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# Victorian Jazz Club Inc.

## JAZZBEAT

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### NOTICE OF AGM THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 7:30pm

Please note that our AGM is on 30<sup>th</sup> June 7:30 at the Clayton RSL.

List of nominees for committee are:

#### COMMITTEE OFFICERS

**President:** Warren Denmead  
**Vice President:** Ian Richardson  
**Treasurer:** Larisa Beck  
**Secretary:** Liz Thommers

#### ORDINARY COMMITTEE

Graeme Akerman      Geoff Tobin  
Peter McKay      Pamela Young  
Simon Vancam      John Kelly  
Gordon Shaw      David Lole

As there were no other nominations for Committee Officers, all will be declared re-elected unopposed at the AGM

As there are eight nominees for ordinary committee, and only seven positions to fill, a ballot will be required to elect seven of the above eight listed to ordinary committee.

**ANYONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE AGM BUT WISHES TO VOTE MUST EMAIL THE SECRETARY [lizthommers@hotmail.com](mailto:lizthommers@hotmail.com) OR PHONE OR TEXT LIZ THOMMERS ON 0400 057 310 TO HAVE A BALLOT FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO THEM.**

Their vote must be posted to the address below and it is the sender's responsibility to post this in a timely manner to ensure it reaches the post office box no later than 29/06/2022

The Returning Officer  
Victorian Jazz Club  
P.O. Box 1538  
Moorabbin BC  
MOORABBIN VIC 3189

Please see Page 3 to 5 for some more details on our Committee standing for election to help you get to know them a bit more.

**Please note there will be a limited number of AGM minutes available for review at the AGM. These were emailed out (31/05/2021) after the last AGM. Please bring along a copy from your emails if you feel you do need your own copy at the meeting.**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over recent months there has been a noticeable and steady increase in attendance numbers at our jazz events. Improved audience numbers will allow for bigger bands to be engaged. The door system is working well and has allowed prompt admission to the venue.

Recording and photographic material for Facebook are being further developed by Gordon, Ron, and Liz. Website information is being compiled and posted by Ian, Graeme, and Simon.

Congratulations to all on a fine effort!

I am looking forward to further improvements to the function and performance of our VJC systems and gigs as the effect of COVID 19 diminishes.

Warren Denmead, President

# BAND BOOKINGS JUNE - JULY 2022

Bookings are essential

www.vjc.org.au/events or phone: Rhondda/Graeme 98487920 or Liz - 0400 057 310



## June 11th The Pearly Shells

Here they are again - the band that thrill the dancers, The Pearly Shells Hot Six.

Led by Steve Purcell on bass and vocals, with Dai Jones on guitar, Gavin Gray on drums, Dave Allerdice on piano, Paul Coyle on trumpet and Bob Glaeseman on Sax. Famous for their Swingin' back beat sound, Hollywood style, and luminescent clam-shell stands, The Pearlys have been providing atmospheric sound tracks and irresistible dance

grooves to audiences everywhere. Book early to ensure you get a seat.

## June 25th Alanna and Old Hat

Alanna and Old Hat will be great night. You will not want to miss this fabulous band. Alanna Egan leads the band with her wonderful vocals. With her will be Elise Winterflood on double bass, Jen Hawley on guitar, Steve Grant on cornet and Ian Smith on drums.

This is a night to mark in your diary, make an early booking and just come along to entertained.



## July 9th Shirazz

, one of our most popular bands, led by Matt Dixon on trombone and vocals with Andrew Power on trumpet, Stephanie Bell on bass, Adrian De Fanti on reeds, Michael Hanley on banjo and vocals and Bruce McIntyre on drums, this band is not to be missed.

Don't forget your dancing shoes!

## July 23rd Tamsin West and the Savoy Ballroom Boys

This will be a great event at the VJC featuring the delightful voice of Tamsin West and backed up by a talented band, which at the time of printing, was still not confirmed. Watch our Facebook and web page for updated details once the band line is locked in.



**PLEASE NOTE: To attend any Jazz Club function you may need proof of vaccination, either from the MyGov or Medicare websites. Please be sure you follow the latest relevant issued health advice and any requirements the RSL request.**

# MEET YOUR NOMINATIONS

## Graeme Akerman

Why I'm standing for Committee again

Come this AGM, I will have been on Committee for ten years, which according to our Club rules, makes me a Life Member! Why do I want to stand again? I have to date, 30+ years of corporate knowledge and experience to bring to the table in Committee discussions as well as a passionate support of the club I love. On a more practical note, I manage the club cloud-based membership database, generate the membership cards, Jackpot tickets and Jazzbeat labels etc, all very much "Business As Usual" activities.

