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NEWSLETTER:

JULY 2023 EDITORIAL

Enjoying the cold are you? At least the days are lovely and sunny. The station continues to move ahead with plenty of improvements and lots of interesting shows. There are also many members who are putting in a lot of effort to ensure we're sounding good on air, that the equipment is attended to promptly in times of trouble and we are financially viable. Many thanks to those people for being so devoted to Alive. Now to find out what's happened and will happen, just read on.

Leonie

CHAIR'S REPORT

Exciting times are ahead here at Alive 90.5 and your board is busy working with many projects to ensure that this station is the best community radio station in not just the Hills, Parramatta and Cumberland LGA's but the whole of Sydney and beyond.

We have enjoyed great success in grants that you will read about and the new podcast studio is now on its way finally to start construction and to purchase our new equipment for this room.

This also includes our new outside broadcasting kit which will enable our teams on location to provide seamless broadcasting

without the headaches we have experienced in the past.

We have also recently concluded our installation of the new PC's for both studios and this will lessen the downtime that was experienced previously.

It is good to see that we have new shows with a more cultural feel now.

Our new shows have enhanced the listener base with Italian, Chinese, Hindi, and soon to be Bangladeshi and First Nations as well.

These new shows are proving quite a hit with our listeners and has been great additions to our current foreign language shows like Hora Latina, Out of Africa, Mirchiwala etc.

Alive 90.5 FM is looking at increasing our youth presence as well. This market has been solely been isolated from our station and the board believes that the 18 to 24-year olds have a great deal to provide to our station and also increase the awareness of Alive in their generation.

The board is excited to announce that Steve Boyd has been appointed as the Program Committee Chair and he will oversee the development and training of presenters, programs and music at the station. Please

join me in congratulating Steve on this appointment. For any information regarding programs and the like, please contact Steve at the first instance.

You will see many changes happening at Alive 90.5 and this will be of benefit to all involved.

From presenters, volunteers and members, you will experience an amazing array of new programs, new technologies and new directions being forged.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tech Team as well for making this happen in the background.

It is exciting to think that Alive 90.5 is stronger than ever and you all have had a great deal to do with it.

This new board has achieved great things in the small amount of time that we have been together and this proves that teamwork is the key.

Lastly, I wish to thank Frank Dengate for his long service with our station and I'm saddened to say that he will be leaving us. Good luck and Godspeed Frank. Thank you for your time at Alive 90.5

Roy Padlan
Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to the following new members. Liz Padlan, Dylan Nguyen, Parisa Abdeamin, Sarah Radd, Rohit Gehlot, Xavier Sales, Charles Barnard, Ritesh Varsani, Warck Osborne, Matt Koopmans, Krissie Webb, Pradeep Pathi, Ray Cerfontyne, Annette Van Roden, We're delighted you've decided to join us and hope you'll be an active listener for many years

MEMBERSHIP

We already have a leaderboard for this year's competition with Fiona once more in the lead. You are an amazing recruiter, Fiona. I really think she's desperate for that wonderful Alive Jacket



Increasing our membership is always a major goal. This time of the year we always see a drop off as many people who committed last financial year fail to renew. We have a Grant Agreement to improve our membership and volunteer base of presenters through on boarding of new members and renewals. For the prosperity of the station please renew as soon as possible and if you can encourage new members we will be way ahead with our target. At the end of June we had 290 members and rather than have to work hard at getting back to that number, it would be great if we kept all current members and added extras.



Full membership is really cheap when you consider you have a choice of any of the above as a free gift. There's also a coffee mug.

SPONSOR APPRECIATION NIGHT



Each sponsor received a thank you bag with plenty of goodies

The 30 people who attended our delayed Sponsor Appreciation Night enjoyed finding out what the Sponsors are providing to the station through an interesting slide show produced by Andsley. He was clear on what improvements have happened this year and what we're hoping to achieve in the future. Presenters and Sponsors then enjoyed interacting over some tasty food provided by Coffee Traders. Well done all especially since it brought a couple of new sponsors on board



Steve Boyd took the Sponsors on a tour of the station

CHANGES TO AIR FEES

While the station is in an improving financial position, the Board has decided to reduce air fees from \$11 to \$10 an hour which will be done by waiving December air fees. It's always good news when prices come down and we should endeavour to assist this happening even further by introducing more Sponsors. Can you help?

