

Aunty Molly's News Update

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Christmas Jollies at Aunty Molly's in July!

..... and we couldn't ask for a more entertaining guest artist than the amazing **JOEY FIMMANO** who, after five years, we are delighted will be joining us again for our 2023 Christmas in July celebrations.

From the age of five, Joey displayed an extraordinary musical talent which, over the years, has developed into an electrifying stage show. A brilliant pianist, vocalist and accordionist, Joey is a true showman with versatility and energy which captures audiences wherever he performs.

Today, celebrating almost 40 years in show business, you will find this dynamic entertainer performing all over Australia at all major theatres and venues, as well as being in popular demand on all major US cruise lines. He is a regular Cabaret headliner on the prestigious Silverseas Line, Royal Caribbean, Cunard, Holland America, and Princess lines. He is also a very popular entertainer in the corporate world having performed for Visy Board, Mitsubishi Australia, Police Credit Union, BMW



Australia, Variety The Children's Charity, CMRI, the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute & Ronald McDonald House. Joey has received rave reviews and standing ovations in theatres across Australia, making him one of the most popular performers on the theatre circuit including the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre at Penrith, Laycock Street Theatre Gosford, The Powerhouse Casula, Civic Theatre Cairns, The Pilbeam Theatre

Rockhampton and many more. There is no end to this man's talent, he has appeared on numerous Australian TV shows including his winning appearances on Channel 10's Pot of Gold in the late 70s, along with Gordon Boyd's Showcase, ABC's Quest 78 and the ever-popular National TV Show, Johnny Young's 'Young Talent Time' in the late 70s. There were also regular appearances on the 'John Mangos morning show and just recently performed on Channel 7's popular morning show 'Sunrise' with David Koch.... plus, of course, Aunty Molly's.



Joey in action at Aunty Molly's

Since 1998, Joey has produced, written all the music arrangements and appeared in his own stage production shows, including the multi award winning 'Italian Delight', 'Piano Man', 'European Classics', 'European Delight', 'Evening with the Stars' and more recently 'Music of the Night' which are wonderful testaments to Joey's talent, with instrumentals, singing, accordion and audience participation. So, get your family, friends, colleagues or social groups together and join us for a great day of festivities and an enjoyable and memorable day of Joey's musical journey.



For Reservations Call 4970 5105

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See page three for booking details

Clown Doctors Say “Laughter is the Best Medicine”

For a number of years, at almost every fun'tion, Aunty Molly's has supported The Humour Foundation, which trains and provides **Clown Doctors** into our Children's Hospitals and, now also, Aged Care facilities. Originally the concept of the famous American doctor, Patch Adams, played magificently in the movie by the late Robin Williams, the story revealed that laughter is most definitely the best cure and has been proved on many occasions. In addition, each year, Aunty Molly's dedicates one special day of “**Winterfest**” to Clown Doctors, this year being **Wednesday 19th July at Davistown RSL**, when a percentage of every ticket sold and the proceeds of the raffle and book sales is donated to The Humour Foundation for this great cause. The generosity of sponsors supplying raffle prizes, the amazing efforts of the volunteers, including the representative of the



Toni & Tricia Fortier OAM



Betty's Starlight Dancers

Humour Foundation on the Central Coast, Tricia Fortier, who has worked tirelessly, since 2006, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars, and proudly wears her red nose wherever she goes, plus the generosity of Aunty Molly's dedicated patrons, helped raise almost \$3,000 last year, and we were treated to a visit from one of the official Clown Doctors, Dr Nose Nothing!! Apparently, he has a wife, also a Clown Doctor, whose name is Dr Nose Everything!!! We were also treated to a wonderful Christmas performance by Betty's Starlight

Dancers, a group of energetic mature Central Coast ladies specializing in jazz ballet & tap

The Saga is almost Complete

Over the past few newsletters, Toni has been telling the story of her show biz journey from 1964 when becoming a professional entertainer, to having finally arrived in Australia back in November 1972. Over the past 50 years her focus changed immensely, first of all being the first entertainer/producer to introduce Ladies Nights into the clubs (*that was well before male strippers became the vogue!!*) and in the early 80's, the first to introduce Theatre Resturant to clubland at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL and Rooty Hill RSL.



