



EDITORIAL

The new Board was elected unopposed at the AGM. Congratulations to Gillian and the new team, many of whom are experienced Board Members but they are also joined by new people who have some amazing ideas and suggestions to further enhance Alive 90.5. Details on the next page.

CHAIRLADY'S REPORT

Hello Spring!

The Season I look forward to the most. Well, until it arrives and thinking of those allergic to pretty much everything and realizing that Magpies hate us at this time. For the past few months it's been too cold to enjoy a BBQ outside, so its time to enjoy the BBQ scratch 'n' sniff.

It is my pleasure and honour to have been voted again as Chairlady and to lead our board into 2020. This has been my 6th consecutive term on the board and my third as the Chairperson of Alive 90.5

Our board was elected unopposed and would like to welcome our new board members, Anna Martinez as Treasurer and Dean Squire and Peter Nochar as board members. They bring a great deal of experience to our board and to the life of Alive 90.5.

I feel most privileged to have been involved in the leadership during the 25th milestone year and beyond. I pay special tribute to those who have preceded me and to the many men and woman who have served over the years to create Alive 90.5 into a radio station that many want to be a part of.

On behalf of all the members of Alive 90.5, I would also extend thanks and appreciation to my colleagues for the way they have exercised their responsibilities as the board over the past year. They have executed their duty well through the year, working together and with Alive 90.5 to address the immediate challenges facing the Station, as well as looking to the future to review the emerging landscape for community radio in our region and to identify where Alive 90.5 can benefit from the opportunities on the horizon.

We ended this year with a positive financial position. It is most satisfying to see that sponsorship revenue has increased.

There were no grants applied for during 2019. This was mainly due to not having the "NOT FOR PROFIT" status. It is uplifting and encouraging to have this status as Grants provide significant opportunity for our continued growth and continued focus on responding to suitable grant

opportunities needs to be maintained.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

- Regular newsletter
- NBN
- Better Internet and phone system in the Office
- More invitations to Community events
- Community involvement
- Regular increase in membership

IN THE COMING YEAR

- Growing as a team/board
- Growing more membership
- Be bold, step out more, more visibility and engagement with key community groups and leaders.
- Upgrade both studio equipment
- Upgrade Telco
- Application for all relevant National and State grants

In closing, I thank all our members for the support, to the board who has served for the past year and for their dedication to serve as well as those who have left. I wish them well in their new endeavors and look forward to continued growth and better community involvement

Gillian Schrickker
Chair 2019 – Alive 90.5

Our membership now totals 106 with 4 new members accepted at the last Board meeting. They include Murray Thomson, Tiziana Porreca, Rigel Best and Jack Yang. We'd like to extend to you a big warm Alive 90.5 welcome. There are still 45 unpaid memberships, which I will be following up in the next few weeks

I can see those who don't check their pigeon holes very often as I have placed all presenters' membership cards in there.

TECHNOLOGY

Darryn has upgraded the station internet to provide a faster and more reliable service Part of the Membership system is integration with Office 365 for login and other resources. In the near future you will be able to login to the Alive 90.5 FM website and check/update your details. Also, in 2020 all Membership renewals will be directly online rather than non-descript invoices form our finance system. Finally, if you have a direct @alive905.com.au email account, please note that your membership will always be based on your personal email address. A huge thank you to Darryn for all his efforts.

WELFARE

It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of Lloyd Smale. He lost his battle with cancer on Monday 23rd September while in hospital. Lloyd started with Alive 90.5 in 2013 as an observer and went on to be a presenter, station manager and Chairman. He gave most of his time to Alive 90.5, had a passion for radio. He was always available to assist in any position or time. He was a good trainer and understood how important it was to good sound. His death came too quickly which make us realize how fragile life is. He will be missed.

On behalf of The Board, presenters and members our condolences to his family and will remember them in prayer. The funeral will be conducted at Castlebrook Memorial Park 746 Windsor Rd, Rouse Hill @1pm on Friday 4th. Pictured with Lloyd on his 76th birthday this year is his daughter (visiting from Brisbane) together with Dennis, Fred, Jack and Charles.



It's Nice to have all our travellers back. Dean Squires, Peter Nochar and Keith Till are all back at the helm of their respective shows and had plenty to tell about their experiences overseas. Divya had a wonderful 20th birthday celebration in Fiji.

It was sad to hear Kay lost her Grandmother last week. Gillian's husband Darryl continues to need occasional hospital admissions and Gillian herself is suffering excruciating sciatic pain. Kerima-Gae has been incapacitated after a fall onto her left arm.