WELFARE

Lots of presenters have been having lovely long holidays overseas. Welcome back Julie, Steve and Fiona. Paul and Terry are still away. Glad to see Graham McFarland is back with us after a nasty experience with kidney stones. Winter colds and flu have also depleted our reserves but much better to do as Roy did and stay away until you are germ free. A few of our presenters are battling health issues but it's good to see it doesn't deter them from getting themselves to the station and enjoying going to air. Don't forget to get in touch with Lee Hannaford if you need a replacement and please let her know if you are able to be on her list to fill in for presenters who are unable to do their show. Elaine Vaai is one person who has health issues and presents her show regularly but to add to her burden she lost her sister last week. Our sympathies are with you Elaine.

GRANTS

There's a big success story for the new financial year, with 2 grants approved by the Community Broadcasting Association totalling \$60 000 which will allow employment of a station manager, ethnic cultural programming and a new outside broadcast kit. Well done Andsley and Roy



Here's the very easy to use Outside Broadcast equipment

CONTACT PEOPLE

To ensure you know who to direct specific enquiries to I've included a quick guide for you:

Programming and training
contact the program committee at program@alive905.com.au and pcchair@alive905.com.au The committee is headed by Steve Boyd and includes Aparna Vats, Rod Blyton, Happy Jack, Terry Swan, Neil Ashworth, Darrel Milton

For tech issues contact
tech@alive905.com.au for the attention of these tech team members Roy Padlan, Patrick Latham and Dave Kempe

Fund raising- Sue Boyd
Replacement presenters- Lee Hannaford

Sponsorship – Kirsten Groll

Education - Ross M Fear

ABOUT TO HAPPEN

Consent and heritage works approval has been provided by the council at last and the new 3rd studio works are planned for the 1st week in July.

We are investigating the CBA offer of a website package which is more radio/ audience orientated and this project is also likely to start in July

NEW SHOWS AND CHANGES COMING

Two Worlds presented by Marie Sales and Roy Padlan Sat 11-1

It's Time Now Australia Thurs 2-4pm (Launch - 6th July)

Saturday till Dawn becomes Wednesday to Dawn 12 to 6am (Happy Jack)

Saturday till Dawn becomes - overnight (till a youth segment is sought) 12 to 6am

Blues Circus Tues 6-8pm becomes Your sound, you community

Monday Morning Magazine will reduce from 9-12 to 9-11am

SAD YOU'RE LEAVING



Frank at his farewell

After 15 years presenting Blues Circus, Frank Dengate has decided it's time to take a break to concentrate on his health issues. Frank also made major

contributions to the music library and through many committees. You'll be sadly missed Frank.

Also leaving us is Stipe Buterin who did Hidden Gems on Thursdays. Very sorry that you made this decision and maybe you'll come back to us some time in the future.

UPDATES TO STUDIOS

Have a look at the power point under the clock in Studio 1 and behind the presenter's chair in Studio 2 and you'll discover USB outlets to charge phones etc. There are also dimmers on the light switches and Wifi will assist in getting rid of many of the tangled leads and cables.

You can now check how your show is going to air with the new replacement radio in the kitchen.

FEEDBACK

I took a walking group for a tour of the station a few weeks back and Rhonda saw me the next week, saying it changed her life. She hadn't realised we existed and now she just loves listening in for the variety and interesting information we present, along with great music. She and her husband are now "rusted" on

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Social 10 pin bowling at Parra Leagues in late July **TBA**

Sat 5/8 at 5pm OB at Bella Vista Farm for Hills Winter Sleepout

23rd August at 7pm AGM

Bunnings Fund Raiser **TBA**



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