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Happy New Year to all!



... and we sincerely hope that 2023 will be a bumper year for everyone as we learn to cope with the adversities around us and get back into the swing of things and, in particular, the therapeutic benefits of a good old-fashioned laugh. As our friends at Clown Doctors always say "Laughter is the Best Medicine" for both body and soul and we have lots of that coming up for you this year at Aunty Molly's.

Starting, as always, in March with our **ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL** and this year we are delighted to welcome one of Australia's finest exponents of Irish music, **CLAIR HAYES**. Warm, witty, totally entertaining and born into an Irish family, Clair has been singing & playing Irish music all her life. She's a multi-instrumentalist, accompanying her singing on guitar, banjo, mandolin, tin whistle & bodhran. Along with your host **TONI STEVENS** brace yourself for lots of laughs and singalongs, loads of fun and shenanigans. The dates for our Celtic Carnival are as follows;



Clair Hayes

WANGI DISTRICT WORKERS CLUB on **TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023** and **DAVISTOWN RSL CLUB** on **THURSDAY 16th** and **FRIDAY 17th MARCH (St Patrick's Day)**

The cost remains the same at just **\$50.00** pp which includes morning tea, delicious two course lunch and all entertainment. At this stage, the 16th, at Davistown, is almost fully booked, so St Patrick's Day itself is by far your best option. Call soon on **4970 5105** and book your places for this very special event.

Dynamic Danny

Our "Christmas Crackers" show featured the amazing talents of **DANNY ELLIOTT** who is truly an extraordinarily talented musician, singer and all-round entertainer. So wide is his repertoire and his use of so many instruments, all which he plays with such perfection, that it would be impossible for anyone to pick a favourite. He also had the audience fascinated with his rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" during which everyone had a part to play and they played it beautifully. We look forward very much to welcoming Danny back again to Aunty Molly's in the not-too-distant future.



Another Big Christmas Surprise

First featured last year at our special annual Clown Doctors show in July, our Davistown audience were treated to another brilliant performance by Betty and her Beautiful Babes. These are a group of mature Central Coast ladies, some of whom have had dancing experience before, but many who are taking it up for the first time in their senior years. It just goes to show that it doesn't matter how mature you are, you are never too old to get involved and have a great time, making friends along the way whilst keeping fit and healthy at the same time. Well done girls!



The Saga Continues

On the 14th November 1972, I disembarked the SS Ellinis in Melbourne and it doesn't take a world class mathematician to work out that in 2022, I celebrated 50 years in Merry Old Land of Oz. Having left Rhodesia, where the last story concluded, I went back to South Africa and worked at the, then, luxury Mayfair Hotel in Durban, the five star Mount Nelson Hotel in Capetown, then back to Rhodesia to Salisbury (now Harare) and on to Johannesburg, after which I decided to continue on to Australia, leaving Capetown on 30th October 1972 and disembarking with assistance from some of those wonderful Aussie passengers I had befriended onboard the Himalaya and Ellinis, who helped find me temporary accommodation on my arrival. I managed to contact an old friend that I sat next to at the British School of Commerce in Birmingham, who emigrated to Australia with her parents when she was around 13 years old and was now married with two children and Cherie and her husband invited me to stay with them while whilst getting myself established.

In South Africa, along the way, I had been recommended to a few Australian show biz and TV people before I arrived in Melbourne and was able to introduce myself a little by appearing on Melbourne Channel 7's "Penthouse Club" with Mary Hardy and Mike Williamson and I also appeared on the Channel 9 Telethon of 1973 and on Channel 10's quiz show "Charades" with Pat MacDonald and Garry Meadows, where I was the carry over champion and won the princely sum of \$60.00 which helped a lot when I arrived in Sydney. The 1000 rand (at that stage around the same in Aussie dollars) I had saved in South Africa, bought me a second-hand car which finally got me to Sydney and I remember thinking "I don't reckon there is this much road in the whole world!!!!

