

Alpine Air Waves

Newsletter of Alpine Radio 96.5 FM (Kiewa Valley) & 92.9 FM (Ovens Valley)



Winter 2013

— "Community Broadcasting – Ordinary People Engaged In An Extraordinary Enterprise" —

Welcome to Alpine Air Waves — Winter Edition, August 2013

OUR 10th BIRTHDAY

Our 10th birthday—On Friday 23rd August it will be 10 years since Alpine Radio officially started transmitting. Official Celebration/Open Day will be held on 30th August—all welcome—see enclosed flyer!!

*** NOTE: Membership Fees Now Due—see enclosed membership application. ***

Emergency Services Broadcasting News

During February/March Alpine Radio covered the bushfire emergency near Harrietville for over 6 weeks, broadcasting emergency warnings and advices received from DSE, CFA and VicRoads as necessary to alert our listeners to the emergency as it unfolded. We also organised several interviews a week with Incident Controllers in Ovens DSE office.

On one occasion when the bushfire was threatening Mount Hotham, two of our presenters (Bill & Yvonne Sutton) stayed on air all night to ensure that our listeners were kept up-to-date. Feedback from listeners indicates that they appreciated hearing the updates, and the interviews with Incident Controllers which gave the latest details of the extent of the fire and the action being taken. Many thanks to all our presenters who helped during that emergency, and especially those who came in and worked extra hours to keep this service on-air.

Outside Broadcasts (OBs)

We held three very successful outside broadcasts:

- Bright Markets—Saturday 16th March
- Rotary Garage Sale, Tawonga South— Easter Saturday 30th March
- Bright Alpine Furnishings for the Bright Autumn Festival—Saturday 4th May.

Many thanks to Kate Farrell, Johnny White, Dick Puttyfoot, Wendy Blake, Bill & Yvonne Sutton, Rob O'Connor, Nick Brown, Jenny McNaught (from Alpine Furnishings), Phil Staff and everyone else who helped at these OBs. A future OB which is in the planning stages will be held during the Bright Spring Festival in October.

Program Development Officer

Kate Farrell commenced in a new Program Development Position in January, was instrumental in setting up several new programs for us, including a gardening program, a community interview program, and assisted us with outside broadcasts and with students' visits to the station from Dederang Primary and Bright P-12. Kate resigned in May, and we welcome Jo Zananiri who is continuing in this position till the end of the year. This paid part-time position was made possible by the payment of a grant from Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF), to develop community programs at the station. Welcome Jo, and thank you Kate for getting these programs off the ground.

Alpine Radio AGM

Alpine Radio's Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28th August 2013 in the small meeting room at Cranky Charlies (The Hoppet Office) next to the radio station in the Mount Beauty Information Centre precinct. All members are invited. Light refreshments, tea & coffee will be served after the meeting. (Please see enclosed official AGM notice).

Alpine Air Waves is published twice per year (*winter and summer*) to communicate station news to its members, presenters, volunteers, sponsors and others interested in community broadcasting in the Upper Kiewa Valley.

We are a community radio station that is independent, not-for-profit, community owned and operated and is run completely by volunteers.

We rely on the active support of our listeners, members, volunteers and sponsors for the day to day operation of the station.

The station is located in the Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre Precinct in north-east Victoria.

Membership

We stand for Access, Diversity, Localism, Independence & Innovation. Your support is vital for this unique service to continue. Family/Couple \$20, Single \$15, Pensioner/Student \$10, Business \$30 & Community Organisation \$30.

Sponsorships

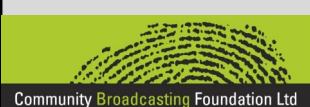
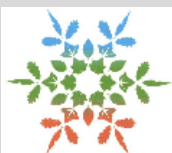
The station has developed a number of attractive sponsorship packages (i.e. paid advertising) suitable for all types of businesses. All production is carried out in-house. We are fully equipped for digital production using the latest audio editing software and backing music. Contact Yvonne on 5754 4554 for more information.

Broadcast Training

New presenters are always welcome and training is offered. We pride ourselves on delivering practical training on a one to one basis.



