

# Alpine Air Waves

Newsletter of Alpine Radio 96.5 FM (Kiewa Valley), 92.9 FM (Ovens Valley)  
& 94.5FM (Harrietville)



Summer 2016

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

## Welcome to Alpine Air Waves — Summer - February 2016

### Latest News from Alpine Radio Committee

#### We've signed up two new Station Managers!

Welcome aboard **Linda Parkinson, Station Manager Administration and Jos Scherf, Station Manager Marketing**. Linda is relatively new to the valley and to Alpine Radio, while Jos is now an experienced presenter (Wiggerly Woo Children's Hour and Jos's Mum's Hour from Mondays at 12noon).

Both Linda and Jos bring a lot of experience to the station. Linda's qualifications and previous work history will have the station organised and running efficiently, while Jos has been running her business for a long while, and is clued up on marketing the station, selling sponsorships and making much better use of our Facebook and social media to tell people about new programs, specials, and community news in general.

Please give both Linda and Jos a little time to settle in, we are sure they will learn very quickly.

#### Changes to the Committee

Back in September at our Annual General meeting, we farewelled **Bill and Yvonne Sutton** from President and Vice-President/Station Manager respectively, due to Bill's incapacity from his stroke, and Yvonne to look after Bill. After so many years of service, we are so sorry that Bill's illness has brought on this change. You are both missed very much, and we are often calling on Yvonne to say: "How do we do this?" And she is always willing to help. We hope to see and hear both Bill and Yvonne back on the Alpine Radio airwaves soon, when Bill feels ready to cope, and it might be for short bursts, but with their determination, we feel confident it will happen.

**Helen McDougall** also left the committee, after a one-year stint. However, Helen has stayed on as a volunteer, putting updates for Dr James Wright and the Garden Clinic onto our main computer every couple of weeks, and also running the Wednesday "Radio for the Print Handicapped" program as host and reader. Look out, she will be presenting a regular program real soon!! Many thanks Helen, much appreciated.

**Scottie was elected President, Dick Puttyfoot Vice-President, while Jocelyn, Ron Fensham and Ken Halse** have joined as committee members. Ron brings a lot of experience and local knowledge to the committee, while Ken has already been a huge help with his technical knowledge (he previously worked for Channel Ten).

#### Programming

**Leanne** has left us to concentrate on her studies, leaving big vacant spots in our program. **Leanne** was hosting **Neighbourhood News**, the local interview program, on Tuesdays at 2.00pm, and also **New Music Australia (NMA)**, fostering Aussie talent, on Fridays at 7.00pm. We are hoping to train a couple of new people in Neighbourhood News, and Jos has taken over NMA for the time being.

During summer, while **Deb Gray** had a break from presenting, Jos stepped up and presented **Summer Scorchers**, contemporary music aimed at school-age kids and teenagers, and asked the local swimming pools to turn up the volume during the two hours from 3 till 5pm on Fridays... while Nick encouraged our sponsor **Bright Brewery** to send in playlists each week, and we played a Bright Brewery 2-hour mountain crafted tunes program on Tuesday evenings, which were broadcast direct into the brewery.

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

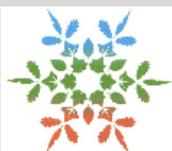
The station has developed a number of attractive sponsorship packages (i.e. paid advertising) suitable for all types of businesses. All production is carried out in-house. We are fully equipped for digital production using the latest audio editing software and backing music. Contact the Station Manager 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 - 2015/2016 -

<b>President</b>	•	Scottie Graham
<b>V-President</b>	•	Dick Puttyfoot
<b>Secretary /Editor</b>	•	Nick Brown
<b>Treasurer</b>	•	Wendy Blake
<b>Committee</b>		
	•	Alex Craig
	•	Ken Halse
	•	Ron Fensham
	•	Jocelyn Scherf
	*	Linda Parkinson (ex-officio—Station Manager)

### Volunteer Positions

<b>Technical Officer</b>	•	Rob O'Connor
<b>Music Library Co-ordinator</b>	•	Wendy Blake
<b>Training Co-ordinator</b>	•	Wendy Blake
<b>Maintenance Officer</b>	•	Dick Puttyfoot
<b>IT Officer:</b>	•	Paul L'Huillier

