

Aunty Molly's News Update

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Gearing Up for Great Shenanigans!



It all started at Aunty Molly's about 30 years ago when we presented our first "St Patrick's Festival" at The Olde Bakehouse in Morisset, and it has hailed the beginning of our entertainment year ever since. In that time, we have welcomed thousands of visitors from all over the NSW and even from Victoria and Queensland. We have also presented many Irish performers over the years, but none so popular as the one we welcome back in 2024.

**Exciting
News**

**regarding our
Winterfest**

(Christmas in July)

WYONG GOLF

CLUB is back!!

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EILEEN McCANN is a genuine Irish colleen, who has charmed our audiences with her exciting music, great singing voice and delightful personality. She is one of Ireland's truly great performers, now living here in Australia. She is the epitome of a real Irish colleen in looks and persona with a lifetime history of entertainment. As well as performing in every Irish variety show staged in Sydney Eileen has been a regular artiste with the Captain Cook Cruises on Sydney Harbour for the past 14 years and she recorded her first Irish solo CD "M'Anam Cara"... My Soul Mate (translated literally) which captures the fun, energy excitement and tenderness that spans the heart of Irish music.



Eileen McCann

Eileen appears on stage in traditional Irish costume and performs all your favourite songs and some toe-tapping tunes on the fiddle. So, to be sure, to be sure, to be sure and not missing out, book in soon for an exciting day of Celtic satire and shenanigans.

So, join us for all the fun and shenanigans on **TUESDAY 19th MARCH 2024** at **WANGI DISTRICT WORKERS CLUB** and on **WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2024** at **EVERGLADES COUNTRY CLUB, WOY WOY.**

The cost is still only \$55.00 per person

New arrival time is 11 am (Doors open at 11.20am) and lunch includes a delicious two course traditional Irish feast tea, coffee and all entertainment. of genuine Irish fayre: Tender Guinness Braised Beef with creamy mashed práta & fresh vegetables followed by our Chef's special Irish dessert with self-serve coffee or tea. (Special Dietary Meals to be ordered prior to event).

Call 4970 5105 for Enquiries and Reservations

Please note: A deposit of \$10.00 per person is payable asap to confirm your reservation then final numbers and balance is due 14 days prior to the event. Also, please that all bookings should be made only on the above number, not at the club. Thank you!

Did We Have Ein Wunderbar Oktoberfest? Ja, das haben wir!!

We certainly did and a lot of fun too! For the very first time we were honoured to welcome, into both shows, The Germania Club at Wangi and The German Friendship Group at Davistown RSL, many of



The German Friendship Group

whom looked resplendent in national costume and added to the atmosphere of the day. Toni was then able to prove that her phonetically learned German language and songs, from many years ago, were still well and truly up to par!! There was lots of audience involvement and participation and fun had by all.



Members of The Germania Club

From the Mailbox

Just wanted to say many thanks for a wonderful time at Wangi, YES, IT WAS (SMASHING!) AWESOME, even though not understanding the German language, you certainly made it so we could all understand and the German club being with us, we were able to join in, and certainly enjoy the friendly atmosphere! Greg's music and Ross Maio certainly contributed to all the excitement and, of course, yourself! What a wonderful start, and amazing finish, with those Bells, they sounded great! We reckon your seniors' entertainment is getting better, really enjoying your presentations and, with our ageing family & friends not doing so good, it's your oom-pah-pah and the unexpected that really warms our hearts and makes our day! All the best *Mavis & Barry*

This comes to say a huge THANK YOU SO MUCH to you, and to your co-presenters, for the wonderful afternoon of song, fun and laughter that we had at Wangi Workers Club. We all enjoyed it so much, the music, the singing, the swaying, your hilarious gags, your fun-filled banter with the audience, and the never-to-forget bell-ringing performance at the end! Hahahaha, we loved it all! We especially loved your performance, including the German songs you sang, and we also loved the amazing and magnificent performance by Ross Maio on his fabulous piano accordion! What an amazing talent! It was an afternoon filled with joy, music and laughter, one we will certainly never forget. There was a group of our German friends from the Central Coast there who told us they were going to your Oktoberfest performance again in Davistown next week. When we told them it would be the same performance as the one we'd just experienced they replied, that's why we're going again! I think that says it all! Of course, if it's booked out, they won't get in, or it may not work out for them at all, but their immediate response after the show was to do it all again! That's praise for you that I wanted to pass on! Much appreciated *Germania Club*