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Alpine Radio

Committee of Management

- 2012/2013 -

President	•	Bill Sutton
V-President	•	Yvonne Sutton
Secretary /Editor	•	Nick Brown
Treasurer	•	Wendy Blake

Committee

- Johnny White
- Alex Craig
- Andrew (Scottie) Graham
- Dick Puttyfoot

Volunteer Positions

Technical Officer	•	Rob O'Connor
Music Library Co-ordinator	•	Wendy Blake
Training Co-ordinator	•	Bill Sutton
Maintenance Officer	•	Eric Harvey
IT Officer:	•	Paul L'Huillier

Other

Station Manager • Yvonne Sutton (paid part-time)

Program Development Officer: Jo Zananiri (paid part-time)

Life Members

- * Mary Smith
- * Paul L'Huillier
- * Rob O'Connor

facebook

We now have our own Alpine Radio Facebook page. Look us up and "like" us on Facebook to be kept up to date with the latest happenings on Alpine Radio. On Sunday 16th June, Wendy Blake & Yvonne Sutton ran a workshop for presenters to learn about Facebook and discuss other broadcasting and presenting issues. About a dozen presenters turned up and had a working lunch on the day. Thanks to Wendy & Yvonne for organising this event, at Scottie's suggestion.

Technical Report

Rob & Dick have been very busy, and we now transmit our signal from the studio, via Bogong Estate Winery, to Big Hill. This means a direct "line of sight" for the transmission, and has corrected a few glitches we were sometimes having with our signal. Many thanks to Bogong Estate Winery for allowing us access to their property for this equipment. The next big job is to get our signal into Harrietville; we have a generous grant of \$5000 from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) to buy a transmitter; we will have access to the Harrietville TV tower (thanks to Harrietville TV Committee); all we need now is the licence approval from ACMA to go ahead with this project.

IT Report

Thanks to Paul L'Huillier who looks after our IT requirements, including our internet services, PCs, etc. As many of you are aware, Alpine Radio hosts the Mount Beauty Weather Station (located on the roof of our main studio), with the generous support of our sponsor Mount Beauty & District Community Bank. Many thanks to the Mount Beauty & District Community Bank for providing us with a sponsorship amount of over \$1000 to buy a new weather computer & thanks to Michal Trnka (Computer Sales & Services - Tawonga South) for assistance with the technical aspects of setting this up.

Op Shop Sponsorship

During outside broadcasts we were continually borrowing equipment from our Production Studio, which was not always convenient if there was production happening at the same time, so we asked the UKV Uniting Church Op Shop for sponsorship to buy two new microphones. The Op Shop were kind enough to donate \$315 and we now have two brand new microphones and cables to use exclusively for our outside broadcasts. Thank you to Cheryl, Piers and the committee of the Op Shop for your kind donation.

ONCE AGAIN – THANKS TO ALPINE RADIO'S WONDERFUL SPONSORS!!

In acknowledging our Sponsors, we would also ask our members and listeners to support them by purchasing their products and services whenever possible, and please make yourself known as a member of Alpine Radio 96.5FM & 92.9FM:

Alpine Building Permits – Bright; Alpine Furnishings – Bright
Alpine Insurance Group - Bright; Alpine Valleys Weddings & Celebrations – Tawonga South; Baker Motors – Albury; Boulevard Motors – Wodonga; Bright Newsagency; Ceccanti Winery – Mongan's Bridge; Dederang Hotel; Heather Mull (Celebrant) – Tawonga South
Kiewa Valley Spring Water – Wodonga; Medico Hygiene Services – Sale
Mount Beauty & District Community Bank; Mount Beauty Hardware & Drapery; Mount Beauty Medical Centre; Mount Beauty Post Office
Old Tawonga Store – Tawonga; Prism Jewellers - Bright
Smith's Mountain Valley Tyres – Bright; Stones Throw IT - Wodonga
Tawonga South Butchery; Travel Counsellors - Tawonga
4PeopleMedia - Melbourne; The Old Fella & Benchmark; Bright Firewood; Falls Creek Coach Service, Tawonga South; The Good Guys – Albury

10 Year Birthday

Alpine Radio is 10 years old on 23rd August! Yes, we will have been on air exactly 10 years on 23rd August 2013. We will be having an official celebration/open day on Friday 30th August—all welcome!! (see enclosed flyer).

Happy Birthday to us, Happy Birthday to us!

Be Heard Grant—Local Schools' Participation in Community Radio

We continued to host Dederang Primary School students during 2013 to learn about community radio and present their own programs live "on-air". Thanks to Principal Bronwen Martin and teachers Marie & Rachel. And 13 students from Bright P-12 visited during term 1 of 2013, and those that attended enjoyed the experience. These learning experiences for the students are possible because of a "Be Heard" grant from the Victorian Government's Office for Youth.