

# Newcastle & Hunter Jazz Club Inc.



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Newcastle & Hunter Jazz Club presents



## NEW ORLEANS RAMBLERS AND FRIENDS

Traditional/New Orleans Jazz




Eric Gibbons – Trombone/Saxophone/Vocals),  
Peter Buckland – Clarinet/Soprano Saxophone,  
Bradley Newman – Piano, Greg Griffiths – Banjo/Guitar,  
Guy Thomson – Bass, Joel Davis – Drums

**SUNDAY JAN 25, 2026**  
2:00pm – 4:30pm  
Wallsend Diggers Club  
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**\$20**  
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**\$25**  
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## LICORICE ALLSORTS

Traditional Jazz



Paul Furniss – Clarinet/Saxophone,  
Jack Wyard – Clarinet/Saxophone,  
Peter Buckland – Clarinet/Saxophone, Rachel Hamilton – Piano,  
Peter Boys – Bass, Lawrie Thompson – Drums

**SUNDAY FEB 22, 2026**  
2:00pm – 4:30pm  
Windale Bowling Club  
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# From the President

## Hello Fellow Jazz Lovers



What a great start to Christmas festivities! Our December Christmas Concert, great food, well served by the Wallsend Club staff, and then we had 2 superb hours of "Rachel's Rascals" inimitable style. There is never a problem for the Goeldner family! Young Will sat in on the drums, Guy Thompson on bass, Rachel Goeldner on piano, Patron Bob Henderson on trumpet, Paul Furniss on Clarinet and Eric Gibbons on Trombone/vocals.

What a great line-up, and they delivered a great variety of favourites.

We were very sad to receive Bob Henderson's resignation as patron after more than 20 years (There is further detail in this edition of his marvellous contribution). We know he will continue to entertain us at various events in which he will be playing! Thank you, Bob!!

At our December committee meeting, we discussed the club's budget and financial position year to date, and the view going forward. Your committee is very aware of all of that and are also concerned to consider the wishes of the members. Sometimes that is a difficult juggling act to manage.

I am happy to report that at our Committee meeting on Wednesday 17th December, in response to many comments along the lines: "we would like more out-of-Newcastle bands", an amount of \$3000 has allocated from consolidated funds to attract bands from Sydney, Canberra, Central Coast and the like during 2026. Following this the Jive Bombers have been booked for the May concert.

Allied with my call at the Christmas function for each of you to invite a neighbour/friend to join a concert at least once next year, we will have enriched our program and increased our bottom line and hopefully introduced some full-time members to the club.

The committee also firmly endorsed our efforts to promote opportunities for young Jazz musicians. We will continue to provide school bands with engagements at several functions, and we know that those thoughtful members among us will appreciate our efforts to showcase this excellent talent.

My best wishes for Christmas and a peaceful start to 2026 to you all.

Let the music continue!

*Murray*

*Robert James Henderson*  
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*To Murray + all the rest  
of the Committee that  
help run the jazz club.  
and everybody else that helps  
Wishing you  
a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.  
all the best for the festive  
season to you all.  
Regards from Robert  
Janette xoxoxo*

Ms Marianne Cummins  
The Secretary  
Newcastle & Hunter Jazz Club Inc.

Dear Marianne,

After much deliberating I have decided to retire from my post as Patron. I will not be standing again.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to hold this office, especially following the passing in 2001 of the last Patron, Tom Baker, my dear friend and great jazzman.

Music, and in particular Jazz, has been the cornerstone of my life for 75 years, mostly as a professional player. My involvement with the Newcastle scene began in 1962. I hope it continues.

I thank all office holders and Committee members, past and present, who have supported me though the last 23 years. Warm wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

*Robert Henderson - HENDO*  
Robert Henderson

Please consider other patrons by not speaking when musicians are playing — your assistance is always greatly appreciated.

# Membership Report to Members

From Marianne Cummins (Membership & Secretary)

Financial Members: 211

As you are all aware membership begins in the month you paid membership and ends 12 months later from that date.

There are no longer Membership Cards - as the Website WIX sends out 3 emails at the time of renewal or joining to all members: (but ONLY if you have an individual email!)

