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# Victorian Jazz Club Inc.

## JAZZBEAT

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

One minute's silence was observed prior to the band's commencement of Saturday night's Jazz in respect of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

The committee has had some ill health among its membership over the last month or so. This has resulted in an increased workload for the remaining members. However, all concerned rose to the occasion and the last two gigs were presented with a minimum of fuss. I was able to run the sound after lots of very welcome assistance from committee members to set up and take down the sound system.

As a result of discussions at the last committee meeting, the first of the OH&S safety measures were in place for the second time and proved to work well (lights and cable protection). This and more flexible stage layout are to be ongoing to enable a safer workplace for our musicians to work in.

Lightning Jazz Band will be playing for NYE. Full details regarding booking and cost will be published shortly on our website.

Keep enjoying our great Jazz.

### **WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR DECEMBER 10 BAND - THE LEIGH BARKER BAND**

Leigh Barker – Bass, Heather Stewart- Violin and Vocals, Eamon McNelis – Trumpet,  
Matt Boden – Piano, Sam Young – Drums, Jason Downes – Reeds

For the first time in over six years, due to constant touring in Europe and the United States, bassist and jazz musician Leigh Barker is bringing his group around Australia.

Originally from Canberra, spending his formative years in Melbourne and a resident of Paris since 2016, Barker has always had his group out on the road, playing their unique mix of Swing, Blues, Hot Jazz and contemporary Australian compositions.

Featured throughout the tour is award winning vocalist and violinist Heather Stewart, who has also lived in Paris since 2016. They will be joined by their longest running colleagues from the Melbourne Jazz scene mentioned above. (Band members subject to confirmation.)



# BAND BOOKINGS OCT - DEC 2022

Bookings are essential

www.vjc.org.au/events or phone: Rhondda/Graeme 98487920 or Virginia Cleveland 9570 5884

## Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Des Camm Jazz Band



Des Camm and his Jazz Band return and will not disappoint all who come to hear them. As always, the band will feature great music that will keep everyone's feet tapping all night. With Des on trumpet will be Lindsay Flint on reeds, Felix Blatt on piano, John Cox on banjo, Simon Vancam on double bass and Bob Wood on drums.

## Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Sailsbury's Swingin' Elixir

Do not miss Jennifer Sailsbury's Swinin' Elixir at the VJC. Jennifer weaves her smokey jazz vocals and lively swing stylings with class, glamour, and sophistication. Jennifer will be backed by Mark Morand on guitar, Susy Hull on Alto sax and vocals, the fabulous Sean Hamilton on double bass and Larry Kean on drums. Trumpet TBA.



## Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Creole Bells



Steve Waddell's Creole Bells are appearing at the VJC playing that San Francisco style jazz that the Creole Bells are famous for. Joining Steve on Trombone and vocals will be musicians we all know well including Doug Rawson on Piano, Tony Orr on Banjo, Richard Mander playing Tuba, Graeme Pender on Clarinet and Richard Opat on Drums. Trumpet will be confirmed closer to the gig. This will be a great night that everyone will enjoy.

## Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Gatsby's Vintage Jazz Band

Gatsby's Vintage Jazz Band play early Jazz Era Blues, Rags , Stomps with many using the original arrangements from 100 years ago. You won't want to miss this night of authentic jazz. The band features Peter Milley – Trumpet, Felix Blatt – Piano, Sophia McCrae – Clarinet, Byron Crump – Trombone, John Warrington – Tuba, Andrew Stevens – Banjo and Sandra Talty – Drums & vocals



## Dec 10 Leigh Barker Band

Leigh Barker – Bass, Heather Stewart- Violin and Vocals, Eamon McNelis – Trumpet, Matt Boden – Piano, Sam Young – Drums, Jason Downes – Reeds  
Band line up subject to confirmation.

See Cover Page for more details.



# VJC GENERAL MEETING

## Thursday 17 November 7:30pm

The VJC general meeting will be held at the Clayton RSL on 17<sup>th</sup> November and this meeting is open to all club members.

To help verify numbers attending it would be appreciated if you could email the Secretary by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. However if you just turn up on the night you will still get in.

Meeting will be a chance for members to come also and discuss with the committee what they feel is important to the club and to its members. If you have your minutes from the previous general meeting, please bring these as there will be only limited printed quantities at the meeting.

