

37th Festival IN JUNE

MERIMBULA JAZZ FESTIVAL INC

9-12 JUNE, 2017 IN MERIMBULA

NEWSLETTER / Celebrating 37 Years of Jazz in June

HELLO AGAIN JAZZ LOVERS

Welcome to our newsletter for the 37th Merimbula Jazz Festival, which will be held 9-12 June 2017. There has already been a lot of work taking place behind the scenes to help bring together our great musicians and fabulous Jazz Lovers for another fantastic festival.

Once again we will be holding the festival exclusively in Merimbula venues, allowing Jazz Lovers to easily move between locations in the town so that they can see all their favourite bands.

We're looking forward to seeing you all again at our wonderful location, and we value the support you bring to the festival from far and wide.

Early in the New Year we will be updating our website giving it a new look, so make sure you stop by and check out the photos, recordings and latest information on the festival.

Yours in Jazz - MJF Committee

HOW TO REGISTER

Check out our website www.merimbulajazz.org.au where you will find all the registration forms. This year, the registration forms are fillable PDFs, which means you can type your details straight into the form on your computer before saving it and sending it to us by email or post. You can still download the forms from the website, then print them as blank forms and fill them in by hand if you wish - but typed information makes it easier for us to ensure we have all your correct information.

If you are receiving this information by post we would love to send you regular updates by email instead. Just make sure you fill in your email address on the Jazz Lovers registration form and we will email future newsletters to you.

JAZZ FESTIVAL BALL

Following on from last year's inaugural Jazz Festival Ball on the Thursday night prior to the start of the festival, we will

once again hold another ball. It's a black tie or jazz costume event and if you love to dance, love the big band sound and enjoy a night of good food and cabaret, then it's not to be missed.

This year we are pleased to announce that the Festival Ball will be held on Thursday, 8 June at the Merimbula RSL Club, well-known for its high quality dining. So why not add an extra day onto your holiday and be part of this very special event where the Festival All Stars big band under the guidance of Paul Dion will be ready to get you up and dancing.

WHAT'S ON

On Saturday morning, 10 June, join the throngs in the street or dress up and be part of the fun of the Jazz Festival parade through town. Then enjoy a singalong overlooking the lake before heading off to one of the venues.

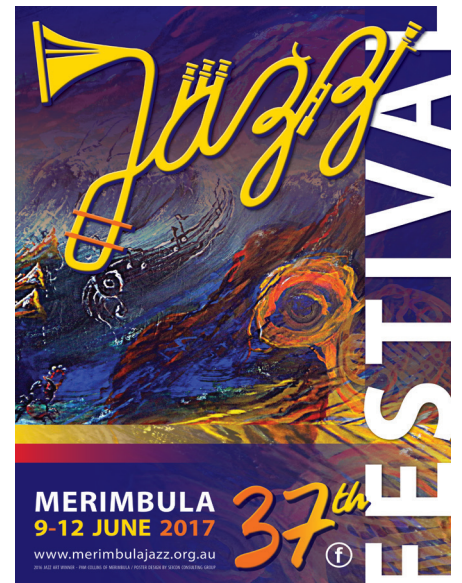
If you are keen to hear some of the younger musicians don't miss the Jazz Quest, held at the Lakeview Hotel on Saturday evening. The standard at this event is always extremely high and the talent breathtaking.

Sunday morning sees the return of the extremely popular ecumenical church service.

On Monday Club Sapphire will be hosting the Jazz Hatters Party (previously the Jazz Picnic) complete with a line up of toe tapping bands. While you are there check out the Jazz Art display. Each year our local artists produce some stunning artworks around the jazz theme with one chosen to be used as the basis for the following year's poster. This year's poster is based on the painting by Pam Collins. Colours for this year's festival are orange, mid blue and red on white.

Check out our website for all registration details for 2017 (which are also included below). The Early Bird offer is once again available, so get in early and save.

We look forward to seeing you in Merimbula again in 2017.



JAZZ QUEST 2017

Jazz Quest 2017 at the Lakeview Hotel will once again be part of the 37th Merimbula Jazz Festival. Open to musicians 25 years of age and under - great cash prizes will be up for grabs. See the website or below for details of how to enter.

If you want to be a part of this fantastic opportunity for young musos, make sure you tick the box on the Musician Registration Form. In addition, please send your details (name, instrument, mobile number, postal and email address) to Paul Dion at JazzQuest@merimbulajazz.org.au by 15th May. Paul may be contacted on 02 6495 7411 or 0408 545 859.

LATE NIGHT 'BEBOP AND BEYOND' JAM SESSION

The popular Jam Session will be on again in 2017, following the Jazz Quest on Saturday night and running through until 2am at the Lakeview Hotel. It's a chance for musicians young and old to get together with like-minded players from around the country for some serious jamming. MC for the night will be Paul Dion.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2017

**BAND REGISTRATION CLOSING
DATE WILL BE 3 APRIL 2017.
THIS DATE IS FIRM AND NO LATE
ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Musician registration and
payment must also be made by
this date.

**Unregistered musicians will not
be included in the program.**

Band registration is free, but individual
band members must pay \$10 to be
registered as musicians.

**Jazz Lovers Registration is \$90
or Early Bird Special Rate \$80
(if registered by 24 March 2017)**

**Musicians performing on Official
Program \$10**

Musician's Partner or Parent \$40

University and TAFE students \$40

School Children (to Year 12) FREE

The best way to ensure the success
of the 37th Festival is to register early
so please complete the appropriate
Registration Forms and send them off
to us as soon as you can.

VENUES FOR 2017

**THE LAKEVIEW HOTEL, MERIMBULA
RSL CLUB, CLUB SAPPHIRE
MERIMBULA & TWYFORD HALL**

TIMETABLE FOR THE WEEKEND

THURSDAY 8 JUNE

- The Jazz Festival Office in Twyford Hall will be open from 9am – 5pm for registrations, collection of badges and programs.
- Jazz Ball

FRIDAY 9 JUNE

- Jazz Office opens at 9am and will be open until late to catch the weary travellers from afar and post any late program changes.
- Jazz Program commences at 5pm at all venues.

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

- The traditional Festival Street Parade gets the mood pumping at 10:30am. Musicians assemble outside the Caltex Service Station at 10am.
- Jazz Program commences at 12 noon at all venues.

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

- The Ecumenical Church Service is at 11:30am. Check your program for more information.
- Jazz Program commences at 12 noon at all venues.

MONDAY 12 JUNE

- The Jazz Hatters Party is at the Club Sapphire. As noted last year, this indoor event replaces the Jazz Picnic to avoid problems with inclement weather. The Club will run a FREE shuttle bus throughout the day and further details will appear in the Festival program book and on our website.
- Note that alcohol cannot be taken onto club premises and grounds, however there will be ample food and drink available for sale on the day.

*INSURANCE

Musicians are responsible for the storage and safe keeping of their instruments at all times. The Merimbula Jazz Festival Inc. is not liable for loss or damage to any musical instrument during the Festival.

*Thank you for your past support.
We're preparing for a terrific
festival in 2017 so make your
plans early, bring your family
and friends along, and enjoy all
the delights of Merimbula with a
weekend of Jazz in June.*

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