

Newsletter '08

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

Dear Friends

The 14th Wagga Wagga Jazz & Blues Festival is to be held this year on Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 2008. The festival is a very healthy 14 years old and now in its second year of welcoming the music of blues and roots flavours to the melting pot.

For 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 The Licorice Allsorts and The Riviera Dixieland Jazz Band. Party starters Psycho Zydeco www.zydeco.com.au have been invited back purely through public demand. One of the finest blues singers, song-writers and piano players, Andy Cowen will play over the three days, AND, we are very proud and excited to announce a very special Friday night show featuring legendary blues performer Bob Brozman www.bobbrozman.com from the USA who will do his only show outside the Capital cities.

The fun starts on Friday 5th September at the Capital Entertainment Centre Saloon Bar with a New Orleans Mardi Gras Nite featuring Pysco Zydeco at 9 pm. Cost \$20.00. Bring your own nibblies.

Gosh, What Will I Wear?

The colours for this year are **orange, blue & black**.

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 adult

\$5 musician registration fee

\$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 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 Gasworks Marquee on Saturday

\$15 for Jazz Breakfast featuring Moonee Valley Jazz Band at the Wagga Commercial Club 8 am -10 am Sunday Morning.

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 co-operation with this, it helps give everyone a fair go!
- Pianos, drum kits and bass rigs with quality PA’s with operators will be provided.
- Band registrations can be made via the internet from our website www.waggajazz.org.au . Musician registrations must be done separately to band registrations on our website 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 **Wagga Wagga Visitors Centre on 1300 100 122** to book your accommodation as soon as possible.

Cheers from all of us on the Committee!