If you have anything that you wish to discuss to help with the running of the meeting and ensuring we can get to your point of discussion, it would be appreciated if you could email your points to the secretary [lizthommers@hotmail.com](mailto:lizthommers@hotmail.com) to be added to the agenda. If you don't email in advance, you may be able to present your point on the night, if time allows.

## VJC NEWSLETTER

The Club is reviewing the way we distribute the newsletter to members as the postage and printing costs continue to rise. (Postage rates will rise in 2023). The email version is able to offer color photos, direct links to referred information and allows us to provide more news than is possible via postage due to the limited number of pages before postage increases even more. Print and postage costs for the newsletter is one of the major expenses of the club at the moment. The email version has been well received with only positive feedback from members. Many members have asked why we are still posting out the newsletter. We do understand that for a small number of members, receiving an email version may not be possible, and members can reach out to the club, if this is the case.

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE VJC

### 2023 Membership renewal fees for the VJC:

**Single Membership \$45.00**

**Family Membership \$55.00**

**Subscriber Membership \$25**

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 emailed every 2<sup>nd</sup> Month.

Renewal forms are included in this addition of the newsletter. Otherwise:

Visit

[MEMBERSHIP PAGE](#)

to download the membership form.

# OBITUARIES

## LES FITHALL

So very sad to hear of the death of Les Fithall. Les was a wonderful trombonist and singer. He was with the Yarra Yarras for a number of years and until ill health prevented it. He played with the Des Camm band for a great number of years also. Les also ran Le Jazz Hot. Les was a happy cheerful man, always with a smile and G'day.

He was a committee member on the Victorian Jazz Club for a number of years and was always ready to pitch in and help with anything that was needed. He was made a doyen of the VJC not long before COVID struck and was delighted to be made a doyen.

Les was also a life member of the VJC.

Condolences to Marion and Les' children and his very many good friends. Les' presence around the Jazz scene will be sorely missed

A joyous celebration of Les's life will be held at 1pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at the East Malvern RSL Rest in Peace Les.



## BRIAN O'NEIL

Everyone was saddened to hear the news of Brian O'Neil's Death. Brian favored the Chicago style of jazz. Brian has played with the 431 Band, and also playing and recording with the Driftwood Jazz Band. Brian went to Brisbane for business and ended up one of the "Plus Two" of Queensland's The Varsity Five Plus 2. He occasionally appeared on TV with this enormously popular band. Over the years Brian has played with a wide variety of bands, and musicians, including Frank Johnson's Band, Maple Leaf, Black Beach, Tony Newstead's Jazz Players, Jazz on Q and Jazz Tempo. Brian was also trombone player Tony's band for the historic Graeme Ball Band's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion concert.

Brian is pictured below with Jazz on "Q", with John Hawes and with Jazz Tempo.

The Jazz Club pass on Condolences to Brian's family and friends.



Thanks to Lois Stephenson for the photos and information above.

## ONLINE BOOKING AND PHONE BOOKING REQUEST

We are starting to see some booking requests coming in very late on Saturday afternoons often via phone calls when people are not around to take them. We please request that where possible bookings be made as early as possible. Late bookings could result in these not making the booking sheet and possibly sitting at a table that you don't usually sit at. Committee are often at the venue early getting everything set up, the booking sheets are printed at this time also, and not always is there someone at the phone, at this time to take the late bookings.



### VICTORIAN JAZZ CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

#### EMAIL:

##### Membership

membership.vjc.org@hotmail.com

##### Secretary

lizthommers@hotmail.com

##### Newsletter

editor.vjc.org@hotmail.com

#### BOOKINGS:

To book Online visit the link below

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

#### Phone Bookings:

Rhondda/Graeme - 9848 7920

Virginia Cleveland 9570 5884

#### ADDRESS:

VICTORIAN JAZZ CLUB INC

PO BOX 1538

MOORABBIN VIC 3189

#### CONNECT WITH US:



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

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.

07/08	Lilliana Diaz- Tormros	Unclaimed	\$30
13/08	Ian Smith	Unclaimed	\$40
27/08	David Bell	Unclaimed	\$50
10/09	Sabrina Collins, Alan D'cruz	Unclaimed	\$60
22/09	Sylvia Reid	Unclaimed	\$70

Come along and you could be the next lucky winner!

