



DOWN SOUTH JAZZ CLUB

PO BOX 346 MERIMBULA, 2548

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Dear Member

On Thursday 17th October the Down South Jazz Club has great pleasure in bringing “The Swingin' Songstress Helen Fenton & The Peter Locke Trio” to the stage of Club Sapphire. The band comprises Helen Fenton on vocals and the trio features Peter Locke on keyboards, Mike Walsh on bass and Ken Vatcher on drums.

Helen is a Sydney based mainstream jazz vocalist specialising in swing music from the 40's and 50's in the style of Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Holiday, Sarah Vaughn, Frank Sinatra and Mel Torme. Since 2000 she has led the Sydney Sound Big Band on a regular fortnightly Thursday night gig at Rockdale RSL (Club Rocky's) where a multitude of loyal dancers and music lovers are ever-present at each performance. Helen also sings with other big bands and small ensembles. She has performed at the Manly and Dubbo Jazz Festivals and many corporate events. She has recorded two albums: After Dark and The Simple Life, both on the LaBrava Label and available through iTunes, and is also on the committee of the Jazz Action Society as musical co-ordinator.

Peter Locke on piano is a highly respected professional performer with many years of experience having played with the Daly Wilson Big Band, Brad Charles Big Band and John Morrison's Swing City among others. He was also resident jazz pianist at City Tattersall's Club, Sydney for around seven years and has backed many of Australia's top jazz vocalists. He has played for the Down South Jazz Club many times in the past with the likes of Marie Wilson, Di Bird, Johnny Nicol, Bob Barnard, Benny's Boys. In 2013 he backed Tricia Evy & Dan Barnett, backing Dan again in 2018, and in 2016 & 2018 he formed a quartet to back Gregg Arthur.

Mike Walsh is a respected professional bass player of 40 years experience. He has worked with many musicians and bands, including 30 years in registered clubs backing major artists such as the Ten Tenors, Jimmy Little, Ben Jones and Les Crosby of the Hacienda jazz band. He has recently toured with Ian Cooper violin virtuoso. We had the pleasure of meeting and hearing Mike in October last year when he was bass player for The Dan Barnett Combo.

Local drummer Ken Vatcher is well known and much loved by DSJC members. He is the drummer of choice for many visiting performers who rely on local musicians for a rhythm section, and he was a standing member of the Margie Fullerton Trio for many years. Ken is a multi-disciplined drummer, comfortable in any style of music, and complements front-line musicians with his strict time-keeping and inventiveness. Ken makes his living from music. He teaches at Bega's Magpie Music and the South Coast Anglican College and provides lessons at his house in Pambula Beach. As a seasoned session drummer, Ken picks up gigs with a host of touring musicians and does lots of studio work. Ken is also the beat man for what seems like at least half of the bands that regularly work around.

This excellent night of jazz will cost \$15 for jazz club members and \$20 for visitors with music commencing at 7.30 pm. Bookings can be made with Aileen/Kevin Walsh (64959853), at bookings@downsouthjazzclub.org.au, or will be available on the night at the door. The Club Sapphire bistro opens at 6.00 pm with its extensive menu; meals can either be eaten in the bistro, or ordered, collected and eaten at leisure while listening to the music.

DOWN SOUTH JAZZ CLUB PRESENTS
THE SWINGIN' SONGSTRESS
HELEN FENTON & THE PETER LOCKE TRIO



FEATURING

HELEN FENTON (VOCALS)
PETER LOCKE (KEYBOARDS)
MIKE WALSH (BASS)
KEN VATCHER (DRUMS)

WHERE & WHEN

AT CLUB SAPPHIRE

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2019

\$15 JAZZ CLUB MEMBERS \$20 VISITORS

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