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'Jazz in the Tops 2008' **Coolah's Showcase**

Coolah will once again be on show this March as visitors travel from far and wide to attend 'Jazz in the Tops 2008'. The Coolah Tops National Park is the perfect setting to showcase the district with a family jazz festival featuring top musicians, spectacular views, nature walks and displays all providing an atmosphere unmatched anywhere.

Coolah's sixth "Jazz in the Tops" festival is going to be great. Starting on Friday 7th March with jazz at the club and pubs. Moving up to Coolah Tops National Park on Saturday 8th March from 1pm, and back to town on Sunday for Big Jazz Breakfast and Gospel Service on Sunday morning.

Feature vocalist is Julie O'Hara, who is well known in jazz circles for her vocalese – "using her voice as another instrument" and performs in various styles from bebop, swing, latin and hip hop grooves. The Cat Empire features O'Hara on several tracks of their 2006 ARIA award winning CD. Julie O'Hara will combine with our very popular George Washingmachine at the Tops. The two have produced swing, country & western swing albums. Also appearing will be RAAF Jazz Ensemble; Howler's Classic 5; Bogalusa Strutters who delighted the crowd last year as strolling players. We are delighted to welcome Aaron Flower on guitar who was awarded first prize in the 2007 National Jazz Awards at the Wangaratta Festival and has played with Australian jazz greats such as James Morrison and Vince Jones. One young singer at the 2007 Crooked Mountain concert is Adam Rennie who was the only one game enough to rock it with Kate Ceberano.

For the young and the young at heart, enjoy Australian Wildlife Displays and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Rangers for a complete experience in Coolah Tops National Park.

We have some wonderful sponsors to thank for making the festival possible – Dept State & Regional Development; NSW NPWS; Coates Hire; Silhouette Sound Studios; Country Energy; IGA & HO Haynes; Local Bloke CRT; Dunbier Pastoral Co; Warrumbungle Shire Council; PCR Graphics; Paspaley Rural; Coolah Central School, all Coolah accommodation providers; and all our Community groups, esp. VRA, who just DO everything and many others who will be acknowledged fully at the festival.

Invite family and friends, stock up the eskys, bring the chairs, sunscreen, hats. Bring a jumper or coat and have a wonderful time with nature set to music.

For more information visit: www.jazzinthetops.com.au, email info@jazzinthetops.com.au or phone 1800 242 881. Tickets through 6378 5030 or ebay.

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