Below are the 3 emails:

1. Welcome Letter from the President
2. Membership Start and End Dates
3. Confirmation receipt for online payment

In lieu of Membership Cards, your membership details are available on your smart phone, which can be used at other jazz clubs for reciprocal rights of entry discounts etc.

In your phone browser type [www.newcastlejazz.com.au](http://www.newcastlejazz.com.au)

Click on Log In  
Enter your email address  
Enter your NHJC password

On the next screen that appears  
Click on Drop Down arrow  
Click on My account

On this screen  
Click on My Subscriptions

The Subscriptions Page appears  
This gives your membership and expiry date

I will give information and explanations each newsletter to help members understand the reasons behind processes.

In this January Newsletter, I will explain why it is an issue with one email address for 2 members, ie a couple!

If a couple has one email address and one person uses this to Login the Website (called WIX) then the second person using that email will not be recognised by the system when wanting to pay membership or apply member discount to concerts/events etc.

The reason is the WIX system does not accept 2 people with the same email (in the system this is an individual member identifier).

So, it is better if everyone has their own email address (if possible), so everyone -

- ◆ Gets all the information sent to each member ie individual Newsletters, individual event discounts, individual membership renewal reminder
- ◆ Individual Welcome Letter, Start and End Date of Membership, individual reminders for renewal and any other committee information to members like Member Reports from the Committee etc.

If you are a couple and have your own email, contact me so I can help go through steps to set you up with your own email and Login in the WIX system.

If not, contact me so we can talk it through and I can help sort it with you (and I do the second membership manually) give a false email to the system (Last name member number @gmail.com) so the system accepts his/her membership update.

But the person does not get any information (as this email goes nowhere!)

Sometimes there is a need to delete an old doubled up membership to fix this up - this also generates an email to you - I try to contact people when this happens to let them know, so call to check if this happens.

If anyone needs help with any part of this, please Call me - Marianne (Membership)

• If you call me - Please leave a message if I don't pick up (as I don't respond to unknown numbers without a message)!

# December Christmas Concert

## Rachel's Rascalls



### Raffle Winners

Pam Boyd, Janette West (2), Jan Graham, Ruth Clarkson, Barbara Ward, Jan Bennett, Richard Devon, Sylvia Shearer, Susan O'Henly, Doug Hoepper, Yvonne Louis



*Video clips from December concert can be viewed in email newsletter*

# December Christmas Concert

## Rachel's Rascals



*The dancers twirled to the swinging tunes*



### Rachel's Rascals

Paul Furniss	Reeds
Bob Henderson	Trumpet
Rachel Hamilton	Piano
Will Goeldner	Drums
Guy Thompson	Bass
Eric Gibbons	Trombone

# Jazz on a Relaxing Afternoon

## Our Future Jazz Concert Calendar

CONCERT DATE	CONCERT BAND	CONCERT VENUE	CONCERT TIME
January 25th	New Orleans Ramblers	Wallsend Diggers	14:00 - 16:30
February 22nd	Licorice Allsorts	Windale Bowling Club	14:00 - 16:30
March 29th	Greg Englert Jazz Band	Wangi Workers	14:00 - 16:30
April 25th			
May 31st	Jive Bombers	Wallsend Diggers	14:00 - 16:30
June 28th			
July 26th			
August 30th			

Please book your concert tickets online at [www.newcastlejazz.com.au](http://www.newcastlejazz.com.au)

### "No Refund Policy"

1. Patrons purchase tickets for Membership, Concerts or any other club events, on the understanding there is a "No Refund Policy"
2. If the patron wanted to "on sell" the ticket, they are entitled to, but the club would as a rule not "on sell" any tickets on the patron's behalf
3. If the patron "on sold" a ticket, it is their responsibility to let the club know:
  - their name, concert or event, venue and value of ticket
  - the name of the person the ticket was on sold to and for what concert or event
  - the club would record these details and honour the ticket from this person when presented at the nominated concert

Please consider other patrons by not speaking when musicians are playing — your assistance is always greatly appreciated.



