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NEWSLETTER:

MAY 2023 EDITORIAL

That's Easter done and dusted along with Anzac Day. Hope you really enjoyed your Easter with family and friends. I know the Easter (Lee) Bunny did a nice drop here at the station. It's back to being super busy at the station with the upgrade to the bathroom and kitchen allowing us full access to the building again. Pity about the fridge and radio both now needing to be replaced. There have been a few tech issues, but I have it on good authority that most of those have been resolved. Read on for more happenings around the station
Leonie

CHAIR'S REPORT

It has been a busy few months here at Alive 90.5FM with new changes to both the station with the new renovations and also the new board members and new leadership team being appointed to lead Alive to new beginnings.

We also are blessed to have new presenters and shows coming on board. Alive 90.5 FM now has a Malaysian, Italian, Dance and also upcoming shows like Six Degrees of Music with Darrell Milton, Radio Bandila returning and also a new positivity/lifestyle show. Exciting!!!

We were also privileged to be asked to help launch the new Parramatta Monopoly board

recently which I was privileged to represent Alive 90.5FM and our board giveaway is doing amazing things.

Our very own Mario Bekes is also making waves by doing something extraordinary.

Mario is attempting to break the Guinness Book of World records and attempt to break the record of the longest podcast by one person.

Mario is aiming to break the current record of 53 hours by going to do 56 hours and 1 minute starting on the 29th April 2023 11:00am and finishing 1st May 2023 7:01pm.

This Guinness World record attempt is being supported by Alive 90.5 FM and will be completed in our very own studios with many presenters also taking part in this historical event.

On behalf of Alive 90.5FM and the board, we wish you the very best Mario and break that record!!!

The next few months will be very exciting indeed in the long history of this station and I for one is looking forward to being part of the future of this radio station.

Roy Padlan
Chairman

STOP PRESS



Following on from Roy's report I am delighted to give the latest update on Mario's Guinness Book of Records attempt for those of you who haven't already heard. He exhaustedly called it quits about 6.30pm and Peter the adjudicator declared he had broken the record so celebrations at the station were in full swing with Mario proudly displaying the certificate presented by Peter (below) in his official jacket



NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to the following new members. Norah Capithorne, Anna Ruth, Angelina Rossi, Robert Schmidtman, Vivienne Fam, Aaron Moran, Marie Sales, and Pri Abayakoon. Our membership now totals 266. Quite a few of these people have put their hands up to do volunteer work here, helping out in various roles. Thanks so much early in your membership.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Once again, we're reaching out for more people to become members. The latest initiative is a personal post card approach. We've sent out dozens of cards to lapsed members and done letter box drops. If you check your pigeon holes, you'll see some there that we hope you could send out to potentials and if you would like more postcards, just ask.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

We had the best attendance at this meeting in years, probably because there was concern over the issues to be discussed. After Graham Johnson went through the amendments to the Constitution, the 5 casual vacancies to the Board were filled through people volunteering from the floor and the membership voting. The vote resulted in Roy Padlan – Chair, Graham McFarland- Deputy Chair, Board members- John Robb, Steve and Sue Boyd. Congratulations to the new members and sincere thanks to the retiring members for their contributions over their Board term.

BOARD CHANGES

Pami subsequently resigned as Treasurer and was replaced with our most experienced person, Andsley. The new Board is

Chair- Roy

Deputy Chair- Graham

Secretary- Julie

Treasurer- Andsley

Members- Kirsten, John, Sue, Steve and me.

Two Board meetings have since been held with emphasis on defining roles and handovers.

UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS

The kitchen is a lot smaller as would have been expected to allow for the increase in the size of the bathroom, now able to accommodate a wheelchair. Most of the items were returned to the kitchen with a bit of culling for things that didn't fit. As you can see from the photos they look nicely up to date and deserve to be kept clean and tidy. Have you noticed all the new alive mugs? The fridge and radio will be replaced. The foyer is also now back to its former glory.



WELFARE

It was good to see Ross Fear back in a vertical position after having a knee replacement a few weeks back. Happy Jack has been working quite hard, helping his wife recover from her knee surgery and helping his son, as his wife is quite ill. Not only that he's been loading up shows for absent colleagues. A hard worker indeed! Welcome back to all our travelers.

PERKBOX CHANGES

Please be aware Perkbox finishes at the end of May and with the savings from this scheme more incentives to join as a member will be offered including a free gift annually for full membership. These include t shirt, pen, moused pad or beanie.

MR MONOPOLY

Alive 90.5 FM was privileged to join the festivities for the launch of the brand-new Monopoly Board based on the great city of Parramatta. The Parramatta Edition was launched at Commbank Stadium. Mr Monopoly as well as Lord Mayor Donna Davis was on hand to unveil the game to the VIP's and dignitaries in attendance. Our very own Roy Padlan was chosen to reveal the tiles that are on the board game, which include Lake Parramatta, Parramatta Park and Old Government House among many others. Some of us have

already enjoyed playing this new edition.



MARKETING

We are always looking for ways to promote Alive whether on social media, magazines or direct contact, but Andsley has gone a step further and plastered us on local buses. Please email mail@alive905.com.au if you see one of these buses and where it was. We're offering 3 prizes for those reporting the most finds in May. This is what you're looking for.



TECHNOLOGY

A big thanks to the Tech team for fixing the issues regarding UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) which have been causing grief during the power outages. There are now 3 UPS – main one in the server room and one in both

studios. Sorry to see Andrew Nowark has left the team, but thanks for all the hours you contributed to the station Andrew. For any tech issues you should email tech@alive905.com.au. Andsley did a great job saving the server after it was discovered the ancient, hard-working air con so necessary in the server room had been leaking so badly the server was at serious risk.

NEW SHOWS

More new shows mean we don't have to rely on automation so much. We are really catering now for many different languages and these new shows recently approved will add Italian and Hindi. Try them out with Sunday having most of the changes

Barat Dhwani- Aparna Vats
Sundays 17.00-19.00

Un Tocca d'Italia- Angelina Rossi
Sundays 10.00-12.00

Six Degrees of Music- Darrel Milton
Sunday 19.00-21.00

A Date With Vivienne- Vivienne Fam
9.00am- 11

Satu Suara - Latif Sunday 09.00-10.00

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

25th May at 7pm General Meeting

August at 7pm AGM

Sponsor Appreciation Evening- TBA

Bunnings Fund Raiser TBA

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