



*Patron:
Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand
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MAY 2024

**Meow Event Venue, 9 Edward St, Wellington
Members - \$20; Public - \$25; Students - \$5.**

Sunday 19th May 2024 5pm - 7pm

NICK GRANVILLE QUINTET



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The approximately 100 people who attended our April gig enjoyed a real treat. The *Hip-Town Bangers*, led by Ben Hunt (trumpet), played a concert of two (wonderful) halves. The first set re-created Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers' classic album, *The Big Beat*, recorded in 1960. Blakey was renowned for attracting talented sidemen, and this album included a young Wayne Shorter on saxophone. Shorter went on to headline the Wellington Jazz Festival in 2016! The performance of the album included a lovely take on *Lester Left Town* (written by Wayne Shorter and dedicated to the great tenor sax player, Lester Young, who died in 1959), the often-recorded *Dat Dere* (written by the band's keyboard player, Bobby Timmons) and a very interesting take on Harold Arlen's classic tune, *It's Only a Paper Moon*.

Along, with Ben Hunt on trumpet, the *Hip-Town Bangers* comprised Chris Buckland (tenor sax), Anita Schwabe (piano), Emma Hattaway (double bass) and Michael Jensen (drums). Four of the band members contributed original compositions which were performed in the second set. The quality of the compositions matched the exquisite quality of the playing. Comments from club members after the gig included:

- *Please pass on ... how much we enjoyed last night's performance by the Hip-Town Bangers. The original numbers in the second half were outstanding. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.*
- *The gig this evening was one of the best we have enjoyed! It will be a hard one to beat this year. Their performance was superb with all members of the gig contributing equally. I also thought that the second set of 'originals' was just as good as the Blakey material!*

While it may be a hard gig to beat, we will endeavour to do so! The May gig features Nick Granville (guitar) with an all-star lineup including Louisa Williamson on sax, Anita Schwabe on piano,

Nick Tipping on bass, and Mark Lockett on drums. Nick has led some wonderful gigs at the club in past years and we look forward to what he and his band have to offer in May. Subsequent gigs include Anita Schwabe (June) and Neil Billington (July).

A good number of non-members attended the April gig and took advantage of being able to convert their entrance ticket to club membership for the rest of the year (as a once-only introductory offer). This scheme is a great way to keep membership numbers healthy, so please do invite non-members along to the gigs where they can take advantage of this offer (but only for their initial part-year!).

A great way to keep abreast of other jazz gigs that are on in Wellington is to join Nick Tipping's distribution list that publicises upcoming jazz events. You can contact him at 'wgnjazzclub@gmail.com' to join his distribution list.

Meow provided their usual warm hospitality at the April gig. Do remember that you can order food before and during the performance. The kitchen closes around 6.30pm, so order before then.

I encourage you to book for the May gig through Moshtix. The Moshtix system is simpler to use now than it was in previous years so, if you haven't tried it (or found it tricky in the past) I suggest you give it a try. That way you know you have tickets confirmed for the gig. If you miss out on a booking, you can always turn up at the door, but come early and make sure you have cash as door sales are cash only.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday 19 May at Meow.

Arthur Grimes

President

BACKGROUND ON OUR NEXT GIG NICK GRANVILLE QUINTET

Indulge in an evening of jazz with the Nick Granville Quintet at the Wellington Jazz Club, promising an unforgettable performance. Led by Nick Granville on guitar, this ensemble is a powerhouse of talent, featuring Louisa Williamson on saxophone, Anita Schwabe on piano, Nick Tipping on bass, and the dynamic Mark Lockett on drums.

You'll be swept away on a melodic journey like no other from beloved jazz standards that evoke nostalgia to original compositions by Nick carefully selected from his previous albums and some yet to be recorded. The repertoire is a testament to the versatility of the group and features both electric and acoustic guitar in various musical styles of jazz.

Whether you're tapping your foot to an up-tempo groove or closing your eyes to a tender ballad, every moment is an opportunity to connect with the music on a deeper level.

Join us for an evening of musical enchantment as the Nick Granville Quintet takes you through the realms of jazz.

Nick Granville - guitar / bandleader

Louisa Williamson - saxophone

Anita Schwabe - piano

Nick Tipping - bass

Mark Lockett - drums

COMING SOON - GIGS IN 2024

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| 16 June | Anita Schwabe and friends |
| 21 July | Neil Billington and friends |
| 18 August | Jess Deacon and band |
| 15 September | Duke Wellington |

Further details about each of these gigs will appear in subsequent Newsletters.

FINDING OUT ABOUT WELLINGTON'S UPCOMING JAZZ GIGS

We encourage members to join Nick Tipping's distribution list to be informed about upcoming jazz events in Wellington. His email address is **wgtnjazzclub@gmail.com**

ENCOURAGING NEW MEMBERS

The Jazz Club is an excellent venue for entertaining friends and celebrating special events while enjoying some great jazz. Members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to come together and to support the excellent jazz musicians who are keen to perform for us. We would also like to see an increase in membership as it all helps to support live jazz in the Capital and keep the finest jazz musicians engaged. Members are encouraged to bring a guest to the gigs and invite them to join the Club to help keep the live jazz ball bouncing along.

MEOW BOOKINGS - MOSHTIX

Meow uses booking service “Moshtix”.

Please go to <https://moshtix.co.nz> to make your bookings.

Those **members who do not have access to the Internet** can phone the Club Secretary Justine Croft on 021 239 9674 to make bookings, and then can pay by cash at the door.

Door sales (cash only) will normally be available, however, members will need to take a chance with seating.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join the Wellington Jazz Club (Inc.) complete this form, add payment, and return to:

Michael Bain
Treasurer, WJC (Inc.) 12 Albert Street, Island Bay, Wellington 6023.

Name(s)

Address:
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Email: ¹

Student \$10 (include photocopy of ID), Single \$25, Double \$35

Payment may be made direct to the Wellington Jazz Club
Account No. 030531 0533738 00
Confirmation of payment to mgbain@xtra.co.nz

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Anita Schwabe & Louisa Williamson