A New Venture and Early Start for 2024

Aunty Molly's has always kicked off the year in March with our St. Patrick's Celebrations, but for the very first time, we will start the year in February, when we have secured another beautiful venue to celebrate "VALENTINE'S DAY" on **WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY** ... the very day itself, and nowhere could be more appropriate than **VALENTINE BOWLING CLUB** and, like Wangi Workers Club, right on the shores of beautiful Lake Macquarie. The room is more of a cabaret setting with round tables and limited capacity, but with beautiful views and a great atmosphere and ambiance. So, it's a wonderful opportunity of getting your cherished ones together and "share the love". Our very special guest entertainer will be **GRAEME WRIGHT**. Read all about him on our individual flyer and call **4970 5105** soon to reserve your place. Almost sold out!!

Over the past few years, especially since Covid, we have all experienced the huge hike in all costs including food, some of which has escalated to 25% and more in price. We can all appreciate this when visiting the supermarket. In March 2024, we will be settling in at our new venue **EVERGLADES COUNTRY CLUB** at Woy Woy with our St. Patrick's Festival. In doing so, we have managed to keep our prices down to a reasonable level knowing that some of you have an additional outlay for buses to transport you to our events. We have compared our current costs with other venues, and we are much cheaper in price for what we offer ... the best in food and entertainment. The only real difference is that the arrival time will be 11.30am and the tea & coffee will be available at the end of your lunch instead of before. We trust that you will appreciate the reasons for the slight changes, and we look forward to welcoming you again in 2024.

Winterfest is Wonderful

Christmas in July has always been our busiest time of the year with bus and social groups flocking in from all over NSW, some enjoying a few days away on the Central Coast or the Hunter Valley Region and choosing to make Auntie Molly's a special destination at this time of the year. In 2024, once again, we are delighted to welcome on of Australia's greatest showmen, the multi-talented and multi award winner, **DANNY ELLIOTT**.



Danny Elliott in action

Danny is truly an extra-ordinarily talented musician, singer and all round entertainer. His gift for music was recognised from a very early age and through his formative years, were nurtured by brilliant teachers and mentors. Now, Danny is a true showman! His act has developed into an incredible showcase of his musical abilities blended with an amazing voice. Audiences watch in disbelief as Danny plays instrument after instrument, song after song, climaxing in a flourish on his favourite, the piano and we reckon that anyone who gets a standing ovation on the QEII must be something very special! It's never too early to book, so call now on **4970 5105** to reserve your place for Winterfest 2024

Bookings and Pre-Payment are Essential

A **deposit of \$10.00 per person** is payable, as soon as possible, to confirm your booking, preferably by Direct Bank Deposit which is, by far, the fastest and most efficient way to pay your deposits and balances with our Direct Banking details being ...

Commonwealth Bank **BSB 062-318**; Account **1029 5494**; Account Name **RALI PTY LTD** and, most importantly, we need your **ID** which will be your **NAME** and the **DATE** of your function (for example: SMITH240523).

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS!!

The good news is that finally we have made up with our credit card machine - it was being obstinate and very unfriendly for a while – but we are best friends again and can take your payment over the phone if necessary. The bad news is that our bank is no longer happy to take cheques or over the counter bank teller transactions. They now charge us \$10.00 for every such transaction and it would make it necessary for us to pass this charge on to you, but as they always say, “when one door closes, another opens” and we now have the option of credit cards!

Once we have your final numbers and your balance 14 days prior to your fun'tion date, we will send you an official tax invoice/receipt, but no need to bring it with you as your tables will be reserved with your name clearly marked. Our menu, which will be advertised in good time, generally reflects the Theme of the Day as we strive for authenticity with all of our shows. However, it is important to note that **special dietary meals** can be provided but **must** be pre-ordered when paying your **balance 14 days prior** to your event. No special dietary meals can be ordered on the day. Plenty of bus, car parking spaces and disabled facilities are available at all venues.

