



'Improvisations'



The newsletter of the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club

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Bookings: 5588-4000

July - August 2010

Sinatra Spectacular

Friday 23rd July

25th Birthday Party



To celebrate our 25th birthday we salute arguably the most outstanding popular singer in the history of show business, Frank Sinatra, the skinny kid from Hoboken, New Jersey who became the supreme interpreter of the greatest songs of the 20th century.



Max



Scott

Our tribute will be led by perennial Gold Coast favourite Max Miller as Old Blue Eyes and Scott Martin, a Sinatra look-alike, as the young crooner.

Max and Scott will be joined by the Andrews Sisters Tribute Band and Christina.

Backed by the Decahedron 10 piece Swing Band led by Paul Gibens. Full details on pages 4-5.



Andrews Sisters
Tribute Band



Christina

Book at The Arts Centre
Gold Coast Ticket Office
Ph. 5588 4000



President's Report AGM 2010

Once again I am pleased to report that after 25 years in the business of live jazz our jazz club has had an excellent year.

At the beginning of the year your committee set two goals. The first goal was to have the club membership hit the 300 figure and I am pleased to tell you that we achieved that goal in March of this year.

The second goal was to make it a very enjoyable year of jazz. I'm sure you will agree that we achieved that goal as well.

The figures speak for themselves.

Total patrons were 1,789. Average attendance at gigs was 163. That was a 3% increase on 2008/2009. Last year I reported that the increase was 5% and the year before that it was a whopping 25%.

Increased attendances at gigs inevitably leads to increased income. Our income increased by 12% resulting in a surplus of over \$3,010.

We are an Incorporated Society and not in the business of making a profit but the hiring of top bands in a great venue plus innovative marketing has meant that we now have total funds of \$29,430 which is a record for our club.

One of the highlights of the year was the Caxton Street Jazz Band gig on 26th February. That was the Barber, Ball and Bilk evening. We had 274 bums on seats.

To illustrate how times have changed for the better let me go back to 2002 at the Southport Yacht Club on a Monday night. We had the Caxton Street Jazz Band and drew a crowd of 50. Enough said!

Quite a few musicians have said that the Paradise Room at the Arts Centre is the best jazz venue in Australia and I want to put on record our thanks to everyone at the Arts Centre for their professionalism, courtesy and co-operation. We have been warmly welcomed into the Arts Centre family and in recent weeks discussions between the marketing department and our committee has led to a number of initiatives in marketing our jazz club gigs. Soon these will become evident and I believe you will be very impressed.

For the past few years there has been remarkable stability in the composition of the committee managing our club and to a very large degree that stability has been one of the factors in our growth and success.

But nothing is forever. This year Jim and Mary Oxenford are retiring from the committee after almost a decade of intense involvement and responsibility as president and secretary. Everyone in the Jazz Action Society Gold Coast owes a debt of gratitude to Jim and Mary for the unseen hours that they have put in so that you, our members, and visitors to our club have a pleasant evening.

My thanks also goes out to the rest of the committee for their dedication to the welfare of the jazz club. Also retiring are Kay Watkinson after nine years on the committee, Diane Mirams and Lester Winter and I thank them for their contribution to our success. It was a team effort that led to a successful year and everyone pulled their weight.

We go into the next financial year in a position of strength both in number of members and financially and, of course, having the support of the Arts Centre management team behind us.

I welcome the new members to the committee and assure you that it will be our objective to maintain and improve upon our success over the past twelve months.

*Roy McKeen
President*



Secretary's Report AGM 2010

2009/2010 has been a very good year for the Gold Coast Jazz & Blues Club. Our move to the Arts Centre Gold Coast has proved to be very successful.

Having such a great venue is something we have sought for many years and as anticipated our members and lots of new friends seem to be enjoying it.

Our committee has worked hard. Our president, Roy McKeen, has done a great job organising the top quality bands that we have had and also editing the newsletter.

Our raffle lady, Sue Poefinger, has done a great job in looking after all the prizes and arranging the ticket sales ably assisted by Kay Watkinson who also has been handling the newspaper advertising.

Kay is stepping down from committee this year and will be greatly missed. Geesje and Keith were our stalwarts on the cash register and as they are both very busy people their input is greatly appreciated.

Of course, our treasurer Bob Mirams has done a great job as usual, ably assisted by Diane.

Jim and I will also be stepping down from committee this year as we hope to do a bit of travelling and after ten years as secretary I feel I need a break.

May 2010 /11 be a great year for the club and may you all continue to support live jazz.

Mary Oxenford
Secretary



Treasurer's Report AGM 2010

It is a pleasure to present the annual financial reports for your Club. Firstly, the good news (and I am very pleased to say this report only has good news) the Income & Expenditure Statement has a very healthy surplus for the year of \$3,010.