### HOW TO JOIN THE VJC

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### 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.

**Alanna and Old Hat 25th Jun 22**



**Sugarfoot Ramblers May 2020**



**NEW NITE OWLS 14 May 22**



**SHIFafa 23 Apr 22**



**HOT B HINES 9 Apr 22**



**THE RAILWAY GANG 26 Mar 22**



**LIGHTNING JAZZ BAND 12 Mar 22**



**TAMARA KULDIN BAND 26 Feb 22**



**DEBRA LA VELLE SEXTET 22 Jan 22**



**RIVIERA JAZZ BAND 8 Jan 22**



**DES CAMM JAZZ BAND 11 Dec 21**



**ANDY BAYLOR'S HOMETOWN JAZZ BAND 27 Nov 21**



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

## RECENT VJC REVIEWS

### Louis Armstrong Celebration:

What a fantastic afternoon of superb music we had for the VJC Louis Armstrong Celebration. The band comprised Peter McKay on piano with Eamon McNelis on trumpet, Ian Smith on cornet and vocals, Chris Ludowyk on trombone, John Scurry on Banjo, Lindsay Flint on reeds, Lyn Wallis on drums, and Simon Vancam on bass. These very talented musicians played brilliantly to an enthralled audience and were



joined for a few numbers by Danni Smith on vocals. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, dancers were on the floor all afternoon. Afternoon tea of cake and biscuits was enjoyed, (thanks to Margaret Anderson for her lovely date and nut loaf. There were lots of extra CD giveaways (kindly donated by the Australian Jazz Museum) and a Jazz painting was raffled. So much fun and obvious enjoyment showed on faces all over the room! We thank the band members for the awesome music!

### New Orleans Pelicans:

A superb night of hot New Orleans influenced small group jazz on Saturday night with Barry Wratten's New Orleans Pelicans. Smiles all around that night with dancers enjoying dancing & listeners & jazz lovers enjoying music from Storyville to Swing Street. Thanks to Barry Wratten, Eamon McNelis, Rob Moffatt, Peter McKay, John Scurry, Jono Brown & Ben Hendrie. Looking forward to having this group of musicians at the top of their game back again soon.



### Danni Smith & Belmar Swing Barons:



Fantastic night of lovely swing with Dani Smith and the Belmar Swing Barons. The band consisted of Danni Smith on vocals, Steve Purcell on bass and vocals, David Allardice on piano, Gavin Gray on drums, Shane Ryall on guitar and Ian Smith on cornet and vocals. Playing some lovely old standards they kept the dance floor busy all night. Thank you to a terrific band!

### Sugarfoot Ramblers:

A great night of jazz was at Clayton RSL with the Sugarfoot Ramblers. Led by Travis Wood on trumpet, with Jon Hunt on reeds, Nick Peach on trombone, Ben Harrison on Banjo, Chris Ludowyk on bass and Rod Gilbert on drums, these guys gave us a super night which kept dancers on the floor and a rapt listening audience. So lovely to have them back at Clayton! There were terrific solos by Nick Peach on trombone and Ben Harrison on banjo, Travis is always great on trumpet, Rod Gilbert wowed us all. Thanks for a brilliant night



