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EDITORIAL

Back again and just familiarising myself with all that's been going on at the station. My trip was absolutely wonderful and as any of you know who travel a lot, I learnt a great deal about other people and their culture. All very worth it.

Chairlady's Report

Another three months gone and so much has happened or didn't happen. It's been a busy 3 months with lots of events to attend, visits to sponsors, and making contact with local community groups.

We've had 2 board members resign which leaves the responsibilities to only a few. However, I'd like to thank my board members for their continued support.

It's hard to believe that we are only 3 months away from the AGM. I would like to ask you all to consider your future at Alive 90.5 and whether you would have the time, patience and desire to stand for a board position.

In my 2 years as Chair, it has become evident that we need members who have free time to stand for board positions as we find ourselves more and more called on to attend local Government and community engagements. While this is a good space to be in, it removes one from the day to day running of the station. As well, being without an office manager, calls for a board member to be present at the office on any given day. Please remember this if you are considering a board position. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next general meeting on Wednesday 22nd May

MEMBERSHIP

Harry Purcell, Leanne Shelton, Matt Carroll, Lucy Salmon, Sheila Cabacungan, Sara Sause, Michelle Walker, Tina Kalogirou, Alix Mackintosh, Maxx Bradford-Lester, Rodney Blyton, Elizabeth Elias, Rajapakse, Anlia-Rose Raslan, Dean Squire, Justin Lester, Loic Savrimoutou, Anna Martinez, Alix Latona, Brenda Rogers, Shepherd Shambira and Shiela Raptis have all applied for membership in the last few months. The good part is they paid full membership so will be still included in our numbers for 2020. And we have scored some people willing to put their hand up and really participate in the life of the station.

A big thanks to Anna Martinez who has a Bookkeeping business and has "volunteered" to join the Board as our Treasurer. A big sigh of relief from Gillian, who has been performing a number of roles, including Treasurer.

You're a hard worker Gillian and I'm sure the members would all like to thank you for the effort you have put in to ensuring the station keeps functioning so well.



MEMBER INFORMATION

I was wanting a complete update of member information on a Renewal form, but Darryn Capes-Davis has a much better idea which he's hopeful of seeing implemented in the next few months. He's proposing a free self-hosted site which integrates with Wordpress where new members can apply and pay on-line and all members will have access to be able to keep their own data up to date. From a membership point of view, it will be very helpful

THE BOARD

Two board members decided to vacate their positions on the Board. These positions will remain vacant as there is only 1 more meeting before the Board goes into caretaker mode prior to the AGM

WELFARE

I see most people who were on the injured list have recovered. Now we just need to hope David McDonald recovers quickly from his broken bone due to a savage soccer game

It is with sadness that we share with you, news about Lloyd Smale. Lloyd accepted the position of Office Manager 4 months ago and looked forward to assisting the board. Many of you might have been wondering why you have not heard him on air or seen him at the station. It was about 7 weeks ago when he told Gillian that he was diagnosed with 4th stage cancer. He's been in hospital since then, having treatment. Gillian visited him a few days ago and passed on wishes from everyone. He is looking forward to

starting rehab and hopefully be moved to a hospital closer to home. You are also reminded of Charles Aguis, the Friday presenter of Juicy music who was also diagnosed with 4th stage cancer about 6months ago. Please remember them both in your prayers.

MUSIC

A committee consisting of Frank, Darryn and Jerome and Dimitri will be a core discussion group to first of all categorise our music library and then design a format for Alive. Music is always a contentious issue but the Committee already has some worthwhile ideas.

DONATION

Thanks so much to Clive Smallman for his generous donation of a camera and tripod to help in filming podcasts

BIGGEST MORNING TEA



Gillian was the driving force behind the Biggest Morning Tea held here at the station on Thursday morning. It was broadcast with the Hills Mayor Michelle Byrne speaking about the need to raise vital funds for Cancer Research. The guests enjoyed lots of wonderful food and entertainment and there were plenty of raffle prizes. The amount raised so far is \$1230.00 with more to come. Well done Gillian and Darryn who set up and dismantled all the audio equipment

OB AT RELAY FOR LIFE

It's a big problem how so much work lands on the shoulders of just a few members. It is particularly apparent when it comes to OBs. Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers, we were unable to be present this year which means another lost opportunity to get ourselves well known in the area. You may have seen raffle books in the studios, which gave us the opportunity to purchase a ticket in support of Cancer Council and The Hills Relay for Life. **11 tickets were sold** and a further 19 tickets were bought as a donation from Alive 90.5. It would be so good if there were a number of people willing to form an Outside Broadcast committee and take control of this most important aspect of our broadcasting. Potential OBs in the near future include Orange Blossom Festival, Parramatta Carols.

MARKETING

Mia has been in discussion with Tiz Porreca who helps companies focus on marketing strategies and is prepared to assist Alive in a contra deal to gain increased brand awareness and increased listeners/ members/ partners/ stake holders across a number of platforms. Tiz is quite excited with what she thinks she could achieve for 90.5 in the marketing business and talks will continue across the next 6 months



INTRODUCING DEAN SQUIRES

Our newest presenter Dean Squires joined us after visiting many other community radio stations. He chose Alive 90.5 because it felt good and liked the way in which it was managed and fell in-love with our location and facilities. Here is his story, "I'm British by birth and Australian by choice. My family made the trip down under in 2012, one of the best things we've ever done. It meant starting anew, leaving my job as a Radio and Television Journalist with the BBC after 28 years with Aunty. As I left, my Dad, even with all those years under my belt as a broadcaster, said it might now be time to get a proper job Son! Well I suspect he's still disappointed as I just can't kick Journalism. I teach the subject to undergraduates and ply the trade in the RAAF. Following a move from Queensland it was my good fortune as a broadcasting junkie to find Alive 90.5 on my doorstep. Its great fun and allows me to try and entertain a bit for a couple of hours each week on my Wednesday Morning Programme. My Wife says she is a massive fan of me back on the airwaves for two reasons. Firstly, she knows where I am and secondly with her finger on the dial she can turn me off in a heartbeat."

Please make Dean feel welcome.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Gen Meeting: Wed 22nd May
Annual General Meeting:
Wed August 21st