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ALPINE AIR WAVES



A Message from President Mary

Dear Members
Seasons greetings to you all.

I am very pleased to welcome all members to this issue of our half-yearly newsletter, and I hope that you enjoy the articles and information. Our members are very important to the growth and development of Alpine Radio 92.5 FM, and on behalf of the committee of management I express our appreciation for your membership renewal and ongoing support. There are some members receiving this newsletter who have not yet renewed their membership to June 2006. Please take a few moments to complete the enclosed membership application and return it with your payment as soon as you can. Thank you so much.

Membership fees are such an important part of the station income, and assist us to develop programs, purchase equipment and maintain a vibrant listening program with "something for everyone."

As 2005 comes closer to its end, may I take the opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their financial support during the year. Their support is of mutual benefit to us all. To our members - please support our sponsors whenever and wherever possible.

Many of you will know that my beloved husband John is seriously ill, and the last few months have been extremely difficult for us and our family. I have had to wind back some of my duties at the station, and John and I sincerely thank all those willing friends who have taken on extra tasks to allow me to be with John during his treatment. We sincerely thank you for your friendship and support. Your telephone calls, greeting cards and your home visits mean so much to us at this time. Thank you all so much.

In closing, I take this opportunity to wish you and those whom you love every good wish for Christmas and the coming year, and please always remember:-

"Community Broadcasting - Ordinary People Engaged In An Extraordinary Enterprise".

Mary C. Smith

Sharing and Caring has been a very popular program since we began our broadcasts two years ago. On Tuesday 13th December, we celebrate our century broadcast—yes, 100 programs of requests (3432 in all) and studio interviews with medical practitioners on topical medical subjects. To celebrate this milestone, we hope to do a live broadcast from Kiewa Valley House on Tuesday 20th December. Stay tuned!



Breakfast merriment and mayhem—all dressed for the morning aerobics, keeping their energy levels up by eating M & Ms (but not the green ones!) Margaret and Mary keep us all amused with their cheery program.

ANZAC DAY PROGRAM

Many of you will have heard the special 5-hour Anzac Day program, researched by President Mary Smith, and presented by her with the assistance of Rob O'Connor, Derek Hutton and Steven Blair.

"Australians at War" is now available as a 5-CD set and accompanying book.

Please see any committee member if you wish to purchase this informative set at a cost of \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

ComRadSat Service: Trial broadcasts are now under way, and give us greater variety in our programming. We still await advice regarding the DDN player which will allow us to store programs for later use. There is a delay in obtaining a part but hopefully the equipment will arrive before Christmas.

CBF Grant: Alpine Radio thanks the Community Broadcasting Foundation for the grants for the DDN player and the mixer.



Alpine Radio also received a grant towards the new mixing console from the Albury-Wodonga Foundation. We thank that organisation for its assistance.

Alpine Radio wishes to publicly acknowledge the extremely generous donations from the Mount Beauty Opportunity Shop and other friends of Alpine Radio. It would also be remiss of us if we did not express appreciation to so many members and friends who worked so hard to sell raffle tickets to raise over \$1,200 towards the mixer. Thank you to everyone.

We've done it! We now have sufficient funds and negotiations are under way to purchase the new mixer.

Out and About : On 5-6 November, Alpine Radio hosted the Southern Community Media Association Annual General Meeting. This was a grand opportunity to show the other community radio stations in our area what we do and how we do it. Steve Block was our keynote speaker, and his address on the various aspects of being a radio presenter was both interesting and challenging. Our President Mary explained how to be successful in obtaining sponsorships and, more importantly, how to retain sponsors to ensure the financial stability of the station. Cathy Gunn then made a presentation on the successful liaison between the station and Mount Beauty Secondary College which has given the station our youth presenters. Rhys Hall and Marcus Griffith spoke so well on why they enjoy being youth presenters and the challenges it has for them. Steve Block was very impressed.

A tour of Bogong Village and Falls Creek with a BBQ lunch brought a very successful weekend to a close.

Paul L'Huilier made all this happen for Alpine Radio.

Congratulations and thank you, Paul, and well done everyone else who contributed in any way.

Getting to know two more of our volunteers.

WENDY AND DEREK HUTTON



Many of us know Wendy Hutton as our Bank Manager. Meet Wendy the person who considers one of her greatest achievements is successfully completing her first patchwork quilt.

Wendy moved to Mount Beauty with her family and attended Mount Beauty Secondary College. She was then employed at the (then) State Bank of Victoria in Mount Beauty, and also worked at the Bright and Myrtleford branches. For the past ten years, Wendy was "our" Manager at the Mount Beauty branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

On retirement in April 2005, Wendy could fulfil her wish to be a volunteer worker in the community she had already served so well during her working life, and became a volunteer for Alpine Radio cataloguing the music library and was recently elected to the Committee of Management. Wendy is also a volunteer and committee member at the Mount Beauty neighbourhood Centre, and has been a member of the Bogong Outdoor Education Centre School Council for many years. Wendy is also interested in family history and she and husband Derek will travel to New Zealand in 2006 for a family reunion.