Over the past 18 months, much of it in lockdown, I've been developing the cloud based VJC Bookings Portal. It initially started off as a very basic concept but with continuous enhancement based on a lot of input from Ian and the Waymans, now services our various needs. Also being cloud based, multiple users have access to the gig bookings to update or retrieve as required. The automatically generated Door Sheet contains membership/other status so that door staff no longer have to ask every guest as the entry pricing varies and all seating is preassigned, all designed to speed the entry process. Those of you who regularly attend gigs would have noticed the per table guest lists, again automatically generated from the bookings sheet. Of course, any tool also requires User Guide documentation to be generated which has also been done.

The other major callout has been the ability to pay by eftpos at the door. This started off as a suggestion by one of the Committee members and led to a subsequent definition of business requirements and review of various products available accordingly. The Square Terminal was found to best fit our needs, terminal obtained, process of learning how to set up along with User Guide documentation etc produced with the result now after a few months of operation that nearly 50% of door payment is now card based. We automatically get a report of member/non-member entry and membership sales paid by eftpos after every gig.

## Geoff Tobin

I have been a member of the VJC for about 30 years. Since 2010 I have been a co-presenter of the VJC's weekly radio show Jazz On A Saturday on radio 3CR . In addition, I co-present Jazz At One on Tuesday afternoons on radio 96.5 InnerFM as well as during the summer months a series called A Lazy Wednesday of Jazz & Blues again on 3CR.

From 2016 until late 2019 I programmed the Wednesday night live jazz series at East Malvern RSL on behalf of the VJC. This series was very successful musically and financially on behalf of the VJC and taught me the importance of running live music in a good venue, with good bands and promoted with good publicity.

As the live music scene emerges from the coronavirus lockdown in Melbourne we see crowds cautiously emerging who are keen to enjoy our type of jazz which the VJC has so actively presented over the last half century. Like all Jazz Societies around the world, the VJC is concerned about the lack of young faces in the jazz audiences. I think they are out there. We just have to be creative and work hard to get them to our events and to keep them coming back.

## Peter McKay

Full-time professional musician (keyboards, musical director, arranger, and producer) 1971-2013. Retired since, but still active playing with Riviera Jazz Band, Pelican Jazz Band, Steve Waddell's Chicago Band, and various other gigs.

Jazz has always been at the centre of my being. For economic reasons, I moved into many other areas, largely Musical Theatre, including "The Wiz", national and overseas tours of "Evita", "Cats", "Les Miserables", "Aspects of Love" etc.

Earlier, in the 60's & 70's a member of Frank Traynor's Jazz Preachers, Frank Turville's Heritage JB, Sny Chambers Bayside JB, etc.

At this stage of life, I find myself desirous of sharing my experience and knowledge of the music industry in ways that help others as much as I can.

To that end, I have served on the VJC Committee for the past year, elected in May 2021.

## Pamela Young

My name is Pam Young and I am standing for a position on the committee and offering my 20+ years' experience on various committees. I am looking forward to being involved again with the committee and want to help build up membership, keep jazz live and musicians playing great jazz music.

I feel that with proper governance, proper direction, and a body of musicians who know and love the Victorian Jazz Club, this committee would be operable and successful. Thank you and I hope I get your support.

## Simon Vancam

I have decided to nominate again for the VJC committee, which will be my 2<sup>nd</sup> year on the committee. I have taken on the role of editor of the Jazzbeat newsletter you are holding in your hand or hopefully reading online via email, which I am very keen to become the main method of distribution of our newsletters. Print and postage, costs the club too much each year.

I am very much wanting to see our membership increase and get more involvement with the Jazz Workshop "kids" and have them feeling as welcome to the club as was the case when I was doing the workshops.

When I was first getting into jazz, the VJC was a venue where you would go on a Saturday night, and always run into other musicians who also decided to come down and hear some great music. It would be great if the club again had that feel. Indeed, the gigs at East Malvern were very much like this.

It's great to see other jazz musicians and jazz fans also nominating for committee and showing an interest in the club we all love.

Looking forward to another healthy year for the VJC.