of Eltham 27-28 February 2026 Jazz

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**WESTERN PLAINS**



**JAZZ ASSOCIATION**

**Advance Notice**

**3rd JAZZ FESTIVAL**

1st, 2nd & 3rd MAY 2026

DUBBO RSL CLUB

Cnr wingerra & Brisbane Sts, Dubbo



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# What's Happening

## For Those Out & About



**Jan 17th The Aston Martinis**  
**Jan 24th Koko Does Jazz**  
**Jan 31st Miss Julia & the Swingin' Sidekicks**  
**Feb 7th The Mark VI Ensemble**  
 \$10 14:00 - 17:00  
 Bar67 Collegians  
 3a Charlotte Street, Wollongong  
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**Blue Gumbo**  
 Sunday, 11 Jan 13:00 – 16:00  
**Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison**  
 Cnr Catchpole & Bowman St,  
 Macquarie ACT



**Sunday 04 January**  
**Robbie Mann & His Ragtime Band**  
**14:00 -17:00 PARKVIEW ROOM**  
**CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB**  
 Dane Dr, Gosford NSW 2250  
[www.jazzleague.net/](http://www.jazzleague.net/)

**The Geelong Jazz Club Inc.**  
**Des Camm's Jazz Band**  
**Sunday 18 January**  
**14:00 -17:00**  
**White Eagle House**  
**46-48 Fellmongers Rd, Breakwater VIC**  
[www.thegeelongjazzclub.org.au](http://www.thegeelongjazzclub.org.au)



Members - \$7 Visitors - \$12 Student - \$2  
 Meals 18:00, Music at 19:30  
**DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON**  
 23 Marieville Esplanade Sandy Bay  
[www.hobartjazzclub.com](http://www.hobartjazzclub.com)



**Jan 14 Jive Bombers**  
**Jan 26 Jazz Cruise on Sydney Harbour**  
 12:30 - 15:30  
 Members \$15 Visitors \$20  
 Freeway Hotel  
 115 Reserve Rd, Artarmon NSW  
[www.sydneyjazzclub.org.au](http://www.sydneyjazzclub.org.au)



**Last Friday**  
**Each Month**  
**CODONG BOWLING CLUB**  
**1 McLeod Street Condong NSW**  
[www.tweedvalleyjazzclub.org](http://www.tweedvalleyjazzclub.org)  
  
**Friday, 30 January**  
**Sweet Thunder Big Band**  
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 Bookings Essential  
 Please Phone 0432 914 539



Members - \$15  
 Visitors - \$25  
 19:30 - 22:15  
**Jan 13 Infernal Pit Super Jazz**  
**Jan 20 Sanitising Swing / Marlene Richards**  
**Jan 27 GB Swingtet / Ally Cunningham**  
 The Highway Function Room  
 Cnr Marion Road & Anzac Highway,  
 Plympton SA 5038  
[www.southernjazzclub.org.au](http://www.southernjazzclub.org.au)



**Bowral Bowling Club**  
 40 Shepherd St, Bowral  
[www.shjazzinc.com](http://www.shjazzinc.com)



**13:00 - 15:30**  
**4th Thursday**  
**Each month**  
**Thursday 22 Jan**  
  
**Home Brew Jazz Band**  
**Majestic Theatre**  
**3 Factory St, Pomona QLD**  
[www.noosajazzclub.com](http://www.noosajazzclub.com)



**Jan 30 – Stephen Henry Quartet**  
 19:30 – 22:30  
 Drayton Bowls Club  
 46 Gipps Street, Drayton, QLD  
[www.toowoombajazz.com](http://www.toowoombajazz.com)

**WESTERN PLAINS**  




**Darren Heinrich Trio ft Libor Šmoldas**  
 20 January  
**Leo Larratt Quartet**  
 27 January  
**Samuel Blaser Trio**  
 3 February  
**Jeremy Burrows Trio ft Renée Bergér**  
 10 February  
**20:00 - 22:00**  
**Grand Hotel**  
**32 Church Street, Newcastle**  
 Details at [www.nima.org.au](http://www.nima.org.au)

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