to the club as a volunteer and lover of live jazz music. Judi has been a committee member for six years and in particular developed the volunteers coordination role and managed breakfasts as they became more and more popular. I and Melissa before me have personally thoroughly enjoyed Judi's wisdom and insight at the meetings and hard work behind the scenes. Thank you and love you Judi.

I hope that you were at the club for Stacey Broughton, James Flynn, Margret RoadKnight and our locals - David Bentley, Melissa Western and SCAT because they were all fantastic and entertained full houses. See you at this months moments of musical joy with Michelle Nicol, Andrea Keller, Adrian Cunningham and John Reeves, Ingrid James, Shannon Marshall, laique and our swinging big bands and jazz singers jam - the list goes on because they are all amazing.

Please continue to be very quiet when arriving and leaving the club in respect of our neighbours. I would also remind you to respect the musicians and fellow members at the club by being aware of the noise level of conversations during the sets.

I leave you with a favourite reminder of mine - sing as though no one can hear you, dance as though no one is watching you, love as though you have never been hurt and live as though heaven is on earth- and you can do it all at the BJC!

See you in Heaven at the club!

*Yvonne D'Occhio - President*

## Michelle Nicolle Quartet

**SATURDAY 4 APRIL**

**Club Open 6.30pm**

**Band 7.30pm - 11pm**

**Members \$15 Non-members \$20**

**Vocal Jazz**

Special Event  
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED



Melbourne based Michelle Nicolle is the winner of the Australian Jazz Vocalist of the Year Aria Award in 2001, 2003, 2004. With a full ranging marvellous voice, her profile has been rapidly rising and she has become known as Australia's finest jazz singer. Michelle has released five beautiful albums, all of which received high acclaim for her lyrical interpretations. Her demanding touring schedule has seen her perform in Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Holland, New Zealand, Turkey, Estonia, Finland, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Joining Michelle for her only Brisbane performance is an all star Melbourne cast of Geoff Hughes- Guitar, Tom Lee- Double Bass and Ronny Ferella- Drums.

## Andrea Keller Quintet

**[Modern/ Contemporary]**

**SUNDAY 5 APRIL**

**Club Open 5.30pm Band 6pm- 9pm**

**Members \$15, Non-members \$20**

Special Event  
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

**MELBOURNE** Based Three time ARIA Award winning jazz pianist and composer Andrea Keller and her band of iconic and creative improvisers will present a show of original compositions.

An A - List line up Eugene Ball - Trumpet, Ian Whitehurst - Tenor Saxophone, Joe Talia - Drums, John Rodgers - Violin and Andrea Keller - Piano are using this unorthodox

combination of instruments to create a leading force in developing a chamber music-like approach to the improvisations and compositions performed by the group.

*"One of this country's most daring and fascinating composers, she produces work that bristles with surprises, a powerful blend of European lyricism with space and improvisation"* Leon Gettler, *The Age*



## Members' Noticeboard

### Australian Jazz Convention – Melbourne – Sat 26 Dec – Thurs 31 Dec

If you are interested in attending this great event as a musician or a volunteer, please catch up with Rita – BJC's Club Liaison Officer/ Secretary for more information. She can assist you with the accommodation and registration paperwork necessary to be a part of the wonderful Convention. These Jazz Convention's have been happening for approx 50 years and are a lot of fun to be involved with. If you have ever wondered what it is like to be a part of a 5 day totally Jazz orientated event where only Jazz lovers go, this is the place for you to be!

### Want to see more Jazz? Want to be part of a fun team?

Then why not become a volunteer at the Brisbane Jazz Club? It is a great way to meet people who also love their jazz. Please contact Rita at the club for more information.

### **Tell Heaven Gospel Brunch**

[Gospel/Blues/Vocal Jazz]

**SUNDAY 12 APRIL**

**Open 8.15am**

**Band 8.45 – 11am**

**\$30 including a great breakfast!**

Tell Heaven All Star Gospel Revue pay homage to the gospel greats – Mahalia Jackson and the Staples singers, The Louvin Brothers and Johnny Cash, as well as the less widely known but equally important gospel stars like the Reverend Gary Davis and The Stanley Brothers.

Tell Heaven is a group of seven ruggedly individual musical talents with one thing on their minds – To serve the spirit of the songs. Don't miss this special Easter Sunday concert back by popular demand and join us in the spirit of Easter at the Brisbane Jazz Club.

This hot line-up includes ~

*Leah Cotterell – Vocals, Pearly Black- Vocals,  
Coojee Timms – Vocals/Guitar, Jamie Clark – Guitars/Vocals,  
John Rodgers – Violin/ Guitar/Keyboard, Helen Russell – Bass,  
Kym Ambrose – Drums.*



**EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL EVENT GOSPEL BREAKFAST**

### **Jazz Singers Jam Nights**

**DON'T** forget about this wonderful bi-monthly event at the club. On every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month you find the club alive with the sounds of jazz singers who come from all walks of life and a variety of ages. It is a friendly and supportive forum for singers to express themselves with the superb backing of a live band. Musicians such as James Sherlock, Jack Thorncraft, Paul Hudson, Russell Bayne and Willy Qua are part of the ever changing backing band who play so beautifully behind the singers.