## John Kelly

I would be pleased to be elected as a General Committee member by the members of the VJC, as at present I am a seconded committee member due to a need last year, for a quorum. My main aim is to have jazz as the main focus of the club and also, to have an alternate venue to that which is currently the one at the Clayton RSL.

This venue serves the interests of a group of very friendly people, but whose main interest is the dancing facility of the Clayton floor. The people who really need to be encouraged to attend jazz jobs are the jazz lovers and those musicians who are also club members.

This is clearly not happening, for a number of reasons, and those reasons need to be addressed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

I am also keen to encourage the younger generation to play at the VJC, to join the VJC and to attend with their friends. The VJC will fade into insignificance otherwise.

If you agree with my sentiments, please come along to the AGM, and place a vote.

## Gordon Shaw

My name is Gordon Shaw and I have been a committee member now for a number of years. My background is in broadcasting in both radio and television and I am currently responsible for the sound recordings and production of the videos that are posted on Facebook.

I live in Gippsland and travel to Clayton to do the recordings then process the material at home, producing CD's for Promotional use by the radio stations that carry our jazz programs. All of the above is done with my own equipment at no charge to the club.

## David Lole

I'm excited to be nominated to serve as a general member on the Victorian Jazz Club Committee.

Born into a traditional jazz loving family in Melbourne in 1957, I have been playing piano in jazz bands since 2008 and currently lead or perform with many of the best musicians going around. My trad band, David Lole's Syncopaths has been professionally engaged at various clubs, pubs, and leading jazz festivals around the country for several years now.

Having lived and worked in Canberra for many years, I am now mostly based in Melbourne and wish to assist in the rebuilding of the Victorian Jazz Club membership, especially fostering closer relations with our musician base and assist in the efficient running of jazz events and functions. I believe in supporting jazz clubs as much as possible across the country.

My working career involved over thirty years as a valuer, buyer and senior manager in the car industry which involved sales management, administrative planning, and implementation as well as financial projection. I am a past President of the Wine Club of Canberra and with my passion for all things vinous, was the wine writer for the Canberra Times followed by many years freelancing with my own wine blog until 2013. I am now retired and have plenty of time and energy to devote to my great love of jazz.

Looking forward to meeting many new and old faces at the AGM. I would be honoured to receive your support at the AGM at the end of June. Cheers for now.



### VICTORIAN JAZZ CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

#### EMAIL:

##### Membership

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##### Secretary

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#### BOOKINGS:

To book Online visit the link below

<https://www.vjc.org.au/events>

##### Phone Bookings:

Rhondda/Graeme - 9848 7920

Liz - 0400 057 310

#### ADDRESS:

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#### CONNECT WITH US:



<https://www.facebook.com/viczazzclub>

Website: [www.vjc.org.au](http://www.vjc.org.au)

Address all correspondence to the Secretary.

### MEMBERS LUCKY DRAW JACKPOT

To claim the jackpot, you must be there on the night when your membership number is drawn out.

14/05	Colin & Wendy Brown	Unclaimed	\$160.00
28/05	Barbara Lithgow	Unclaimed	\$170.00

Don't let your name be next unclaimed prize "winner".

### HOW TO JOIN THE VJC

For 2022 only the VJC is offering a discount on membership fees:

**Single Membership \$30.00** (usually \$45)

**Family Membership \$40.00** (usually \$55)

Membership includes reduced entry fee for regular VJC gigs, reciprocal discounted entry at other participating Jazz Clubs, members only door prize, jackpot prize (got to be there on the night to claim) and the Jazzbeat Newsletter.

Visit <https://www.vjc.org.au/members> to download the membership form.

**AGM:** Well done if you are still reading down here under all these phone numbers and other info. Remember the VJC AGM is set for 30 June 2022. More details are on the front Page. See you there.

### EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR:

Please remember also that we are now able to take eftpos payments as well as cash for entry to events and membership payments.

### PHOTO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Most of the great photographs used in the newsletter and posted onto the Facebook page are taken by Liz Thommers and Ron Jobe. Thanks for your efforts in creating great memories and allowing us access to your photographs.

# VIEW ONLINE TO ACCESS THE LINKS BELOW

CLICK ON THE IMAGES BELOW FOR LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM SOME OF OUR MEMORABLE MOMENTS FROM PAST MONTHS:

Each Newsletter we will add more to enjoy.