Yes Folks! Auntie Molly's is back at WYONG GOLF CLUB and looking forward to welcoming you for CHRISTMAS IN JULY (“Winterfest”) on TUESDAY 30th and WEDNESDAY 31st JULY 2024 (Call for more details)

Almost 60 Years on and Still Going Strong

Edited from biography & memoirs by James Roberts

On 6th December 1964, a young Toni Stevens (*known better to you as Toni McLean or Aunty Molly*) stepped on to her first professional stage. She had been semi-professional for five years before that but, following an appearance on UK television show, Hughie Green's "Opportunity Knocks" she decided to quit her job as assistant secretary at a Real Estate Agency in her home town of Smethwick, near Birmingham and pursue the career that has taken her all around the world for almost 60 amazing years. Dubbed by one show biz newspaper as "a female Max Bygraves", Toni arrived in Australia via South Africa and Rhodesia, with rave reviews from TV, Club and Cabaret venues worldwide. Over the years, she has supported some of the



world's brightest stars: Tom Jones, Lulu, Englebert Humperdinck, Morcambe & Wise, Dave Allen, Val Doonican and from the USA Bill Haley, Billy Eckstein, Jose Feliciano and country legends Buck Owens, Ferlin Husky, Hank Williams Jnr and many more. Here in Australia, Toni has appeared in almost every major venue, live theatre, theatre restaurant, television, TV commercials, movies, soapies and more recently corporate functions. She is a fun performer who has also been described as a "one woman party!!"



Having fun with Lulu



With Bill Haley in 1965

In addition to her flair as a comedienne, singer and musician, she is also a theatre restaurant performer, actress and show producer. In the early eighties, Toni produced and featured at the Golden Garter Theatre Restaurant in Crown Street, Sydney, where her show ran for over a year. She then was asked to join the team of the Comedians Co-op at the same venue and, in the early eighties, was the first to introduce the concept of Theatre Restaurant to registered Clubs in NSW, the first being Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL.

From July 1987 to December 1989, she ran her own Theatre Restaurant on Sydney Harbour, The Port Jackson Showboat. In January 1991, Toni was appointed resident producer and featured performer at Sydney's premier theatre restaurant The Argyle Tavern (The Jolly Swagman Show) and Lowenbrau Keller (German Show) at the Rocks. The show ran for five years performing 7 nights a week to thousands of local, interstate and international travellers.

Four times 'Mo' Award nominee, in 1998, recipient of the coveted John Campbell Fellowship Award for services to the Australian variety industry, being the founder, in 1978, of the Australian Ladies Variety Association (ALVA) and for her endless charity work.

In 2015, Toni won the 'Best Versatile Variety' act 'Mo' Award. She has produced many charity shows, raising well over a million dollars for various foundations and, since



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1972, spent many happy years on the high seas mainly, over the last 20 years with Princess Cruises.

Toni is now semi-retired from mainstream entertainment, but still loves to host and welcome numerous social groups and seniors' tours from all over NSW to Aunty Molly's Seniors' Entertainment Events. In December 2024, she will celebrate 60 years "on the boards" and has vowed that she will continue with

her entertainment while she is still fit and able to bring a little joy to the lives of others.

Aunty Molly's

Seniors' Entertainment Events at
Wangi District Workers Club on
Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July 2024
& **Everglades Country Club** on
Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th &
Friday 26th July 2024



Join us for our 2024 Christmas in July Celebrations

“Winterfest”

Arriving between 10.45am & 11.00 am, it'll be a real Christmas affair. Why not spend a little time exploring the great facilities offered by these two exclusive venues, grab a coffee and above all, drinks at club prices!! Featuring your host, as always, comedy entertainer **Toni Stevens** with very special guest the multi-talented, multi award winning showman



DANNY ELLIOTT

With many showbiz awards we are thrilled to welcome this amazing entertainer back with his unique musical, vocal talents and exciting show full of fun!



Also included is a delicious traditional festive two course Christmas lunch, Tea & Coffee with all the usual trimmings plus loads of entertainment.

(Special Dietary meals must be pre-ordered)

All this for only \$55.00 pp

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Please note: A deposit of \$10.00pp deposit is payable to confirm your booking with the final numbers and balance being due 14 days prior to the event.

Also, please note that this is a private function, not a club event, therefore all enquiries and bookings must be made through the above number or by email and not at the venue.

For information on Wyong Golf Club itinerary on 30th and 31st July, please call the above number. Full details will be released very soon.