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## ***JAZZ AUSTRALIA CRUISE NEWSLETTER #4 March, 2020***

Dear Jazz Australia Cruise participants

Well, much has transpired since you heard from me earlier in the week! I'm relieved that we made the decision to postpone the jazz cruise earlier rather than later, as it has provided you with more notice to change your plans and, disappointing though the decision was, it has proven to be the correct one for all concerned and with some generous offers now being made by Princess Cruises. As a result of increasing concern about the Covid-19 virus, the cruise has now been cancelled and we are being made generous offers as compensation.

You should have received email notification from Princess Cruises of these two offers. If you have, could you please let Robert Matthews know your preferred option. If not, please let him know by phone or email and he will advise you details of the offers.

The cruise that I would very much like to secure for us as an alternative, leaves on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, out of Sydney, for 15 days, the destination being Papua and New Guinea on the Sea Princess. Autumn is a good time for cruising in that area.

Because I am particularly anxious to retain the services of *Stevenson's Rockets* with *Steve Grant* on piano, I need to be able to secure the right venue on the ship, with a grand piano for our daily concerts. This may mean that we have these in the mornings rather than the afternoons, when others on board will be on excursions. We would therefore need to have *our* excursions in the afternoons, but I'm sure no-one will mind that in order to have The Rockets and Steve Grant on our next cruise.

I won't be certain about this for a few weeks, but you will hear from me again once we have confirmation or I find another Princess cruise where we can secure a good room with a piano.

With thanks and wishing you all good health in the meantime,

*Diana Allen*