

# Aunty Molly's News Update

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## Who Needs Broadway?

... when we have some of the best musical theatre talent right here in Australia. Such is the case coming up in November, when we welcome back one of this country's greatest showmen **Stephen Fisher King**, shown here singing one of his signature tunes "Bring Him Home" from Les Miserables.



Join us at **Everglades Country Club** on  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** or  
**Wangi District Workers Club** on  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** for

## "Christmas Crackers"

Fasten your seat belts and get ready to be blown away by our very special guest, with a voice and personality to equal any leading man in any musical show because Stephen has been there and done that and now he brings his incredible talents back to Aunty Molly's for our pre-Christmas season 2024.

Media critics have said "Stephen Fisher-King is a beautiful baritone, with a taste of tenor, a consummate professional and one of the best live performers who has wowed audiences worldwide with his strong and commanding stage presence".

He has collected an amazing nine of the Australian entertainment industry's awards including several prestigious 'MO' Awards as 'Australian Variety Performer of the Year' and 'Australian Male Vocalist of the Year' and another seven ACE (Australian Club Entertainment) Industry awards, which include 'Australian Club Entertainer of the Year' and 'Male Vocalist of the Year'. He has performed many lead roles in major musical theatre productions including CATS, Evita, The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and The New Rocky Horror Show and has even sung the National Anthem at the Rugby League State of Origin! He has also performed lead roles in several operas and operettas including 'La Boheme', 'The Coronation of Poppea' and 'Dido and Aeneas'.



Along with your usual host, comedy entertainer TONI STEVENS, it's going to be a fun walk down memory lane and we look forward to sharing with you the journey from Phantom to Les Misérables and from Beatles to Boccelli!

With suggested **time of arrival** from **10.45am** and the cost still at only **\$55.00** per person, you will enjoy a delicious traditional two course Christmas lunch followed by tea & coffee with all the usual trimmings. Book now!!!

## Call 4970 5105

or email [info@auntymollys.com.au](mailto:info@auntymollys.com.au)

Please note that a deposit of \$10.00pp is required to confirm your reservation, with your final numbers and payment due 14 days prior to your chosen event. Also reminding you that all enquiries and bookings should be made on the above number and not at the Club. Thank you!

# Wunderbar Oktoberfest? Ja, das haben wir!!

We sure did, welcoming over 350 "Happy Wanderers" including at least 60 genuine and would-be German friends, many of whom looked resplendent in their national costume and added greatly to the atmosphere of the day. They all sang along beautifully, confirming that Toni's phonetically learned German language and songs, from many years ago, were still well and truly up to par and confirmed that she really is singing the right words ... or near enough!!!☺ Along with lots of audience involvement and participation, a great day of fun was enjoyed by all.



## How Do We Get to Aunty Molly's?

A question that is asked regularly by our patrons and one we're happy to help with the best options. Of course, if you are bringing a group, naturally the most comfy choice would be



your local coach charter company, and we have several companies that visit us regularly, such as Port Stephens Coaches, Hopkinsons, Rover Coaches, Sexton's Coaches, Syd Foggs, Pacific Tours, Cross Country Tours, Compass Tours,



Newcombe Coaches, Potter Travel, to name but a few.

To get to **Everglades at Woy Woy**, if travelling by car or coach from Sydney and the south, if the driver is happy to take the winding road from the Woy Woy turn off at Kariong, and you have a little time to spare, stop for moment and take in the beauty of the mighty Brisbane Waters from Staples Lookout before descending the hill on Woy Woy Road and Dunban Road to the Club. Alternatively at the bottom of the hill at West Gosford, turn right, and take the road towards Umina and Woy Woy and be amazed at the splendour of the Brisbane Waters as you meander along the coast road.

The next option for groups from Sydney who like to travel on a budget (the \$2.50 Gold Opal Card!!), take the train to Woy Woy and there will be a taxi waiting at the station to transfer you just a few minutes to the club. Depending on your numbers, the cost will be from around \$5.00pp each way.

Directions for **Wyong Golf Club**, if travelling by car or coach from the north take the Sparks Road exit and from the south the Tuggerah exit and you will find the club on Pacific Highway at north Wyong. For those travelling by train alight at Wyong Station and take the 58 or any bus travelling the Lake Haven, which will drop you off in four minutes right opposite the club.

**Wangi Workers Club** is best reached by road, as it sits out on a peninsular between Morisset and Toronto on the west side of beautiful Lake Macquarie and well worth the extra effort in driving there. The view from the auditorium is stunning! The closest major railway station is Morisset and if you like to travel by train, your event is on a Thursday and you have 10 or 11 passengers, a local maxi taxi can pick you up at Morisset station and transfer you to the club from around \$5.00pp each way. We look forward to welcoming you happy travellers very soon.

**For Enquiries & Reservations Call 4970 5105**

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# Thank you to our Supporters & Sponsors

As many of our regular visitors will know, for over seven years Aunty Molly's has been supporting The Humour Foundation which provides Clown Doctors to Children's Hospitals and now also Aged Care facilities. Heading the team is Tricia Fortier OAM for her services to Clown Doctors since 2006.