<p><b>NEW NITE OWLS 14 May 22</b></p> 	<p><b>SHIFafa 23 Apr 22</b></p> 
<p><b>HOT B HINES 9 Apr 22</b></p> 	<p><b>THE RAILWAY GANG 26 Mar 22</b></p> 
<p><b>LIGHTNING JAZZ BAND 12 Mar 22</b></p> 	<p><b>TAMARA KULDIN BAND 26 Feb 22</b></p> 
<p><b>DEBRA LA VELLE SEXTET 22 Jan 22</b></p> 	<p><b>RIVIERA JAZZ BAND 8 Jan 22</b></p> 
<p><b>DES CAMM JAZZ BAND 11 Dec 21</b></p> 	<p><b>ANDY BAYLOR'S HOMETOWN JAZZ BAND 27 Nov 21</b></p> 

Clicking on these image links takes you to the [VJC Facebook Page](#)

## GET WELL IAN

The committee all send our best wishes to our Vice President, Ian who is recovering from injury and will be absent from club events for a few weeks while he gets back on his feet again. Please note that Ian's name has been removed temporarily from the booking numbers to allow him to recover and rest without his phone ringing for club bookings. If you have saved his number on your phone, please note Graeme/Rhondda or Liz's numbers for bookings for the time being or preferably use the online booking system to make you booking any time of the day or night. Get well Ian and we all look forward to seeing you back at the club very soon.

## RECENT VJC NIGHT REVIEWS

### New Nite Owls:

What a great night. Superb music by brilliant musicians. The audience was thrilled by New Nite Owls, led by Pat Miller on reeds, with Simon Vancam on bass, Steve Paix on piano, Jason Downes on reeds, Rob Moffatt on trombone and Richard Opat on drums. Such a lovely mix of numbers, so much variety. It was lovely to be reminded of Hugh de Rosaryo's popular "Hey Bartender!" and to have Simon sing Muskrat Ramble. The dancers loved it and the listeners wore smiles! Thank you for a fun filled night, New Nite Owls.



### Steve Waddell's Chicago Band:

What a super night of Jazz at Clayton RSL last night with Steve Waddell's Chicago band. These talented musicians enthralled the near capacity crowd with fantastic music. Led by Steve Waddell on trombone and vocals, with Graeme Pender on clarinet and vocals, Ian Smith on trumpet and vocals, Nikola Shaw on tuba, Cal Duffy on drums and vocals, Will Purcell on banjo, Peter McKay on piano and vocals, their music kept the dance floor crowded and the listening audience smiling. Thanks for such a lovely, fun filled night!





## WHAT'S ON: JAZZ GIGS AROUND MELBOURNE

BAND	DAY/DATE	VENUE	TIME	BOOKING INFO
<b>STEVENSON'S ROCKETS</b>	WED	Emerald Hotel Clarendon St. Sth Melbourne	7:00 pm start	9690 4719 or Jane 0408 530 881
<b>"MARK ELTON'S" THURSDAY NIGHT JAM</b> Sit in night so bring your horn	THU	The Rubber Chicken 256 Moray St South Melbourne	8:30 pm start	Just show up
<b>THE RAILWAY GANG</b>	THU	Railway Hotel 800 Nicholson St Nth Fitzroy	8:30 pm to 11 pm	9489 8544
<b>VJC Various Bands as per main listing</b>	Saturday Nights as listed.	CLAYTON RSL 171 Carinish Road Clayton Victoria	8 pm – 11 pm	www.vjc.org.au/events
<b>JOHNSY'S BAKERY BOYS</b>	SUN	Redhill Bakery Village Shopping Centre Balnarring	1 pm to 4 pm	5931 3125
<b>LOUISIANA SHAKERS</b> (Sit ins welcome so you never know who you may see!)	SUN	The Clyde Hotel 385 Cardigan St Carlton	1 pm to 4 pm	9347 1874

**NOTE:** We rely on Band Leaders and venues to update us on these events.  
Please check with venues to confirm gig is running to be sure you are not disappointed.  
Thanks.