Please contact Event Organiser  
Ingrid James at  
[ingridjames@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ingridjames@optusnet.com.au)  
for more information or  
to book a place at the jam.

## **BRISBANE BIG BAND**

**BETTER** book your floor space alongside our dancers and join in the Easter Parade [ special prizes for the best Easter Bonnet ] as Brad Esbensen and the Brisbane Big Band get your feet tapping and raring to go. This month enjoy the fun and great vocals from our host and compare Alan Western and his special guest from the Jazz Singers Jam Nights – Di Clark.

**SUNDAY 12 APRIL**

**Open 5.30pm Band 6pm – 9pm**

**Members \$10/ Non-Members \$15**

**GREAT FOOD  
AVAILABLE!**





## Adrian Cunningham Quartet

**FRIDAY 17 APRIL**

**Club Open 6.30pm**

**Band 7.30pm- 11pm**

**Members \$20 Non- Members \$25**

Special Event  
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED



*Joining Adrian for is only Brisbane show is Dave Pudney [SYD] on Double Bass, Steve Russell- Piano and Paul Hudson- Drums.*

**[Swing/Mainstream/Latin]**

Hailing from Sydney, multi-instrumentalist Adrian Cunningham is one of the most charismatic personalities in Australian Jazz today. Releasing his third album last year, Adrian is well and truly making his mark on the Australian and International Jazz scenes as both a performer, composer and bandleader.

As well as playing standards, Adrian is featuring increasingly more of his own beautifully crafted original works and is gaining well deserved recognition. His songs have twice been featured on the In Flight Program with Qantas domestic and international flights and many major radio stations around Australia.

Don't miss Adrian's only Queensland performance with his swinging quartet featuring Sydney's Double Bass Master – Dave Pudney, our very own King of Swing – Paul Hudson and the Genius of the Ivories – Steve Russell.

## Tyrone Noonan and Palimpset

**SATURDAY 18 APRIL**

**Club Open 6.30pm**

**Band 7.30-11pm**

**Members \$20 Non-Members \$25**



Special Event  
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

**Swing/Latin/Standards/Original Jazz**

Fresh from a sell-out European Tour, Tyrone Noonan will present a very cool show of popular standards and hip versions of some David Bowie, McCartney and Vince Jones Classics. Tyrone Noonan and Palimpset create a timeless, yet current sounding musical journey that will take the listener on a entrancing journey across continents, cultures and song writing eras, fusing elements of swing, latin, soul, folk and modern grooves and melodies.

## Brass Roots Live Big Band

**SUNDAY 19 APRIL**

**Open 5.30pm**

**Band 6pm – 9pm**

*Great food available*



**THIS** is the first time for the Brass Roots Big Band at the Brisbane Jazz Club and what a gig it will be. These guys play a cool dancing mix of well known big band tunes. Featuring the sweet vocals of Don Bennington this is a Sunday at the club you don't want to miss!

## Ingrid James and the East Coast Ensemble

**FRIDAY 24 APRIL**

**Open 6.30pm Band 7.30pm -11pm**

**Members \$15/ Non-Members \$20**

**LAST** time Ingrid James and the East Coast Ensemble performed at the club we had over 185 happy customers who have asked for the return of this swinging group. Their cool sound featuring some of Brisbane's finest exponents in 'cool swing' such as Andrew Shaw – Double Bass, Dan Quigley – Trumpet, Graeme Norris – Saxophone, Paul Hudson – Drums and John Reeves – Piano. Ingrid's delicious vocals tell stories of love and take you away from your working week and set a course for fine dancing and listening.



## Shannon Marshall and the Twenty Buck Desert

**SATURDAY 25 APRIL**

**Open 6.30pm**

**Band 7.30pm – 11pm**

**Members \$10**

**Non-Members \$15**



**SHANNON** Marshall is one of Brisbane's favourite trumpet players who is quickly making his mark as a rising vocalist with his unique soul voice. See Shannon perform his own brand of soul-jazz with Brisbane heavyweights – 'Dancing' Dale Rabic – Hammond Organ, Paul 'The Hitman' Hudson – Drums and special guest James Sherlock. Together they are Brisbane's sweetest soul sensation – 'The Twenty Buck Desert'.

### BJC Office Hours

4 – 7pm, Tues – Fri

### President

Yvonne D'Occhio

### Vice-President

Neil Walsh

### Treasurer

Tony Freedland

### Secretary

Rita Laurie

### Committee

David Hardiker

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### **Flap/ Gerard Mapstone Friday 13 February**

A more lively, talented, enthusiastic group of musicians than "Flap" – I have yet to experience. They had a full house in the palm of their hands clammering for more when it was time to end their performance.

Friday night was pure entertainment. Equally at home with New Orleans, Dixie, Trad or Latin, with 3 excellent vocalists and some good humour thrown in the pot for good measure. They were pleasant, outgoing and obliging young people from the moment they came into the Club and a 'must' for another gig later in the year...