Armed with the name of but one agent, I arrived in Sydney and promptly went to visit him. To my dismay, he was not in his office, apparently gone overseas, but as fortune would have it, the office opposite was occupied by another agent. The door to that office was open, and he gestured to me to come in. He was in the middle of a heated telephone conversation; "What do you mean you can't do the gig?", he yelled down the phone "but the show's tomorrow night! Oh, bloody hell mate, where am I gonna find a replacement act for a charity show with 24 hours' notice!". And so, fate had taken its course. I offered my services to perform, which worked for him because it got him out of a problem with minimal fuss, and it worked for me because in the audience, that next night, were several of Sydney's top agents and I was greeted with open arms, being one of only two comediennes on the circuit. Within weeks my diary was full of engagements, and within months I had become one of the most sought-after new kids on the block! Offers of management were pouring in, but I decided to remain solo for the time being, as my track record for getting myself work in England, was quite good. I believe that everything you do in life, whether good or not so good, is a learning curve and I put it down to my schooling at the British School of Commerce and my four years in office work which put me in good stead businesswise.

By 1973, I had established a good relationship with P & O Australia and in July that year, I was invited to entertain on their six week 'Cherry Blossom Cruise' to the Orient. It was on this cruise, which was to be the beginning of 40 years of working with many different cruise lines, including 20 years with Princess Cruises, that I met an Irishman called Jim McLean. He was a regular annual passenger on P & O and known by several of the crew and cruise staff. He invited me for drinks each night before dinner and told me many Irish jokes, which, believe or not I still use to this day!! Around 18 months later, I receive a note backstage and one of my gigs that "Jim

McLean from Oronsay was in the audience" and inviting me to join him after the show. I did ... and that began the next chapter of my life. When we decided to get married Jim mentioned he wanted a "plain" ceremony ... so he got one!!! Jim and I were married in the upper deck lounge of a Qantas 747 en-route to Bangkok (*the first couple ever to be married on an international flight*). We spent our honeymoon in the Channel Islands and then returned back to Australia and back to work, where I was booked to support several English and US stars such as Shari Lewis (& Lamb Chop), Val Doonican, Kenny Ball & the Jazzmen, Barry Crocker, Frank Ifield and so many more. I was just



Barry Crocker 1981

blown away in particular, by the amazing talent that you have in Australia – talent that, in many cases, has stood the test of time with entertainers like Lucky Starr, Roland Storm, Issi Dye, all still performing and, what I consider as traditional comedians, Paul Martell, Al Showman and Rex Allison – they're the ones who don't have to use the "F" word to get their act across. I am truly blessed to be still part of this wonderful band of entertainers in Australia all of whom I can call my show biz friends.



Val Doonican 1980

The Brightest Starr is coming to

Aunty Molly's

Seniors' Entertainment Events at



Davistown RSL Club

on **Wednesday 19th April**
& *Wangi Workers Club*



on **Thursday 20th April**

Upover Downunder

Commencing at 11.00 am with unlimited morning tea and biscuits, it'll be a real Aussie/UK tribute and double the fun with English comedian and host **TONI STEVENS** and our very special Aussie guest **LUCKY STARR** who is, without a doubt, one of the finest entertainers in Australian Variety.

A veteran performer of over 60 years, he is still a highly talented and vibrant act with a multitude of songs to suit all ages including, of course, his

very own world-renowned mega hit, "**I've Been Everywhere**". Lucky will have you rockin' in your seat so 'belt up', come and enjoy.



Also included will be a delicious two course gourmet lunch of traditional Aussie Lamb Shank with creamy mash potato and seasonal veges or Pommie Fish & Chips, followed by Apple Pie & cream with unlimited Tea & Coffee.

(Special Dietary meals must be pre-ordered)



All this for only \$50.00 pp

All Bookings & Enquiries **Tel 4970 5105**

Mail: PO Box 220, Morisset 2264 NSW Email: info@auntymollys.com.au

Please note: A deposit of \$10.00pp is payable to confirm your booking with the final numbers and balance being due 14 days prior to the event. Also, bookings must be made on the above number not at the Club

So Many Ways to Enjoy Your Travel

We are so fortunate that, over the 30 plus years we have been presenting our theme days, we have built up a significant affiliation with many prominent bus companies, and their drivers, throughout New South Wales and beyond. In the last 12 months, as Covid rules have eased we have welcomed groups from Canberra, Albury, Port Macquarie, Laurieton, Tamworth, and even from Queensland mostly enjoying a few days exploring the beautiful Central Coast and the Hunter Regions, and many from Sydney including Penrith, Rooty Hill, Canterbury Hurlstone Park, Sutherland, Smithfield, St Mary's, Richmond and, of course, there's nothing quite like travelling in luxury, so if you will be needing a coach for your travel, call us on 4970 5105 and we will be happy to recommend a coach company in your area.