Overall our Total Income is up 4% and our average attendance is up 3%. Our Band Costs are down 10% due solely to 11 gigs this financial year against 12 last year. The Hire Costs of this wonderful venue are well up but that is entirely due to this being our first full financial year in the Paradise Showroom where we pay room hire and for the services of professional sound and lighting technicians. You only have to speak briefly to the musicians who entertain us to appreciate how this helps their performance and to hear how they enjoy this place so much. Newsletter costs are up quite a bit, but it is a very good newsletter. Perhaps if more members would receive it by email we could make a saving there. No repairs & maintenance this year as our only piece of equipment in use is our almost-new Roland keyboard. The total of our expenses year to year are down a tiny 1%.

The Balance Sheet has an increase in Current Assets of over 17% and since balance date the Term Deposit has been raised to \$20,000. We regard this as our security buffer. The Non-Current Assets are our equipment purchases over the years written down by depreciation. And finally most pleasingly, there are no liabilities. That really is it folks, a very satisfactory situation.

Bob Mirams
Treasurer

A nine page audited report is available to members on request.



Sinatra

Friday



“Young at heart”



“Come fly with me”



“My way”



With daughter Nancy on Australian tour in 1955

SINATRA

He was a saloon singer, an actor, a showman, a giant, a big leaguer. As he would say, a gasser. He took music in new directions. He triumphed, he stumbled and he triumphed again.

A felt fedora tilted just right, two fingers of Jack Daniels on the rocks, a long night with your pals in an after hours joint.

Members \$21 Visitors \$26

Please have your Jazz & Blues Club membership number and your credit card ready for payment.

Spectacular

23rd July



**Max Miller
as Old Blue
Eyes**



**Scott Martin
as the young
crooner**



**Guest artists
The Andrews
Sisters Tribute Band
& Christina**

**Music by Decahedron
Swing Band**

Leader Paul Gibens

Bar and bistro open 6pm

Music commences 7.30pm



Christina



Paul Gibens

Bookings on 5588 4000

Bookings can also be made in person at The Arts Centre Gold Coast Ticket Office.

The Clarinet Cavaliers

Friday 20th August 2010



**Paul
Furniss**



**Paul
Williams**



**Jack
Wiard**

The Clarinet Cavaliers consist of three of the top clarinetists in Australia. We have arranged for **Paul Furniss** and **Jack Wiard** to fly up from Sydney especially for this gig and they will be joined by **Paul Williams**, well known to you as a member of the Caxton Street Jazz Band.

A few weeks ago I was at the Sydney Jazz Club in Drummoyne where Paul Furniss and Jack Wiard were appearing in a similar trio and they received tumultuous applause and a standing ovation as they blew up a storm with some of the great jazz standards. All three clarinetists have impressive CVs which augurs well for an evening of exciting jazz.

The Clarinet Cavaliers will have a rhythm backing of Jo Bloomfield, piano; Wally Furst, guitar/banjo; Dennis Ashton, bass and Ben Elliott, drums.

Members \$21

Visitors \$26

Book on 5588 4000 or at The Arts Centre Gold Coast Ticket Office

Celebrating 25 years of jazz on Gold Coast



Welcome to our new members !

Peter Burke, Heather King, Ruth Kennedy, Christine and Gordon Lyall.

Welcome to our club! We hope you enjoy the music and the friendship!

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**30 July: Jazz Kanaries
James T & The Tomahawks
27 Aug: Dave Fennell, piano
Satin Sounds**

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The club meets in the Paradise Showroom in The Arts Centre Gold Coast, 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise on advertised dates. The bar and bistro open at 6p.m. and the music starts at 7.30p.m. Everyone is welcome. Members of Australian jazz clubs and jazz clubs world-wide and members of The Friends of the Arts Centre are admitted at members' rates.

Please reserve your seats on 5588-4000 or at The Arts Centre Ticket Office.
Website: www.goldcoastjazzclub.com



Coming Events

17th September



Caxton Street
(Brisbane)

15th October



Syncopators
(Melbourne)

26th November



Janet Seidel
(Sydney)



Don't miss Safari Tuesdays with the BAM band playing Latin, Funk Bebop, Swing Jazz etc. Hear the finest Gold Coast, Brisbane and Northern NSW Jazz musicians and vocalists perform from 6pm to midnight. These Safari Tuesday jazz feasts come with a great value \$35 three course dinner or a \$10 cover charge which includes a complimentary wine or beer for non-diners.

Swingin Safari, Cnr. Thornton St and Gold Coast Highway South Surfers. Phone booking recommended for diners:
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