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EDITORIAL

I'm guessing no-one was sorry to say good-bye to 2020, but we need to give 2021 a big welcome and hope to see lots of improvements to our way of life especially after Covid is beaten. The Christmas break meant quite a few presenters had time away from the mic but well done to all those who kept up a fine record of presenting each week and hope everyone is back on board this month.

CHAIRLADY'S REPORT

2020: a year for Alive 90.5 to be proud!

Bushfires followed by COVID-19, some people might want to forget. I look back on 2020 with pride. Why? Because this was the year that the community finally realized what we have always known – that our work, radio, is essential. We have so much to be thankful for including our first responders, for risking their own lives to save others and the retail workers for keeping our stores stacked with essentials. Hopefully you weren't caught with no toilet paper!!! 😊 I trust you all had a great time with family and friends, while staying safe over the Christmas break. Christmas for me was very different with the passing of my mum. She lost her battle to Cancer after 9 months.

Thank for the love and support by many of the members and heartfelt thanks for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent when my mum passed away. Mum loved flowers, and enjoyed pottering around the gardening. I am truly grateful to the board and members for the love and support at such a difficult time.

As we work together in 2021 to make Alive 90.5 better, let's all also continue to keep our social distance, wear masks where it is needed and above all get tested should you display any symptoms. Together we can get through this.

With all the doom and gloom, there is still so much to look forward to. We will approach 2021 with greater appreciation of what we have and work towards making Alive 90.5 the best community radio station.

I look forward to working with you and serving you again in 2021

Gillian Schrickker – Chairlady

SPONSORSHIP

Welcome to our new sponsors Linden Electric & Parramatta Times.

GRANTS

We are fortunate to have our sponsor The Money Lifeline assist with the applications for grants. The following grants will be applied for;

Development & Operations grant
Stronger Communities Program grant

Content grants -Program-specific needs

Specialist Radio Programming grants:

NEW PRESENTERS

Jack and Matt are brand new to radio, joining the station in 2021. They are fresh out of high school and ready to have some fun.

Join them for 2 hours every Thursday for some chaotic comedy as they bring a youthful and slightly unprofessional approach to radio with lots of energy, banter and lots of giggles.

Playing music from today plus your favourites from the past, the Afternoon Fun show is sure to keep you entertained.

We wanted to get to know the boys so here's a bit of their life history

Matt Thomson has a passion for music, baking, acting, playing guitar, and making funny movies, and he always loves to make people laugh. He also finds writing in 3rd person very disorientating.

Matt went through high school dreaming of being a radio host and he climbed his way through the schools ranks to become Castle Hill High School's first ever Creative/Performing Arts Captain alongside his best friend Jack Bevan.

Through this leadership role the pair got their fair share of hosting assemblies, performance nights, formals, and even having their own 'school radio' show through the PA systems



Welcome Matt

Jack is a simple boy, he doesn't need fame or money to enjoy life. But he would love it if you're willing to spare a little.

Growing up Jack loved playing AFL football and dreamed of becoming a professional player. During high school he acquired new and different passions in music and comedy and after meeting Matt soon found that together their humorous dynamic was just the right fit for a radio show.



Welcome Jack

LISTENER FEEDBACK

Hi Kerima-Gae and John. I've been a fan of your show for about 10 years and think it's the best show by far on Sydney radio. Could I request a few songs by Burl Ives? Especially one called "two car garage" which I think the listeners will also like and Mockingbird Hill is another good one. I've never requested a song before and know your list is pretty full tonight so maybe next week. I'm from Winston Hills. Thanks again for a mighty effort - you obviously love what you do and it shows, regards, Les

WELFARE

It was definitely a sad day to lose Ross Higgins and his Saturday afternoon show. He'll be hard to replace having presented for 4 hours each week for a number of years. Ross has work commitments that took him from us as the business he is in is involved in training private & government bus drivers to get them on the road and with 1400 new Govt routes that's a lot of training. He also drives B Line double decker buses on Fridays from Mona Vale to Wynyard to keep his currency as a bus driver. He's hopeful he may be able to return in 1-2 years.

Another Ross, Ross Fear, has been very busy organising the Education Committee and purchasing the equipment needed and funded through the grant he was successful with. This will all go ahead once he recovers from his knee replacements op. We all wish you a speedy recovery Ross.

It's always nice to hear of young people making progress in a radio career when they got their start here at Alive. Such is the case for Adam Staples whose current position is a casual panel operator at 1170 SEN all sports station

located in north Sydney. He's working with people like Jimmy Smith, Bryan Fletcher and Marty Johns well known in the sporting world. He's also involved with assistant producing and podcasting some shows.

Gillian's Christmas was very different this year without her beloved mother. Our condolences are extended to you Gillian

OUTSIDE BROADCASTS

Following on from Jim and Darryn's in-studio interview with keepers from the Sydney Zoo, an Outside Broadcast eventuated on Thursday 3rd December. A full complement from Alive attended during the 10am-2pm time slot including Gillian, Darryn, Jim, Andsley, Kerima-Gae, John and Scott (his first ever OB and much enjoyed) with Dominic manning the studio. If you tuned in you would have heard many interesting zoo stories and learnt about how Sydney Zoo is becoming a major attraction in the west. Well done to all of you, a solid reaching out to our community



We certainly look professional when we do OBs these days



I've heard of snakes on planes, but snakes in studios?



Not only is he good with Tech, he's good with snakes!

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

It was quite a warm day but we had lots of stalwart members turn up to celebrate the day in style. Gillian and Andsley, particularly, put in a lot of effort with Kerima-Gae and Dimitri the important food people. Gillian and Cumberland Mayor, Steve Christou, recognised all our entrants in the CBBA Awards as well as service awards and "boomerang" awards (those presenters who have recently returned to the Alive family).

You can see lots of people really enjoyed themselves and if you missed out, make sure you book the day for 2021.



MEMBERSHIP

We're not quite reaching our targets these last couple of months, so do encourage family and friends to sign up in this fee free year. Membership now totals 252.

NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to Muhammad Naqash, Jim Stafa, Charmila De Silva, Ekta Dham, Dan Papallo, Cameron Cortazzo and Karenza

De Leon. We hope you enjoy your time with the Alive family.

TECHNOLOGY

FROM THIS



TO THIS



The Board has finally got us out of the Toshiba Photocopier contract which was a bit of overkill and thanks to Andsley we got a very good price on this HP which really suits our needs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

General Meeting 17th Feb 2021