

# Port Fairy Jazz Festival



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**The 2024 Port Fairy Jazz Festival is being held on the weekend of  
9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



What a great relief to be able to run a three-day Jazz Festival again.

A heart felt thank you, from myself and the Port Fairy Jazz Festival Committee, to all those who made it possible.

A special thank you to the musicians - obviously without you we wouldn't have a Festival. To those of you who elected not to receive a disbursement we salute you. Your decision meant that we were able to very slightly increase the amount that was paid to musicians in 2023, compared to 2020, even though our income had decreased because of lower numbers and increased expenses.

A Festival of this complexity cannot run without a large number of volunteers. To those locals and those from afar we appreciate your services. We can't do without you. We appreciate major support from Moyne Shire, other sponsors and the advertisers in our printed program which ensures the continuation of the Port Fairy Jazz Festival. A special thank you to Damian Gleeson for a grant of \$1000 which was used as prize money for the inaugural John Huf Award to a young musician. We need to encourage young musicians to adopt the jazz genre.

One thing that helps us improve the festival is feedback. You will notice some changes as a result of this year's feedback. Please let us know your feelings. We will increase the number of newsletters this year to keep you informed of not only news re Port Fairy, but jazz in general. Stay safe, keep well, see you in Port Fairy 2024.

**Rod Carter, President PFJF**

## **Wrist bands v badges**

We hear you!

Many patrons requested badges rather than wrist bands.

In 2020 we had to write names on 1400 badges, write names on 1400 paper bags then place badges, programs and drink vouchers, if applicable, in the bags and arrange them in boxes in alphabetical order. The total hours spent on this job was unsustainable. We also had to stop selling tickets a couple of weeks prior to the festival as the printed programs had to be available to be placed in the bags two weeks prior.

This year we forgot to change the date for the online ticket sales cutoff from the 2020 date and the printed programs were delivered on the Thursday before the festival.

Therefore next year:

- We will continue with wrist bands as your entry permit,
- 2024 badges will be available for you to put your name on,
- Online ticket sales will be open until the Thursday before the festival, after which they will be available from the Jazz Office,
- We will print the program as late as possible to allow for changes.

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## *The John Huf Award*

The John Huf Award is an event that was inaugurated in 2023 and was enthusiastically received by patrons of the festival. Our intention is to encourage younger performers to take part in the festival. Performers under 26 on the date of the festival are invited to submit audition material in the form of recordings/video playing heads and solos. Three finalists will be invited to play off as part of the festival program, giving them a valuable performing experience and a cash prize. Please spread the word about this to young musicians so they can prepare material to submit their work.

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**MUSICIANS** - are you interested in participating in a street parade at next year's festival?

– please respond, YES or NO, by clicking on the following link:

**[Musicians - PORT FAIRY JAZZ FESTIVAL](#)**

**OR**

access this survey from the musicians' tab on our website:

**<https://www.portfairyjazz.com.au/>**