

Port Fairy Jazz Festival



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

- **Tickets are still available - Adult Weekend Ticket \$120.00 (Ticket for all sessions for the whole weekend) until Thursday 8th February**
www.portfairyjazz.com.au

Where to Get Tickets during the Festival

Weekend festival tickets are available:

- Online through the festival website: www.portfairyjazz.com.au until Thursday 8th February
- and at the Jazz Office.

All tickets can be purchased during the festival at the Jazz Office:

	Adult	Under 18
Weekend Festival Tickets	\$120	Free
Friday	\$60	Free
Saturday	\$80	Free
Saturday after 6pm	\$60	Free
Sunday	\$50	Free

Jazz Office Hours

Tickets are available at the Festival Office at the following times:

Thursday	2pm - 5pm
Friday	10am - 9pm
Saturday	9am - 8pm
Sunday	9:30am - 1:30pm

Jazz Office Location

The Jazz Office is located in St Johns Church Hall, Corner Barclay & Church Streets, Port Fairy

From the President

A wonderful 2024 to all.

We look forward to your presence at the Port Fairy 2024 Jazz Festival beginning on Friday 9 February. The program as usual begins at 5.00pm.

Following your feedback (received in the 2023 Festival post event survey), we have endeavoured to make this Festival even more compact by dropping St Pats Hall from the venues and substituting the Oak and Anchor (opposite Railway Place). This gives us 9 venues, including Fiddler's Green, to accommodate around 100 bands. As for 2023, you will need to exchange your ticket at the festival office for a wrist band that will give you entry to all venues. New badges, not dated, will be available for you to print your name on - black for patrons and red for musos.

The office, in the St Johns Hall as usual, will be open from 2.00 to 5.00pm on Thursday 8 February and from 10.00am on Friday 9 February for ticket exchange or purchase.

We are sure you will have a great time in our delightful town.

Rod Carter
PFJF Committee

Festival App

A Festival App is available for download – Click on the QR Code in the festival program. This has been very kindly supplied by Matt Dixon of Shirraz.

Festival Opening

10am Saturday: The Official Opening will take place at Fiddlers Green (Cnr Bank & Sackville Streets).

Musos in particular please take note

We conducted a survey asking all musicians on our database whether they wanted us to organise a street parade. Based on their feedback this year there will be mass playing but NO parade. The mass playing will occur at Fidler's Green on Saturday morning from 10.00am until 10.30am which will leave sufficient time for musos to be ready for their 11.00am session.

Ken Collins has kindly agreed to lead the Massed Playing.

The tunes will be:-

- Gundagai- F
- Nineteen Nineteen March – F/Bb
- Just a Closer Walk with Thee- Bb
- Bourbon Street Parade – F
- When Your Smiling - Bb
- When the Saints go Marching in.- F

We would hope that musos can assemble by 9.55am so that they can start playing at 10.00am

Vacancies in the Festival Program:

We invite bands to fill in any gaps in the program which have been caused by cancelations. (Refer to the website for the program).

There will be a whiteboard in the festival office listing any future vacant time slots should any musician/band like to perform.

Please contact Jenni Hider-Smith on 0400 065 422 if interested

Open Mic with House Cats

7.00pm to 9.00pm Friday at the Lecture Hall

Port Fairy Jazz Festival 2024 again presents an "Open Mic" session, open to musicians and vocalists.

Priority will be given to those not on the official program. You will be backed by the Melbourne Music Performers' House Cats.

What do you need to be involved?

1. Be Brave
2. View available tunes on the web – www.portfairyjazz.com.au/open-mic.html
3. Contact Kevin Blaze before the festival starts or prior to the open mic session on openmicMMP+PF@gmail.com or 0488 853 846

Musicians Drink Vouchers

All musicians will be given 2 x \$5 drink vouchers which may be used at the Star of the West, The Sentinel, The Oak & Anchor and The Stump, to go towards the purchase of a drink of choice.

Volunteer Break-Up

Sunday 6.00 – 8.30pm at The Star of the West for drinks and nibbles.

We are very grateful for all our volunteer support and sincerely hope you will be able to join us.

CAN YOU HELP?

Thanks so very much to all who have volunteered. We will be sending out the proposed rosters very soon. We are still in need of some additional volunteers and hope you might consider assisting.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: The Jazz Festival Committee offers a free ticket to the Jazz Festival to anyone who volunteers for more than 10 hours over the weekend. Please let us know when responding so the rosters can reflect this.

Volunteers are needed to assist in manning the venues

Venues:	Friday	Door 4.45pm – 11.00pm
	Saturday	Door 10.45am – 11.00pm
	Sunday	Door 11.45am – 6.00pm

Included in manning the door of a venue you will need to act as a time keeper, to warn bands when they have 5mins to complete their gig. Introduction of bands is optional.

If you have any queries, please email (jenpf@outlook.com) or call/text 0400 065 422.

If you are able to assist, would you please email (jenpf@outlook.com) with your telephone number and the days/times that you are able to assist.

Thanks ever so much – we are so appreciative; our festival only succeeds with the support of volunteers.

**Jenni Hider-Smith, Olga Lemke & Imelda Dowdle,
On behalf of the Port Fairy Jazz Festival Committee**

ROUND THE JAZZ SCENE

- **Victorian Jazz Club**
 - 13th January Hot B Hines
 - 27th January – Chonk
 - 10th February - Martini Set
- **Geelong Jazz Club**
 - 14 Jan - Des Camm Jazz Band
 - 4th February - Lightning Jazz
 - 3rd March - Todd Sidney with Sarah Maclaine
- **Werribee Jazz Club**
 - 20th January - Des Camm Jazz Band
- **Ballarat Jazz Club**
 - 21st January - Hot B Hines
 - 18th February - Susy Hull Sings Gershwin
 - 17th March - Hot Club Swing
- **Sth Gippy Jazz**
 - January - No Jazz this month
 - 4th February - The Royal Hijinks
 - 3rd March – Undecided
- **Peninsula Jazz Club**
 - 21st January - The Louisiana Shakers
 - Moe-Latrobe Jazz Club 28th January - The Louisiana Shakers
 - 25th February - Lightning Jazz
- **Port Fairy Jazz Festival**
 - 9th - 11th February