Also supporting Aunty Molly's and Clown Doctors is Allan Maddox of the Central Coast Community Radio Station, now known as Easy FM. After 32 years of broadcasting popular music from the 60s to the 80s to the mature radio community on the Coast, it was time for a refresh and create a new approach to the style of music, in keeping with the listening trends of the over-50's and all run by 30 volunteers, of which 16 are on-air presenters.

Easy FM Manager Allan has been at the radio station since 2006 and has seen many changes over the years "Radio is all about entertainment and information, playing songs we like to hear and telling us the news we need to know" he said. Easy FM Chair of the Board, Ann Fredericks has been happily volunteering at the station for many years and is also grateful to have met her now husband, station manager Allan. "A community organisation like a radio station also has a very human aspect which can bring people together through mutual love of music," she said.



Allan's new task to rebrand the station and build a wider audience is well underway, and since his days at the Coast's first radio station 2GO in 1971 has learned his broadcasting skills from the best. "I'm passionate about local media, and commercial radio is in a state of flux – that leaves community radio, which is locally owned and operated, and so important in our daily lives," he said. "Part of community radio's charter is to arrange fundraising events to keep the station on air, so here's a reminder that on the first Friday of each month, Easy FM has its sausage sizzle at Bunnings, West Gosford. Thank you, Allan & Ann, for your valuable support.

Likewise, **Klara Kaye**, owner and editor of '**Your Guide Central Coast**' magazine, has been a wonderful help and supporter of Aunty Molly's and Clown Doctors for several years. Having come so far in her amazingly diverse career, little has been known about her humble and traumatic beginnings.

In Germany towards the end of WWII, Klara's parents owned a thriving restaurant in Berlin and when a Nazi officer decided he wanted to take the restaurant for his brother, the local Mayor advised the family to get out, so they fled to Prussia, which in those days was part of Germany, Russia & Poland and where Klara was born. In 1950, when she was just 6 years old, they moved to Australia and her mum got a job at a doll factory and both parents went to night school to learn English. They were offered positions in Crookwell, managing the butter factory, and a few years later moved on to live and work in Bowral and subsequently on to Quirindi.

At the age of 16, Klara moves to Sydney and gets a job as a waitress at the Playboy Club, but she admits to not being very good, so they took her off the floor and put her into the office as an administrator. She took dance classes and along the way met Noeline Batley, J'OK, Col Joye, and Lucky Starr with whom she is still close friends today. Lucky introduced her to Bill Watson, and she was booked to work in his pantomimes, then Tibor Rudas, for whom she became head showgirl in his 'Paris By Night' spectacular touring Sydney Melbourne & New Zealand. The show was booked to go to the Tropicana in Las Vegas, but Klara decided not to go to Las Vegas but to move to Melbourne instead and got into the hotel business and the rag trade.

Further down the track, Joseph Brender, the owner of Katies, secured her services and moved her to Tasmania to supervise the building of his new stores and the training of the staff. She was such a success that she was head hunted to work for 'Shop-a-Docket', then 'Weekend for Two', 'Sydney's Top Ten' (working with the concierges of Sydney Hotels) and on a trip to Morpeth one day she picked up a copy of 'Hunter Imag' magazine which was advertised for sale. She decided to buy it and later also the 'Central Coast Imag'. She upgraded and then sold the Hunter version and changed the name and image of the Central Coast version around 10 years ago and that is how Klara Kaye became the proud owner and editor of 'Your Guide Central Coast'.



# 2025 New Prices for Aunty Molly's

We guess it was inevitable that prices had to go up at some stage with the rising cost of virtually everything and, from the **1<sup>st</sup> January 2025**, we have been forced to increase our price from \$55.00 to **\$60.00**. This, of course, will still include a delicious two course lunch with tea and coffee and the same top line entertainment that you have become used to.

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

Commonwealth Bank **BSB 062-318**; Account No. **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: SMITH240524).

Whilst the preferred method of payment is direct deposit as above, we do have credit card facility if you wish to pay by phone. However this, unfortunately, will be subject to a 2.2% credit card service fee charged by the provider and not by Aunty Molly's.

Please note that our usual procedure is that once we have received your final numbers and your balance on or before 14 days prior to your function date, we will send you an official tax invoice/receipt noting all payments and dates paid, 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 as no special dietary meals can be ordered on the day.