## WHAT'S ON: JAZZ GIGS AROUND MELBOURNE

BAND	DAY/DATE	VENUE	TIME	BOOKING INFO
<b>Stevenson's Rockets</b>	Wednesday	Emerald Hotel Clarendon St. Sth Melbourne	7:00 pm start	9690 4719 or Jane 0408 530 881
<b>The Railway Gang</b>	Thursday	Railway Hotel 800 Nicholson St Nth Fitzroy	8:30 pm to 11 pm	9489 8544
<b>Jennifer Salisbury sings the Cole Porter Songbook</b>	Fri 30 Sep	<b>"JAZZ BY THE GREEN"</b> The U3A NillumbikJazz Appreciation Group in partnership with the Eltham Bowling Club, hold live jazz events on the last Friday night of each month except for December Eltham Bowling Club, Susan St. Eltham	Doors open 7:00pm Music 7:30-10:30pm	As no money is handled at the door, those interested in attending should contact Ros Camera at the Bowling Club on 94394467 to register their email address in order that they can be notified of when bookings will open for each event.
<b>Dave Gardner - A Tribute to Benny Goodman &amp; Artie Shaw</b>	Fri 28 Oct			
<b>Ash Gaudion's Jazz Ensemble</b>	Fri 25 Nov			
<b>Peter Gaudion's Blues Express</b>	Fri 16 Dec			
<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 or phone: Ian/Virginia 95705884 or Rhondda/Graeme 98487920
<b>Johnsy's Bakery Boys</b>	Sunday	Redhill Bakery Village Shopping Centre Balnarring	1 pm to 4 pm	5931 3125
<b>Louisiana Shakers</b>	Sunday	The Clyde Hotel 385 Cardigan St Carlton	1 pm to 4 pm	9347 1874
<b>NOTE:</b> 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>BALLARAT JAZZ CLUB</b> Ballarat Golf Club Western Hy Ballarat	<b>Sundays</b> Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1pm to 4pm</b> Stevenson's Rockets	<b>Bookings</b> Marion 0456 689 123
	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Aust Navy Jazz Band	
<b>GEELONG JAZZ CLUB</b> White Eagle House 46-48 Fellmongers Rd Breakwater Vic	<b>Sundays</b> Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>2pm to 5pm</b> Stevenson's Rockets	<b>Bookings</b> Noreen 0473 565 097 Susie 5282 8330 or ian.goodier@bigpond.com
	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Garden Jazz Band	
<b>MOE-LATROBE VALLEY JAZZ CLUB</b> Moe RSL	<b>Sunday</b> Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1pm to 4pm</b> Lightening Jazz	<b>Bookings</b> Bruce 0427 743 516
	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	David Lole and his Milenberg Joys	
<b>PENINSULA JAZZ CLUB</b> Patterson Lakes Community Hub 54 Thompson Road Patterson Lakes	<b>Sunday</b> Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2pm to 5pm</b> Steve Waddell's Creole Bells Revival Band	<b>Bookings</b> David Forrest 0481 881 891
	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Syncopators	
<b>PHILLIP ISLAND JAZZ CLUB</b> Phillip Island Bowling Club 40 Dunsmore Rd Cowes 3922	<b>Sunday</b> Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1pm to 4:30pm</b> The Skiffle Party	<b>Bookings</b> Robin 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300
	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	All Day "Jazz Extravaganza" 10am-5pm	
<b>SOUTH GIPPSLAND JAZZ SOCIETY</b> Inverloch RSL	<b>Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of each month	<b>2pm to 4:30pm</b> Various Bands	<b>Bookings</b> Please contact the club for details
<b>WERRIBEE JAZZ CLUB</b> Chirside Park (Werribee Bowls Club) Watton St Werribee (Mel Ref 205 G9)	<b>Sunday</b> Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>1:30pm to 4:30pm</b> Maryborough Traditional Jazz Ensemble	<b>Bookings</b> Jenny 0419 558 481
	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Two Swinging Pitches	

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

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

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

We are also sending out the newsletter to your email if your email address is up to date on our database.

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## 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
	<b>4 pm – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>3CR 855am 3CR Digital (DAB)</b>	<b>Jazz on a Saturday</b>	<b>John Smyth Roger Beilby John Trudinger Geoff Tobin</b>
	5 pm – 7 pm	3WBC 94.1 FM	Cacao Jazz	Luis Tineo
	10 pm – 12 am	Southern FM 88.3	Sounds Of Jazz	Barry Skinner
SUN	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

**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).

## JAZZ ON A SATURDAY

Listen live on 3CR 855am or 3CR DIGITAL (DAB)

Jazz on a Saturday is brought to you by the VJC. The show has been running now for 46 years (as of October 2022) and is Australia's longest continuously broadcast radio jazz program.

You can also tune in via their web site [3cr.org.au](http://3cr.org.au) and listen live online.

If you miss catching the show live, a back catalogue of shows is available on the 3CR web site via the link below. You can listen to past episodes also via this the link.

[www.3cr.org.au/jazz](http://www.3cr.org.au/jazz)



All the presenters would love to get your feedback on the show, and you can email them on [joas45@panatropes.com](mailto:joas45@panatropes.com)