

Newsletter '09

Welcome All Jazz & Blues Music Lovers!
To the festival with the friendly atmosphere!

Dear Friends

It's on again, and this year the 15th Wagga Wagga Jazz & Blues Festival is to be held on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September 2009. Celebrating the music of jazz, blues and roots styles, the city of Wagga Wagga welcomes all muso's, friends, partners, participators, listeners, young kids, teenagers, retirees and anyone else with a love of a good time built around great music!

Those of you who have experienced the Wagga Wagga Festival before know that we pride ourselves on being a very 'participative' event where musos and bands from all corners of the country are given the opportunity to play for the right reasons, ie: fun and experience. However, as an enticement to jazz and blues audiences that don't necessarily play or arrive with musicians, each year we hire a few 'feature bands' to not only help put bums on seats and pay our bills, we believe these acts also offer encouragement and mentoring to the young and the not so experienced players and supporters.

So, Who's Coming This Year?

Well, apart from the 50 to 60 registered bands that attend each year, we are very proud to announce a great line up of feature bands. In the true jazz genre we welcome festival favourites Geoff Bull's Olympia Jazz Band (Sydney) and The Syncopators (Melbourne).

Singing and playing the 'blues' over the weekend will be The Chris Mawer Band and back by 'very' popular demand from last years festival is The Buddy Knox Blues Band.

An added style of entertainment has been added this year with The Wizard & Oz satisfying those with a cabaret bent.

Some exciting early registrations confirm Coby and the Remedy from Sydney and the infamous Dangling Brothers reunion weekend again.

What Will I Wear?

The colours for this year are pink, green & black. See our website www.waggajazz.org.au for the exact colours.

How Do We Do It So Cheap?

Weekend Passes

\$110 – Adult

\$90 for early birds (registering before September 1st)

\$100 for pensioners, seniors & students with ID. Or \$80 for early birds

\$30 for children 13 - 17 yrs with a parent

\$5.00 Musician Rego

\$30 for partner or parent of a registered muso

Children under 12 free!

Session Passes

\$30 each (no concessions) for:

Friday Night - 7pm til midnight

Saturday Arvo -11am to 6pm

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Sunday Morning Gospel Service (Free) at Romanos 10.30am

Sunday Arvo – noon to 6pm

\$10 for child 13 – 17 (with adult) for any of the four sessions

\$15 for Battle of the School Bands at the Romanos Marquee on Saturday afternoon

\$20 for Jazz Breakfast featuring Moonee Valley Jazz Band and special guests

All prices include GST

Calling All Band Leaders and Musicians

Please take note:

- As was the case last year, all sets will be one hour.
- Again due to limited venues and timeslots, bands will be programmed on a ‘first in best dressed’ basis. Bands will then be put on a reserve list, if desired, in case of dropouts. Band rego’s close when the programme has been filled or 1st August, whichever is the earlier.
- Musicians will be able to register and be programmed in three bands only. Each muso must show clearly his/her preference for the three bands in which to be programmed. This will not stop any musician from extra playing, providing it does not interfere with the bands in which you are programmed. We appreciate your cooperation with this, it helps give everyone a fair go!
- Electronic keyboards, drum kits and bass rigs with quality PA’s and operators will be provided.
- Band registrations can be made via the internet from our website www.waggajazz.org.au . Musician registrations and Weekend Pass Wristbands will be mandatory for all weekend and session passes. However, the musos and the weekend pass holders will have the option of wearing a free courtesy/collectors badge if they wish.

We’ll See Ya Here

Please remember to phone the **Vistors Information Centre** on 1300 100 122 to book your accommodation as soon as possible.

Cheers from all of us on the committee!