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### **Jazz in the Tops 2006 — 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March Family Jazz Festival in Spectacular Setting**

“Jazz in the Tops” - the fourth annual family jazz festival in Coolah Tops National Park, has set the Coolah community abuzz as they busily plan to make this one even better than the last.

Festival spokesperson, Jenna Richard, announced “we have received a boost to our festival planning through funding from the NSW Department of State and Regional Development, enabling us to appoint an event coordinator and widen our publicity base. The grant is part of the NSW Government's Towns and Villages Futures Program and will bring wide reaching benefits to Coolah and the surrounding area through increased visitation”.

Travellers from far and wide come to Coolah for the unique experience of jazz amongst the snow gums and spectacular views over the Liverpool Plains. Jenna Richard explained that “the Festival is gaining momentum each year as people return with friends”.

“Jazz in the Tops 2005” brought the annual community event to new heights, and for faithful followers, no rain this year! Jenna Richard commented that, “2005 was the biggest and best year yet. It was great to see such a large crowd, especially an increasing number of visitors to the district, clearly enjoying the venue, music and atmosphere – a fitting reward for the year of planning and preparation by the Coolah District Development Group and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service”.

“Jazz in the Tops 2006” is a three day festival beginning Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March with a concert and workshops in the school for students from Coolah and neighbouring towns. Entertainment will kick off in Coolah that evening with live jazz in town.

Friday night will also host the “Youth Rock Concert”, organised by the Coolah Youth and Community Centre. Featuring live bands, this is the event not to be missed for local and visiting young people.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March will be the Festival Highlight - an afternoon and evening of jazz in the Coolah Tops National Park with acclaimed international vocalist Carol Ralph, George Washingmachine, Galapagos Duck, Australian Army Band Newcastle, Dubbo Jazz Band and other exciting artists. Guaranteed to lift the treetops from midday to 11pm. Come prepared for four seasons in one day and enjoy the delicious food available on site. BYO. Merchandise available. Pre-booked bus service available from Coolah. Children's entertainment.

The festival wraps up with a Big Jazz Breakfast and Gospel Service on Sunday morning in town.

For Tickets, Event and Accommodation Info please call Coolah District Development Group on:0263771675 Email:[dev.cor@coolahddg.com.au](mailto:dev.cor@coolahddg.com.au) [www.jazzinthetops.com.au](http://www.jazzinthetops.com.au)

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