

# Alpine Air Waves

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

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— “Community Broadcasting – Ordinary People Engaged In An Extraordinary Enterprise” —



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. The Schedule can be accessed via our website at <[www.alpineradio.com.au](http://www.alpineradio.com.au)> and a copy downloaded. All production is done in-house. We are fully equipped for digital production using the latest audio editing software and backing music.

## Broadcast Training

New presenters are always welcome and training is offered. We pride ourselves on delivering practical training on a one to one basis. In conjunction with Mt Beauty Secondary College, training is also offered for school students.



## Major station happenings – 2011

### 1. Station has moved – downstairs

The 12 February was a big day for Alpine Radio. The station moved to the *new* studios (3 of), office, kitchen and toilet downstairs after 4.5 years of effort. The station had an excellent roll up of volunteers to move furniture, computers, the CD & Record library plus heaps of other stuff. Rob O'Connor and Dick Puttyfoot had the difficult job of completing the technical work to get us back on-air by Sunday evening. We had been running auto programming during the move. The first broadcast occurred Sunday evening 13 February at 6:00pm with presenter Derek Hutton broadcasting his 'Sunday Night Classics' program.

### 2. Now an Official Emergency Services Broadcaster

On the 25 January the Office of the *Emergency Services Commissioner (OESC)* notified the station that it was now an 'Official Emergency Services Broadcaster'. On the 10 March the station and the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner (represented by acting ES Commissioner Joe Buffone) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at a ceremony held at the station and attended by representatives of all emergency service organisations in the Valley. Our station has proven it can act in this capacity as it did during the 2006 and 2009 local bushfires where residents were kept updated on the fire front via direct local CFA information supplied by CFA, SES, DSE and Police, and with local weather conditions. The station supported the community with regular updates during the October 2010 flood threats as well.



### 3. Broadcasting into the Ovens Valley

The station has been working hard over the last 12 months to locate a transmitter on Apex Hill Bright so that our signal will cover Bright and surrounds. The signal travels from the station at the Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre Precinct to Big Hill (1,250m) then to Apex Hill (600m). Working bees have been conducted in July and August. End of August in the planned completion date. The broadcast frequency into the Ovens Valley will be **92.9 FM**.

### 4. Taken over the Mt Beauty Weather Station

On the 20 February Alpine Radio officially took over the housing and operation of the *Mount Beauty Weather Station* which is located on the station's roof. Alpine Radio owns the weather station (donated by the Mt Beauty Chamber of Commerce) and the computer and software (donated by Tony & Lyn Beggs–Bogong Moth Motel). The data is uploaded to the stations website and is available *live* for public access at <[www.weather.alpineradio.com.au](http://www.weather.alpineradio.com.au)>.



## Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 17 August 2011

7:30pm at the Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre

Incl: volunteer presentations & a tour of the new studios. Supper is provided.

— Nomination & Proxy Forms are available from the station office —

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## Committee of Management

— 2010/11 —

<b>President</b>	• Paul L'Huillier	<b>Volunteer Positions</b>	
<b>V-President</b>	• Yvonne Sutton	<b>Technical Officer</b>	• Rob O'Connor
<b>Secretary &amp; IT</b>	• Paul L'Huillier	<b>Music Library</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	• Wendy Blake	<b>Co-ordinator</b>	• Ian Erbacher
<b>Committee</b>	• Bill Sutton	<b>Training</b>	
	• Nick Brown	<b>Co-ordinator</b>	• Bill Sutton
	• Warwick Randall	<b>Maintenance</b>	
	• Derek Hutton	<b>Officer</b>	• Vacant

### Other Positions

- **Station Manager** — Yvonne Sutton (paid part-time)
- **Sales Rep.** — Paul L'Huillier - Kiewa Valley & surrounds



Rob & Joy O'Connor's Big Bus - our Outside Broadcasting (OB) studio



Inside the Big Bus at one of Rotary's Garage Sales OB's. From left: Yvonne Evans (Rotary President), Yvonne Sutton & Wendy Blake



Signing of the Emergency Services Broadcasting Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

From left: Joe Buffone (Acting Commissioner for Emergency Services), Wendy Blake (Treasurer), Yvonne Sutton (Vice President & Station Manager) and Nino Mautone (Alpine Shire mayor).

## Off-Air

- **Memberships due!** — Memberships for 2011/12 are now due. A membership form is enclosed. We appreciate your on-going support of the station and urge you to renew by returning the enclosed form and appropriate fee as soon as possible.
- **2011 Annual General Meeting** — *Wednesday 17 August 2011 at 7:30pm at the Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre Precinct.* Supper is provide. Please come along and support your station which only exists because of its volunteer base. We are always looking for assistance so if you have an interest in music, community matters or just the administration of the station, please make yourself known to Yvonne Sutton (station manager) — Tel: 5754 4554. We need you!
- **Retiring presenter** — Thanks to Jessie Brew, who has been a presenter for 5.5 years. Jess, a country music junkie has moved from Mount Beauty.
- **Programming** — Alpine Radio caters for a diversity of programs and music tastes not found on commercial radio. Refer to the enclosed *Program Guide* or view it on our website.
- **Outside Broadcasting opportunities for your business** — The station has the ability to broadcast from a remote location. So far this year we have had a presence at two of the *Rotary Club's Garage Sales* and the *Emergency Services Display* in April.
- **Welcome back to Eric Harvey** — Eric has returned as a presenter after living in England for a couple of years. He presents two programs i.e. *Music with an Easy Beat* - Friday 9am to 12 noon and *The Golden Oldies* - Saturday 12 noon to 3pm.
- **Grants** — Thanks to the following organisations for assistance: Alpine Shire (studio building project), CBF (small equipment), Bendigo Bank (setup & maintenance of the Weather Station), Bill Sykes (MP)—Joint Community Computer Project and Gardiner Foundation (funds to purchase a generator).

## Sponsors

— *The Team Behind the Team* —

Alpine Radio survives and prospers thanks to the support of its listeners, members, presenters, volunteers and the following current sponsors as at **July 2011**

- Mount Beauty Foodworks
- Mt Beauty Post Office
- Falls Creek Coach Service — *Tawonga South*
- Baker Motors — *Albury*
- Mount Beauty Medical Centre
- Tawonga South Butchery
- Dederang Hotel
- Alpine Furnishings — *Bright*
- Boulevard Motors — *Wodonga*
- Kiewa Valley Spring Water — *Wodonga*
- Mt Beauty Hardware & Drapery
- Medico Hygiene Services & Waste Disposal — *Sale*
- Ceccanti-Kiewa Valley Wines — *Mongans Bridge*
- Mount Beauty & District Community Bank
- Settlers Tavern — *Tawonga South*
- Mill Road Lockup Storage Sheds — *Mount Beauty*

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.

For the latest **Sponsorship Schedule** visit our website at: [www.alpineradio.com.au](http://www.alpineradio.com.au)