## GIGS AT OTHER JAZZ CLUBS

<b><u>BALLARAT JAZZ CLUB</u></b> Ballarat Golf Club Western Hy Ballarat	<b>Sundays</b> Jun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1pm to 4pm</b> Lindsay Flint's New Old New Orleans Jazz Band	<b>Bookings</b> Marion 0456 689 123
	Jul 17 <sup>th</sup>	Two Swinging Pitches	
<b><u>GEELONG JAZZ CLUB</u></b> White Eagle House 46-48 Fellmongers Rd Breakwater Vic	<b>Sundays</b> June 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2pm to 5pm</b> The Syncopators	<b>Bookings</b> Noreen 0473 565 097 Susie 5282 8330 or ian.goodier@bigpond.com
<b><u>MOE-LATROBE VALLY JAZZ CLUB</u></b> Moe RSL	<b>Sunday</b> Jul 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>1pm to 4pm</b> Syncopators	<b>Bookings</b> Bruce 0427 743 516
<b><u>PENINSULA JAZZ CLUB</u></b> Patterson Lakes Community Hub 54 Thompson Road Patterson Lakes	<b>Sunday</b> Jun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2pm to 5pm</b> Shirazz	<b>Bookings</b> David Forrest 0481 881 891
	Jul 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lightning Jazz	
<b><u>PHILLIP ISLAND JAZZ CLUB</u></b> Phillip Island Bowling Club 40 Dunsmore Rd Cowes 3922	<b>Sunday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>1pm to 4:30pm</b> Handle Bars	<b>Bookings</b> Robin 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300
	17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Jon & Wendy Wade	
<b><u>SOUTH GIPPSLAND JAZZ SOCIETY</u></b> Inverloch RSL	<b>Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of each month	<b>2pm to 4:30pm</b> Riviera Jazz Band	<b>Bookings</b> Please contact the club for details
<b><u>WERRIBEE JAZZ CLUB</u></b> Chimside Park (Werribee Bowls Club) Watton St Werribee (Mel Ref 205 G9)	<b>Sunday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>1:30pm to 4:30pm</b> Lightning Jazz	<b>Bookings</b> Jenny 0419 558 481

**NOTE:** Information provided is correct as per the relevant Jazz Clubs web pages.  
We would recommend confirming details before planning a trip.

## JAZZ RADIO PROGRAMS

DAY	TIME	STATION	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
TUE	1 pm – 3 pm	Inner FM 96.5	Jazz @ One	Ian Smith or Geoff Tobin
	8 pm – 10 pm	Wyn FM 88.9	Jazzmatazz	Neville, George & Ian
	10 pm – 12 pm	3RPP 98.7	Jazz Show	Graeme Kniese Tim Harding
	5 pm – 6pm	3WBC 94.1 FM	Roundabout	Ian Richardson
WED	9 am – 11 am	Casey Radio 97.7 FM	A Jazz Tart Swings	Marg Hendrie
	12 pm – 2 pm	3WBC 94.1 FM	Jazz for Lunch	Terry Phibbs
THU	11 am – 1 pm	Inner FM 96.5	That's Jazz!	George Krupinski
FRI	12 pm – 2 pm	3WBC 94.1 FM	Poetry. Prose & Jazz	Barry Ponchard
	7 pm – 8 pm	Radio Eastern 98.1 FM	Just Jazz	Lyn Woods Peter O'Brien Everett Hargreaves
SAT	12 pm – 2 pm	3RPP 98.7	Jazz Show	Graeme Kniese Tim Harding
	4 pm – 5:30 pm	3CR 855am 3CR Digital (DAB)	Jazz on a Saturday	John Smyth Roger Beilby John Trudinger Geoff Tobin
	10 pm – 12 am	Southern FM 88.3	Sounds Of Jazz	Barry Skinner
SUN	5 pm – 7 pm	3WBC 94.1 FM	Cacao Jazz	Luis Tineo
	5 pm – 7 pm	3WBC 94.1 FM	Dusk	Terry Phibbs
	5:30– 7:30 am	Inner FM 96.5	That's Jazz!	George Krupinski

### JAZZ ON A SATURDAY (JOAS)

As the presenters of JOAS are prerecording programs and sending them to the station for broadcast, they are not contactable during the program but would appreciate feedback on [joas45@panatropes.com](mailto:joas45@panatropes.com) to which they all have access.

**NOTE ALSO:** 3CR AND 3WBC offer streaming of their programs. (other stations may also offer this so please check the stations web sites for more details on this).

The Victorian Jazz Club wish to thank our sponsors and hope that our members also look to support them when they can.



### THE VJC NEWSLETTER IS NOW ON OUR WEB PAGE AND WILL BE EMAILED IF WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

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