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PLEASE NOTE! END OF DST GIGS NOW START AT 6PM

Friday 2nd May 2025 - "Neighbours From Hell" Doors Open 6.00, Main Band 7.30 pm

The 'Neighbours from Hell' is a trio of accomplished musicians offering a mix of original pieces, jazz, blues, pop, show tunes, and movie themes, with a focus on fun and improvisation. While rooted in jazz tradition, their sound often strays from the typical, creating a unique experience. Their arrangements are short, maximizing audience engagement and showcasing the broad range of their extensive repertoire.



Azo Bell, on guitar, brings expertise in various genres from jazz to rock, with improvisations adding to the mix. As the former frontman of the 'Old Spice Boys', he's recorded with artists like Jeff Lang and Jimmy Little. Beyond performance, Azo is also a skilled luthier, with a deep understanding of guitars both inside and out. Beat Gisler, on bass, has held roles as a band leader, composer, solo artist, and producer. Since 2016, he's served as the President of 'Jazz in Winterthur' in Zurich, Switzerland, and founded the independent label 'Momentum Music'. Beat's musical career has taken him across Europe, Russia, India, Australia, Asia, and the USA.

Drummer Jamie Pattugalan, a graduate of Canberra Conservatorium, has travelled the world playing across various genres and collaborating with artists like Greg Shehan and Collin Offord

Friday 30th May 2025 - "Project Swing Big Band" Doors Open 6.00, Main Band 7.00 pm

The Project Swing Big Band is a young and energetic big band full of great talent that offers Jazz and Swing classics as well as standards. They can also throw in Latin, Rock and Funk in the big band style, and their versatility ensures them many bookings for a variety of events.

The band was initially formed as a 17 piece 'big band', and its very first rehearsal revealed great energy and natural cohesion, partly as a result of the youthfulness of its individual members, but also because of the infectious enthusiasm of its founder, Andrew Montfroy.

Andrew was raised in a musical family, with his mother playing the piano and a father who both played and taught the guitar. He started with the violin at the age of 5, then, aged 11, he first heard Jack Teagarden on his father's records and began to learn the trombone. His early love of jazz took him to Melbourne, where he was soon playing with local jazz and big bands in the Melbourne area, such as the Maple Leaf Jazz Band, the Cairo Club Orchestra, the Black Beach Jazz Band. He was also a permanent member of 'Jazz On Tap'.



BOOKINGS

Marlene Downing 0428 323 736

Booking is essential, and this is the only number to call if you want to see and hear this band

President's Report April-June 2025

I'm delighted to be able to report that the club's popularity has extended well into the current year, with five capacity crowd gigs in succession. We've seen an equal mix of enthusiastic members and eager visitors, and not only does this swell the door takings, thereby helping to pay for the bands, but it's also reflected in record raffle sales that can often make all the difference in getting us over the line financially. As a result the club is currently in a healthy financial state, and eagerly anticipating an equally successful second half of the year.

But this can't happen automatically, and as we approach the AGM we're putting out our usual call for volunteers to share the workload with the existing committee, none of whom are getting any younger. For some of us, health concerns are beginning to take priority, and if the club is to continue at all, let alone so successfully, we need more people to put up their hands for an hourly meeting every two months, and whatever they feel they can contribute on gig days. If you're interested – even vaguely – contact Marlene on 0428 323 736.

Our mortality was underlined by the passing in late March of the club's Patron, Graham Robinson, whose VALE appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. Graham was one of the founder members of the club, the proud owner of Membership Card Number 1, and served as Secretary/Treasurer for 14 years. He was a force to be reckoned with, was still serving when I joined the committee some 20 years ago, and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.



David Field, President

VALE:

It is with extreme sadness I advise members of the passing of the first Secretary/Treasurer and current Patron of our club also a very dear friend of mine Mr Graham Robinson, he will be greatly missed. RIP.

Marlene Downing secretary

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Friday 27th June 2025 - "Imperial Blues Review".....Doors Open 6.00, Main Band 7.30 pm

The Imperial Blues Review brings together the well-seasoned talents of:-

John Hellman on double bass – Jeff St John and the Id. Daly Wilson Big Band and more.

Azo Bell on guitar and vocals – front man for the Old Spice Boys, recorded with Jeff Lang & Jimmy Little. Master of ukulele and works as a luthier.

Tim Longworth on guitar and vocals

Nick Churkin vocalist and drummer – in the 60's music scene he worked & toured with Gunga Din, Johnny O'keefe. In the 70's till now The Layabouts, The King Bees, James T & the Last Volunteers and Swamphouse.

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