Derek was born in Scotland, and also moved to Mount Beauty as a child with his family. After completing his schooling in Mount Beauty, he worked for the SEC (Southern Hydro) for 26 years, spending the last few years in the Visitors Centre as Public Relations/Security Officer. Since

then he has worked as a tour guide and security patrol officer. Derek has been a member of the Mount Beauty Fire Brigade for over 30 years. For some years, Derek has been a member of a black powder rifle and military re-enactment group, and in his spare time he is a keen, but not always successful, fisherman. Derek enjoys presenting his three programs each week, and has also recently become a member of the Committee of Management.

"Team Hutton" Derek and Wendy have lived all their married life in Tawonga South and recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. (I have been asked not to mention that Derek says it feels more like 60 years.! Sorry, Derek—but congratulations to you both on that milestone. Ed.)

They have two very spoilt 4-legged "children" - Gemma the Boxer and Lexi the Hungarian Vizsla.

4/5 Keepin' It Alive

Grades 4 and 5 students at Mount Beauty Primary School are developing their literacy skills and showing their confidence in public speaking by putting together their own radio show. This year students have enjoyed producing the show by themselves, which is a great technical achievement. Each Monday, students write and rehearse their script, and then record their segment on their teacher's laptop computer. Together with their favourite music, they include a wide range of items including interviews, jokes, school news, sport and cheerios. The resulting 30 minute CD is played at 10.30 a.m. on Friday mornings during terms 2 and 4. The whole school listens, and the students hope that Alpine Radio listeners also enjoy this great program.



Our picture shows Jordan Van Den Berg, Will Betheras, Louis Dalkin and Shannon Price putting together the radio show "4/5 Keepin' It Alive."

RADIO DAZE

Our readers will recall a small article in the last newsletter briefly outlining the Radio Daze project. You may be interested to learn a little more about how this project came to be.

Cathy Gunn, a teacher of English and Drama at Mount Beauty Secondary College, was approached in August 2003 to join Alpine Radio Committee of Management as the schools liaison person. During the fires of 2003, she realised that the ABC bulletins, whilst vital for information, were sometimes not totally relevant to our local community and, because of the weather conditions, reception was variable. She realised that the (then) fledgling radio station needed support, but didn't know how to help. *(Oh, boy, did that change! Ed.)*

In November, in her Education Department role, Cathy was a member of the committee that applied for the Victorian Leading Schools fund grant seeking funding to replace the school music room and create a space for teaching drama, and was very surprised and pleased to learn that the secondary college had been successful in obtaining a grant. The new music room idea thus became a multi-media Centre concept, with radio training facilities for the students, and allowing space for community access.

Bill Sutton from Alpine Radio began his association with the students as training officer and in 2004 on Thursdays between noon and 2 pm, the secondary college students came to the Alpine Radio studios in the Alpine Discovery Centre complex and undertook training on the radio station broadcasting equipment.

As interest grew, so did the number of students undertaking training, and then moving forward to compiling and presenting their own programs.

At the end of 2004, these young radio presenters were nominated for—and won! - the Alpine Shire Youth Council Award for community involvement.

Cathy unequivocally states that the educational and personal benefits for the students have been enormous, and is aiming for a self-managing and self-perpetuating group of media students, where teaching staff will act as facilitators only. They seem to be well on the way.

Alpine Radio, your community radio, has welcomed this opportunity to both help and be helped by the youth of our community for the mutual benefit of all.



ALPINE RADIO 92.5 FM

 **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2005

5.30 pm - 7.00 PM

**Alpine Discovery Centre meeting room
(next to the Radio Station)**

*BYO everything -
Drinks and Glasses
Nibbles to share
Silly hats and Christmas spirit*



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Alpine Radio 92.5 FM is very grateful for the on-going support of all its sponsors. Quite simply, we could not operate without their financial assistance. In acknowledging this, we would also ask our members and listeners to support our sponsors by purchasing their product whenever possible. Please make yourself known as a member of Alpine Radio.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Alpine Radio is very grateful to all those members who have renewed their membership for the 2005-2006 year. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement.

Some members may have overlooked their renewal, or mislaid the membership form. So, if you find a membership renewal request with this newsletter, please take the time to complete and return the form and your fees as soon as possible.

If you have paid, and our records have not been noted accordingly, please let Secretary Dorothy know and accept our apology for any error.

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AND - before we turn off the mike

Being your age is hard enough without having to act it!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

