

Aunty Molly's News Update

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A Rare Opportunity for Aunty Molly's

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.



ISSI DYE

will be with us at **DAVISTOWN RSL CLUB** on
WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER &
WANGI DISTRICT WORKERS CLUB
on **THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER**



Why not make it your end of year pre-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!

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 page five and call **4970 5105** soon to reserve your place.

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 Aunty 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). 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. There are plenty of bus, car parking spaces and disabled facilities at both venues.

St Patrick's Celebrations in March

**Wangi District Workers Club on Tuesday 19th March 2024 &
Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy on Wednesday 20th March 2024**

Featuring the lovely & talented Irish Colleen Eileen McCann

Doors opening at **11.30am**, then enjoy a delicious two course gourmet lunch 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). Then brace yourself for lots of laughs and singalongs, loads of fun and shenanigans with your host **TONI STEVENS** and our special guest.



ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$55.00 per person

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.

Almost 60 Years on and Still Going Strong

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 Jr 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

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 subsequently joined 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.



With Bill Haley in 1965

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



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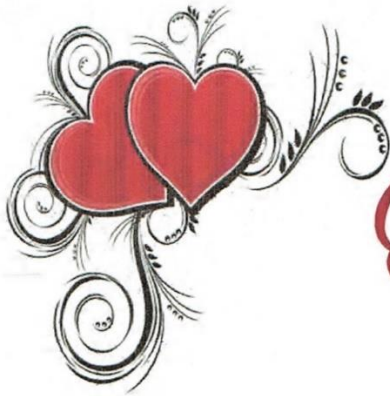
for various foundations and, since 1972, spent many happy years on the high seas mainly, over the last 20 years with Princess Cruises.

Toni is now semi-retired from mainstream entertainment, but still loves to host and welcome numerous social 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
presents for the very first time



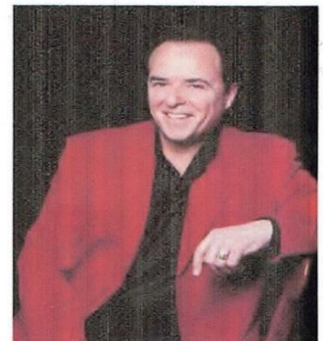
St Valentine's Day Celebrations

at **Valentine Bowling Club** on
Wednesday 14th February 2024

Join us for this romantic day of fine food, fun and entertainment presented by the eloquent and debonaire, classically trained tenor

GRAEME WRIGHT

Having been in the company of Pavarotti and Carreras and featured in several award-winning production shows, Graeme presents diverse and vibrant performance with songs from Lanza to Warlow, Orbison to Tom Jones & Elvis. Indeed, a very versatile entertainer who will charm you with his suave and gentle nature. He has performed on many cruise ships, clubs, cabaret and theatres in NSW and Interstate. This is a once only opportunity of catching Graeme in action along with your host, comedy entertainer **TONI STEVENS**. Limited seats available. The day includes a two-course lunch, tea and coffee and the menu will be announced soon! Book now and be sure of your reservation.



The cost is only \$55.00pp

Call 4970 5105 or Email info@auntymollys.com.au

A 10.00pp deposit will secure your booking with final numbers and payment 14 days prior to the event. This is a private function and all booking and enquiries need to be processed via the above numbers and not at the Club. Please call for more information and newsletter. Many thanks





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 Mid-Year Christmas Celebrations

"Christmas in July"

Arriving at around 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 (Weekend \$58)

Tel (02) 4970 5105

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