## 60 Years on the Boards (by Mark Kristian)

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1964, a young Toni Stevens stepped onto her first professional stage, not long after appearing on the first episode of Hughie Green's 'Opportunity Knocks' on British television. She didn't win but her local profile went up so much that, come Christmas, she was entertaining at local clubs up to 7 nights a week, sometimes travelling to other counties at the weekends whilst at the same time trying to hold down a day job, as assistant secretary to a real estate agent in her hometown of Smethwick, near Birmingham. Eventually she had to choose between a 'proper job' (as her mother called it) or the glamour of show business. Needless to say that, much to her mother's dismay, showbusiness won out hands down!! Over the next few years, she was to be working alongside, Tom Jones, Englebert

Humperdinck, Dusty Springfield, Morcambe & Wise, Olivia Newton John, Frank Ifield, The Seekers, Lulu, Diana Dors, Val Doonican, Dave Allen, Paul Hogan etc, and from the USA Bill Haley, Billy Eckstein, Jose Feliciano and country legends Buck Owens, Ferlin Husky, Hank Williams Jr., Hank Snow and many more. Here in Australia, since 1972, Toni has appeared in almost every major venue, live theatre, theatre restaurant, television, soapies, movies and, TV commercials. She was the first to introduce Theatre Restaurant into the NSW Clubs back in the early 80's and from July 1987 to the end of 1989, she ran her own Theatre Restaurant on Sydney Harbour The Port Jackson Showboat. In January 1991, she was appointed producer and featured performer at Sydney's world-famous theatre restaurants, The Argyle Tavern and Lowenbrau Keller. The shows ran for six years, 7 nights a week. Now, in semi-retirement, her years of experience in the Theatre Restaurant business encouraged her to upgrade her already well-established Aunty Molly's Seniors' Entertainment Events bringing theatre restaurant style events for seniors during the day. The 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Toni will celebrate 60 years in professional showbiz. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Toni!



Aunty Molly's Seniors' Entertainment Events

# Christmas Crackers

Join us for your early end of year celebrations  
at **EVERGLADES COUNTRY CLUB, WOY WOY**  
on **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** or at

**WANGI DISTRICT WORKERS CLUB**

on **THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

featuring the amazing talents of

**STEPHEN FISHER KING**

the star of our 2022 Winterfest with many requests for his return. A great singer and all-round multi award winning entertainer with a wide variety of songs from musical theatre, opera and popular classics.



On **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at  
**Wyong Golf Club** catch  
**SHANE EDWARDS** in action again  
with his special **"Jingle all the Way"**  
show, lots of fun and festivities



All shows include a delicious two-course Christmas lunch with tea, coffee and all the trimmings (*special dietary meals can be provided with prior notice*)

**The Cost is still only \$55.00 per person**

**Tel: 4970 5105 for Reservations or**

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Please note that a deposit of \$10.00 per person is payable to confirm your booking with final numbers and payment being due 14 days prior to your event. Also, please note that these are private functions and not club events, therefore it is important that all enquiries and reservations are directed to the above numbers and not to the club.

Many thanks!

A GREAT START TO OUR 2025 SEASON ....

**Aunty Molly's**  
**Seniors' Entertainment Events**

Presents a Legend of Australian Show Business

**ISSI DYE**



Appearing at Wyong Golf Club on  
**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** &  
Everglades Country Club on  
**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** (Valentine's Day)

One of Australia's leading original cabaret stars with over 50 years under his belt, in the late 70's and 80's, Issi hosted his TV late night movie shows on the Nine and Ten networks in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney.... The first late night program on Australian TV. He has appeared on every major TV show during this time including Countdown, The Bert Newton, Don Lane and Ernie Sigley Shows, Kerry Anne Morning Shows, Family Feud, Channel Nine Telethons and many, many



Issi's last visit to Aunty Molly's

more around Australia. During the 60's, 70's and 80's, he supported visiting overseas stars such as Roy Orbison, Ray Charles, The Beach Boys, The Platters, The Supremes, The Everly Brothers and Aussie performers Johnny Farnham, Normie Rowe, Johnny Young, Brian Cadd, Russell Morris, Colleen Hewitt and, again, many more! Based in Melbourne and, on this occasion, travelling to perform at festivals in Queensland, we are delighted to have the unique opportunity of welcoming

this amazing performer for a rare opportunity of seeing a colourful and consummate professional at work.

Enjoy a delicious two course lunch and all entertainment for only

**\$60.00 per person**

Call **4970 5105** for enquiries and reservations

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# Shenanigans & Shamrocks



will be the order of the day at  
**Wangi Workers Club on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Wyong Golf Club on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March &**  
**Everglades Country Club on**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
when Aunty Molly's presents



## St. Patrick's Festival

Featuring the beautiful talents of  
**SHANNON BACALL**, returning to us after



several years and bringing her unique Irish performance which includes the Irish fiddle and harp. Also, getting up to



her own usual shenanigans, is your host & compere comedy entertainer **TONI STEVENS**. So, bring your friends, neighbours and social groups, come by car, bus or train, for a great day out which includes a two-course traditional lunch, tea, coffee and all entertainment. With arrival at 10.45am your cost will be **\$60.00**.



### Call now on 4970 5105

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Are we up to **CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2025** yet? Of course we are, and you will be able to catch the wonderful and vibrant talents of **MICHAEL MONTGOMERY** on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** at **Wyong Golf Club**, **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** at **Wangi Workers Club** and **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July** at **Everglades Country Club**. Let us know if you have any special requests for particular days, dates & venues. We aim to please!!

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