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SUMMER NEWSLETTER – 2023

***THE SYNCOPATORS are coming hurrah hurrah.....
on Sunday Feb. 12th at midday for 12.30pm at Merne, 650 Anderson's
Road, Drysdale. This illustrious band that will be celebrating its 40th
anniversary next year, will consist of leader Chris Ludowyk, trombone;
Peter Gaudion, cornet & vocals; Richard Miller, clarinet/saxs;
Jeff Arthur, guitar/banjo; Mark Elton, bass and Rod Gilbert, drums
and vocals.***



THE SYNCOPATORS

What a fabulous way to begin 2023 [jazz wise] with this great Australian band that will *next* year be celebrating its 40th anniversary *and* its 23rd world tour! Currently however, the band is preparing a new show '*From Jelly Roll to Jump Jive – a jaunt through jazz from the '20s to the '50s*' which they hope to bring to GPAC later this year; however they have offered to give us *a little taste* of two or three highlights from their new show! Another treat that they have offered us for the 12th will be a selection of Mills Brothers songs, tossed into the mix! This music requires skillful harmonizing something the Syncs are noted for; so you can see, we are in for a very special *celebratory* afternoon on Feb. 12th, in more ways than one!

Foot Note: Last year The Syncopators were honoured by being invited to perform at

the State Memorial Service for Judith Durham at Hamer Hall.

May I suggest that you book for this next Jazz Australia Luncheon, the first of four for 2023, as soon as possible, as numbers at 'Merne' are limited and I am expecting it will fill quickly. Luncheon tickets at the wonderful Merne restaurant are \$90 per head and tables will seat as many as you like if you're quick. *Please note:* seating is always arranged in order of booking.

Tickets can be purchased via bank transfer ***but do please remember to include your name.*** Banking details are as follows:

***Jazz Australia CBA Hawthorn BSB 063 138 Account No. 1001 3193,
or payment can be made by cash, or cheque to Jazz Australia, 25 Peterho Boulevard
Point Lonsdale.***

The History of Jazz Australia.....a memoir written by me during the Covid lockdown, will be on sale at this event. It tells the story of how I began presenting *classic* jazz in 1975, in order to raise the funds required to save the Terang Civic Theatre from demolition. As a result of this successful project, not only is the Terang Civic Theatre still in operation but so am I! It's been a very interesting and colourful 40+ years journey, and I hope I can hang in there for a bit longer. If you would like to purchase a copy of this story, the book is \$25 and if you are planning to attend the Luncheon on Feb 12th I suggest that you include the book payment with your ticket payment and collect it on Feb. 12th. I am also happy to *post* a book to anyone who is unable to attend on Feb. 12th and payment can be made using the above banking details

The second Jazz Australia event for this year will be ***Stevenson's Rockets*** in May. The date however is still to be confirmed, however I hope to have it by Feb. 12th and the location.

With every good wish for 2023, and may it be a healthy and happy one for us all.

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