

Port Fairy Jazz Festival



November 2023

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

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**early-bird tickets close on 30th November
\$110 for the whole weekend for all sessions**

www.portfairyjazz.com.au

**Musician Registrations closes on 30th November
2023**

Registrations are to be completed via the online
registration process

**[www.portfairyjazz.com.au/musician-
registration.html](http://www.portfairyjazz.com.au/musician-registration.html)**

From the President

Greetings all,

Wendy and I had the pleasure of attending the South Coast Jazz festival at Goolwa, 20th to 22nd October this year. The Festival was played primarily in only 4 venues with some slots allotted around the streets for play before the official program started. The Murray Delta Juke Joint was also used on Friday night where the Hot 'B' Hines played to a sell-out crowd. The festival concluded with several bands playing at the Goolwa Hotel. Many of the bands and personnel would be familiar to those who attend the Port Fairy Jazz Festival.

It was a great weekend- particularly for those used to the windblown Western District. Goolwa is well worth a visit at any time with Victor Harbour, and for the wine connoisseurs McLaren Vale, are not far away.

The end of November is the signal for quite a few important dates for musos and patrons which means we are getting close to the end of planning for our 2024 event. More about this in the newsletter.

To those patrons from out of Port Fairy, please consider Jenny Hider-Smith's request for volunteers to assist over the weekend. With nine venues in use, plus Fiddlers Green, we need many volunteers to man the doors.

I hope to catch up with many of you in February but in the meantime, have a safe and happy Christmas.

Rod Carter
President PFJF

CAN YOU HELP?



Our 2023 Jazz Festival felt like as though a brand new festival had arisen from the ashes. The atmosphere was one of celebration where joy and goodwill enveloped Port Fairy and its inhabitants. I think we were all delighted that the Festival had actually returned, now we look to 2024.

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the running of our 2024 Festival and are sincerely hoping you might be able to assist by volunteering in some capacity.

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 4.45pm – 11.00pm
 Saturday Door 10.45am – 11.00pm
 Sunday Door 11.45am – 6.00pm

The most difficult times to fill are the late nights (8-11pm) - No pressure at all but if you are able to fill one of these later shifts it would be sincerely appreciated.

We are looking at 3-hour time slots for those manning the venues (2p/venue to enable a break when needed) but this can be flexible. I appreciate this is a long time so perhaps in the smaller venues we could look at 2 hours slots with just one person assigned. Let us know if you would prefer this. 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 me (jenpf@outlook.com) or call/text 0400 065 422.

If you are able to assist, would you please email (jenpf@outlook.com) with the details requested below.

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

NAME:

1. TELEPHONE NUMBER
2. Which day(s)/time(s) would you prefer to assist and are there any days/times where you are unable to assist?