HEADPHONES

I was so pleased to have my set returned even minus the jack. We do wonder why jacks are so desirable as they often go missing.

FEEDBACK

Lou texted the following

A lovely show today. A great reminder to be careful about who you share your personal information with. And I always like stories about age positivity. Will be listening next week.

Tricia Dearborn who was on Aparna's Point of View show generated quite a few remarks about her poetry discussion and book "Autobiochemistry"

OUR NEW BOARD

Chairperson and driving force for Sponsorship as well as Office management- **Gillian Schrickker** Deputy Chair, Programming Committee and new presenter training- **Jerome Vagg**

Secretary- **Julie Jordan**

Treasurer- **Anna Martinez**

Board Members

Darryn Capes-Davis and our IT/online Specialist

Mia Van Tubbergh – Grants & Leads work placement program

Dean Squire - Training

Dimitri Kaligorou – Maintenance

Peter Nochar – Assistant trainer & grants

SPONSORS

It is wonderful to be able to welcome the following new sponsors to our station. We really look forward to a long relationship with you which brings positive results to your business.

1. Al Aseel Lebanese Restaurant Castle Hill
2. Chambers Cellars back Winston Hills
3. Waterflow Plumbing
4. Infinity Dental Winston Hills
5. Welcome back to Payce for their second year of sponsorship with us

CBAA AWARDS

Congratulations to those presenters/programs who submitted their program for an award. They include Finalists in

Best Radio Program: Music

Mediterranean Mix with Dimitri and Bex

Excellence in Tech Services

Matt Brokenbrough- Playout Software

Winners will be announced on 26th October at the Awards Gala Dinner in Melbourne

HELP NEEDED

Work placements – volunteers needed to manage/supervise students for 3 days while on work placement

Program & Outside Broadcast Committee

TALKING TOMBSTONES

Last month at the Coach House Hambledon Cottage our very own Kerima-Gae Topp spoke about Talking Tombstones. She had stories of the notable and the notorious, the rouges and the respected, a man who has been buried three times. She also pointed out how a few common words on a tombstone can lead to an intriguing story of murder most foul. The talents of our presenters continue to amaze.

INTRODUCING BRENDA ROGERS & JOHN DAWSON



John & Brenda have been training with Jerome

Brenda is the founder of Quintessence Women's Health, a natural medicine practice that supports women through midlife. Brenda is also known as The Menopause Coach!

Brenda's passion is to share nature's wisdom with others to empower them to live a passionate and purposeful life, free to be themselves and live authentically. She does this through transformational clinical work using natural and nutritional medicines; regular seminars, workshops and events; corporate health training and public presentations.

Brenda was told as a teenager that she had a "lovely voice" and ever since then she's wanted to be a radio announcer. Recently the opportunity came up and she jumped at it.

What she'd like to achieve is to inspire women with natural medicine and nutrition so they can take their health into their own hands. Her program *Alive and Well* is going to air next month on Fridays 12-2pm. Tune in for some great advice.

John Dawson is originally from Melbourne, but moved to Sydney 13 years ago, and have lived in Crestwood for the past 9 years. A Personal Trainer by trade, after 20 years in the industry I sold my business 5 years ago to focus my energy on raising our now 11 year old daughter as she navigates her way through primary school. I am an avid sports fan (AFL, cricket, soccer, athletics), keen traveller, and have something of an eclectic taste in music, with anything from rap to pop, rock, grunge, reggae, RnB, or even terrible 90's dance on my play list at any given time, but my main passion in music is Metal.

I joined *Alive 90.5fm* to fill a musical void currently in radio, with metal mainly neglected despite being one of the more popular genres. My show will be all about hard rock and heavy metal (and all the metal sub-genres), giving metal heads a

place to call home on the radio once a week and hear some of their favourite songs, and also discover some new music that may have slipped past them.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Hills Community Care Team were so impressed with a tour they did of our studios on the day we had the Big Morning Tea that they asked if they could bring another group over. I was amenable to that idea and the group pictured above arrived. They were a lively group with plenty of interesting questions as many had never seen inside a studio. They really enjoyed the experience. On Saturday 17th August many members joined in the Hills Winter Sleepout and we were on display with a worthwhile OB. Unfortunately the Orange Blossom Festival OB was cancelled

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 27th Nov – General Meeting

Sat 24th Nov – Alive 90.5 Open/Presentation Day

OB'S

Sat 30th Nov - Kellyville Ridge Twilight Markets

Sat 14th Dec - Parramatta Carols by Candlelight