First Theatre Restaurant at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL

Then in 1978, just a few years after the ‘Mo’ Awards was formed, Toni noticed a void in the industry, where female entertainers rarely got to work together and therefore, most didn't know any of their colleagues. She also noticed that when male performers brought their wives along to functions, they seemed to get a little neglected with their husbands talking ‘shop’ most of the evening. And so, she set to work organizing a women's association within the variety industry. Gathering around her several prominent entertainers to discuss options, many names for the association were



With Dame Vera in 1981

tossed around but A.L.V.A. (The Australian Ladies Variety Association) was unanimously decided upon and they welcomed all female entertainers active or retired and the wives of their male counterparts. Toni approached Dame Vera Lynn, who at that stage visited Australia each year, to be their first Patron. She graciously accepted the invitation and remained ALVA's International Patron until her death in 2021. Subsequently, the late Mrs. Margaret Whitlam, the late Lady Sonia MacMahon and currently Lady Joan Hardy, all became national patrons. ALVA became a registered charity and apart from having a lot of fun, they decided that through fundraising they would aim to build a nursing home, similar to

Brinsworth House in London which takes care of retired UK performers, but those thoughts were later abandoned when it became apparent that new rules and legislation in this field were going to make it impossible and, as most Aussie entertainers worked until they drop, there weren't too many who needed it! So now, 44 years on, the association helps anyone in the industry who falls on hard times or who need financial, physical or psychological assistance. Toni is naturally very proud of what she started all those years ago. It has brought companionship and lifelong friendships have been nurtured within it's ranks.

“WINTERFEST” IS WONDERFUL



Aunty Molly’s “Winterfest” is undoubtedly the most popular time of our year and it seems a lifetime since we have had the pleasure of welcoming one of Australia’s own greatest showmen, **JOEY FIMMANO**, in action for our Christmas in July celebrations. Joey will be with us again this year, 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 fast and furious.

Dates now on offer for WINTERFEST

DAVISTOWN RSL CLUB on

TUESDAY 18th (Sold Out) WEDNESDAY 19th

THURSDAY 20th & FRIDAY 21st JULY

and for WANGI WORKERS CLUB on

TUESDAY 25th (Sold Out) & THURSDAY 27th



Enjoy morning tea from 11.00am followed by a delicious two course festive lunch of

Roast Turkey & Cranberry with Seasonal Vegetables followed by Aussie favourite Sticky Date Pudding with Custard and all the trimmings, the bells, whistles and heaps of entertainment.

So don’t delay – book today!!



All this for only \$55.00 pp



Book now on 4970 5105

Email: info@auntymollys.com.au

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 Price Increase

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, includes gst and still great value!

However, just a reminder that our Theme Days 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, special 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.

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The Rotary Club of Warners Bay

in conjunction with *Aunty Molly's Seniors' Entertainment Events*

presents a

SUPER SPRING SPECIAL MORNING TEA & CONCERT

on **THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**

at **Warners Bay Performing Arts Theatre**
Lake Street, Warners Bay

Commencing at 10.30am to 12.30pm

Morning tea, coffee, sandwiches & cakes will be served on arrival followed by a 90-minute show,

“VARIETY PARADE”

featuring a great assortment of local and professional performers, to be announced shortly.

The cost of this Special Event is only **\$25.00**
(limited tickets available)

and for those who wish to make a day of it, there are many clubs and restaurants in the immediate area and around beautiful Lake Macquarie where you can book in for lunch. Call us if you need recommendations!

Tickets must be pre-purchased

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL 4970 5105

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A deposit of \$5.00 per person will reserve your seats with final numbers and your balance being due by 1st September. See Banking Details on page 4



All proceeds will be donated to AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH which is one of the largest independent funders of Mental Health Research within Australia.

Aunty Molly's Seniors' Entertainment Events

Presents



“Oktoberfest”

at **Wangi Workers Club** on **Thursday 12th October**
and **Davistown RSL Club** on **Thursday 19th October**

One of our all-time favourites with load of singing & swaying great traditional food and loads of oom-pah-pah, with our very special guest and musical genius **ROSS MAIO** the consummate master of the piano accordion and your host, as always, comedy entertainer **TONI STEVENS**



Arrive at 11.00am for morning tea followed by a two-course traditional lunch and unlimited tea & coffee. *Special dietary meals can be provided with prior notice*

Only \$55.00pp – Booking Essential

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Important: These are private functions and not a Club functions, so you must call the above number only to make your reservation. Thank you!



.....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.

Why not 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. Also please note that all bookings should be made only on the above number – not at the club – Thank you!