Something a Little Different for Davistown RSL Visitors

If you are travelling by bus from Sydney to one of our events at Davistown RSL, it is possible to include a short boat cruise in your itinerary. Your coach will transport you to Woy Woy Wharf where you will board the regular ferry service to Davistown for just \$5.00. In the meantime, your coach will proceed to Davistown Wharf and pick you up again to transport you to the Club.

... or For the Fit and Budget Conscious

Take the train to Woy Woy on your Gold Opal Card, walk about 5-6 minutes to the wharf, then hop on the Ferry service at 10.45 am for just \$10.00 return and enjoy a very pleasant 25-minute trip on the water. The Club bus will then pick you up from the Davistown wharf and transport you to the club returning you to the wharf for your return trip to Woy Woy. Please advise us when booking so that we can inform the ferry service

Aunty Molly's Seniors Entertainment Events Notice!

Over the past few years, we have managed to keep our prices down to a minimum of \$50.00pp, but with the huge hike in food costs over the last 12 months, our venues have been forced to increase their catering prices and, with regret, we have to advise you that from **1st July 2023** we have no choice but to raise our cost to **\$55.00pp** which, of course, includes gst.

However, just a reminder that our Theme Days are still great value and include **Morning Tea** from **11.00 am**, a generous **Two Course Lunch** and full professional entertainment with drinks at club prices. A **deposit of \$10.00 per person** is required, 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 Bank 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). Our menu generally reflects the Theme of the Day, as we strive for authenticity with all of our shows. However, dietary meals can be provided but need to be pre-ordered when paying your **balance 14 days prior** to your function. There are plenty of bus, car parking spaces and disabled facilities at both venues.

Bookings and Pre-Payment are Essential

Also please note that these are private functions, and not club events, therefore all enquiries and bookings **must** be made via the above numbers or by email and not through the clubs.

Aunty Molly's Seniors' Entertainment Events

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.... and Heaps More Happy Days Ahead!

“WINTERFEST” IS WONDERFUL



Aunty Molly's “Winterfest” is undoubtedly the most popular time of our year and it's been five years since we have had the pleasure of seeing one of Australia's own greatest showmen, **JOEY FIMMANO**, in action for our Christmas in July celebrations. Joey will be with us again in 2023, bringing his amazing solo show and those lucky people who have seen him before will

know exactly what a great time is in store for all. Bookings are already coming in, so don't delay!

Dates now on offer for WINTERFEST

DAVISTOWN RSL CLUB on

TUESDAY 18th, WEDNESDAY 19th,

THURSDAY 20th & FRIDAY 21st JULY

and for WANGI WORKERS CLUB on

MONDAY 24th, TUESDAY 25th,

WEDNESDAY 26th & THURSDAY 27th



Enjoy morning tea from 11.00am followed by a delicious two course festive lunch with all the trimmings, the bells, whistles and heaps of entertainment.



All this for only \$55.00 pp



Book now on 4970 5105

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.....and here's a big surprise for you!



Aunty Molly's

Seniors' Entertainment Events presents
A Legend of Australian Show Business

ISSI DYE

Appearing at **DAVISTOWN RSL CLUB**
on **WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER &**
WANGI DISTRICT WORKERS CLUB
on **THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER**

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 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.

Make it your end of year Christmas Special!
Enjoy morning tea from 11am, then a delicious two course
lunch and all entertainment for just **\$55.00** per person

Call 4970 5105 for enquiries and reservations

Please note: A deposit of \$10.00 per person is payable to confirm your reservation and we ask if you would kindly keep us up to date with your numbers, then final numbers and balance is due 14 days prior to the event.