Gerard Mapstone and the DeleCanna Flamenco Company had set the scene with their first set of pure talent, and even Sans the violinist who had broken his wrist, the magic and power of the flamenco tempo and Sylvia's superb flamenco dancing left us spellbound. Gerard certainly is one of the finest Australian classical and flamenco guitarists. Another great show with a capacity audience.

### **Andrew Sisters Saturday February 14**

What a night!! Full house happy crowd and great entertainment. The Andrew Sisters Tribute Group were a very high energy and professional group. They did four sets which worked well. They started their first set in American Army dress uniforms and presented the best known



and popular songs, they changed from uniforms to what would be casual dress in the 40's and for their last two sets formal ball gowns of the time were donned and they looked and performed accordingly. Their backing quartet were tight and complimented the main act. All in all this was a very successful night.

*Neil Walsh*

### **Stacey Broughton and the Brand New Sweeties Saturday 28 February**

Always a favourite and back by popular request, Stacey and her band kept the BJC hopping and a 'swingin' from the start of the 1st set till the last number, a great rendition of Route 66, in the 3rd set – with the audience clamouring for more. Stacey is a relaxed and cheeky vocalist, bringing old favourites alive and amusing the capacity audience with her asides and innuendoes. She had an engaging way with the great line-up of backing musicians and was at all times in touch with her audience. Definitely music to swing to, dancers were in good form appreciating the new surface on the dance floor.



**Breakfast at the Brisbane Jazz Club** continues to be a source of great pleasure. Always laid back and stress free at that time of the day with things starting to happen out on the river. David Bentley with Paul Hudson and Andrew Shaw were absolutely polished and

relaxed, with a program of music that suited the sultry Brisbane morning. I really do think that breakfast at the BJC is Brisbane's best kept secret. David Bentley just kept delivering authentic New Orleans Blues and Gospel keeping everyone in the space.

*David Herbert*

### **Melissa Western Tribute to Ella and Marilyn Friday 20 February**

Melissa Western is to the BJC as Vera Lynn was to the Forces during the war... their sweetheart. Melissa's vocal repertoire last night ranged from quiet, thoughtful numbers to sexy and mischievous with just the right mix of excerpts from her Edinburgh review on Ella and Marilyn. You could have heard a pin drop during the narratives and the audience was completely enraptured by this bubbly, confident, actress/vocalist who is so comfortable centre stage. John Bringetto joined the Quintet for a few numbers which added another dimension to the already superb backing group. Tnee, as always delighted the audience [I was watching the sheer pleasure and concentration on their faces] as he played the piano with his whole body. Melissa also did a wonderful impromptu Marilyn version of Happy Birthday to the guy I'd just called down to draw the raffle... I've never known such quietness during a break! Those who didn't attend missed a rare treat.



## What's HOT in MAY...

Chris McNulty - Vocals [New York] and Paul Bollenback - Guitarist [New York] with John Hoffman - Trumpet/Flugel, Helen Russell - Double Bass, Paul Hudson - Drums and Steve Newcomb - Piano Present 2 great shows on **Friday May 29 and Saturday**

### **May 30 at the BJC.**

Back by popular demand "Wizard and Oz" join us after their sell-out Australian Tour on **May 31.**

The JazzGroove MotherShip Orchestra from Sydney featuring International Trumpeter/

### Composer – Bert Joris on **May 7.**

Sean O'Boyle's Award Winning "Blackwood" ensemble play the club on **Sat 9 May.**

**Plus many more great acts to enjoy at Australia's leading home of Live jazz – The Brisbane Jazz Club.**

## Jazz on the Radio...

Monday and Friday 1 - 2pm Lunchtime Jazz **103.7 fm 4MBS Classic fm**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.30pm - 12midnight **103.7 fm 4MBS Classic fm**

Tuesday 8pm with Gloria Davey Lady Jazz **Bay fm 100.3**

Tuesday Jazz 3 - 5pm with Brian Fane **101.3 fm Noosa Community Radio**

Sunday News Blues and Views 10am – 12 noon. Blue Monday with Al Hensley 12 - 2pm

Wed 10am - 12 noon with Iris Pyle **101.5 fm Logan**

Saturday & Sunday 5 - 7pm Jazztrack with Mal Stanley **106.1 fm ABC Classic**

Sunday 6pm - 7.30pm with Barry Ralph All That Jazz **101 fm**

Sun 8am - 11am Knox Lovell Jazz Show **102.1 fm 4zzz**

Sunday 6 – 9pm Lance Passmore **99.7 fm**

Mostly Jazz and Swing **94.1 fm Radio Hope Island**



## Jazz Around Town...

We often get asked where to find jazz around town in Brisbane when the Brisbane Jazz Club is not open. One of the best places to find out what to catch in town is to log on to the gig guide at [www.brisbanejazz.com](http://www.brisbanejazz.com) and [www.jazzqueensland.com](http://www.jazzqueensland.com)

You can find out what's going on and what's coming up in all sorts of places – it's a wonderful resource for those of us who just **can't get enough jazz!**