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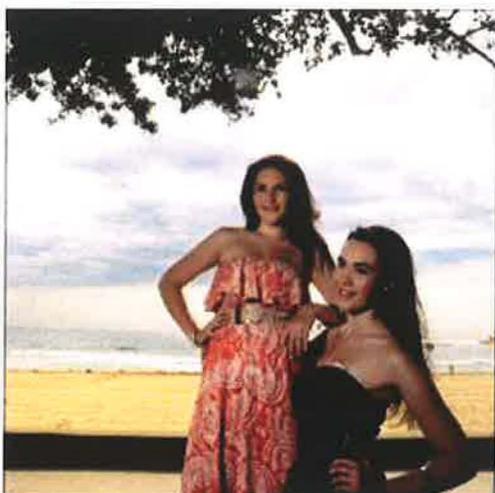
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Our Little Secret is appearing at the Acoustic Jam Session at Grumpys Bar and Grill Terrigal

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Caitlin and Brianna Macinante

GRUMPYS Bar and Grill's Acoustic Jam Session on Thursday nights has become a launching platform for young talent since it opened some months ago.

And on, Thursday January 28, acoustic pop duo Our Little Secret are kicking off the session at 6pm.

It will only be the second gig for sisters Caitlin and Brianna McInantee - their first gig, also at Grumpys, was on January 6.

"It was great fun," said Caitlin. "We appeared on stage before all our family and friends."

Family included their mother, Federal MP for Robertson Deborah O'Neill, who in earlier days was a musician herself.

"Our mother used to act and sing at Old Sydney Town," said Caitlin. "We grew up singing Irish folk songs at home because mum and my grandmother loved them.

"It was a very musical household. Mum made sure we learned guitar and piano and we loved it.

"We have been singing together since we were little, but have become serious about it for the past few years."

The Loreto Normanhurst educated sisters, Caitlin is 18 and Brianna is 17, describe their music as acoustic pop. They also write their own material which they will perform at Grumpys.

"We write about the things we are exposed to," said Caitlin. "We're young girls so we write about love and having fun, also about feminism," she laughed. "That's down to Loreto and mum."

"We will be performing our own songs and also some covers."

Marc Beltran, who organises the jam session at Grumpys, said it was an opportunity for young talent to develop.

"Young performers need an outlet. This provides a platform for them to play their own material and be appreciated for who they are and where they are in their development.

"Other performers like successful singer Adam Menser come here to perform their original material. Every performer gets a half-hour to perform whatever they like and we have a great variety of artists.

"I've built a permanent sound stage here so performers just need to bring their guitar, plug in and start playing without having to cart about a lot of gear. It is an acoustic unplugged venue, not too loud."

Any performers interested in playing at Grumpys should contact Marc Beltran on 0450 726 608.

The Acoustic Jam Session starts at 6pm tomorrow at Grumpys Terrigal and entry is \$5.

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