### Other

<b>Station Manager :</b>	Linda Parkinson (Admin)
	Jocelyn Scherf (Marketing)

### Life Members

* Mary Smith	* Warwick Randall
* Paul L'Huillier	* Bill Sutton
* Rob O'Connor	* Yvonne Sutton



Our new Outdoor Broadcast set-up, with the Codec on the left and mixer on the right

Alpine Radio has sent condolences and best wishes to OAK-FM's **Peter Harrison**, whose wife **Marlene** passed away in 2015. Peter and Marlene had been married for 48 years, and they were both very active presenters at OAK-FM in Wangaratta. Peter has been sending two programs a week to us to broadcast, a Rock n Roll n Pop program, which goes to air at 8pm Mondays, and a great blues program which is on at 6pm every Tuesday. We appreciate the time and effort Peter puts in to present these programs.



Don't forget 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. There's a link to our Facebook page on our website [www.alpineradio.com.au](http://www.alpineradio.com.au). Jos and Crazy Cath keep contributing to our Facebook page and it's a great way to keep people informed of our special programs and special events.

### • Outside Broadcasts (OBs)

Thanks to our fantastic technical guys, **Rob, Dick and Ken**, we have our new **Codec** equipment working after a bit of trial and error, and we now feel that we have a great new OB set-up. Gone are the days of LogMeIn and Skype... the Codec does it all. We have had some hits and misses, but we keep trying:

- ◇ **Rotary Garage Sale** in November—weather was against Dick, but he battled on gamely.
- ◇ **Harrierville Bush Markets** in January—a terrific day and a great market...
- ◇ **Bright Brewery in January**—we had speakers right behind us that unfortunately gave us some feedback, but otherwise the set-up worked well. Many thanks to James, the Marketing Manager at the Brewery, for the opportunity to try something a little bit different, for his assistance, and for the great playlists (new Aussie talent—easy listening acoustic—loved it!)
- ◇ **Australia Day** ceremony, Mount Beauty. Worked well until we lost line of sight from the radio microphone to the caravan (too many tall people!!), and then Les Weibenger from the local Lions club pulled the plug on us—when he disconnected the power to the Lions BBQ area, he disconnected the radio too—thanks Les! Luckily Rob was there to save the day and restore music from the studio.
- ◇ **Sweet Valley Sounds Festival**—as Ken said, this will be our best OB and he was right! At Sweet Valley Sounds, we had a "first" for Alpine Radio... the first time we have had a "live" feed direct from the sound stage's mixer, so we were able to broadcast live performances of three of the main acts— The Jitterbugs, Mitch King and The Lyrical. The sound quality was fantastic—yes, we'd love to do that again!! We also had some great interviews with Conrad & the Spooky Ukees, The Jitterbugs, Mitch King and The Lyrical.



Ken, Rob & Nick setting up at Bright Brewery, January 2016



Local brother and sister act **Tallon & Millie** were at Sweet Valley Sounds (6 February 2016) performing on the busker's stage, and were also interviewed on Alpine Radio during the OB. What a beautiful sunny day too.

**From the Station Managers' Desk:**

- ◇ In December the Committee ran two sessions of **Emergency Services Training** for volunteers and had about 20 people turn up which was very gratifying. We have procedures in place, and enough volunteers to be rostered, if a major bushfire occurs and we need to ensure the station runs 24 hours a day to broadcast emergency warnings. Thanks to all who attended.
- ◇ A short course which forms part of a Certificate III in Media Studies is currently underway. **Community Media Training Organisation (CMTO)** is running the course, through trainer **Danae Gibson** from Melbourne, and the course is being run over several weekends during January, February, March and April. Those attending report great progress, and are enjoying the course content and the learning experience. Alpine Radio, through CMTO, obtained a grant of several thousand dollars from the **Community Broadcasting Foundation** in order to defray expenses for this training. Danae is very experienced in community radio, having managed JOY-FM in Melbourne, and being in community radio for many years.



**CMTO attendees** at the Media Studies training in the Neighbourhood Centre. From left to right, Jocelyn Scherf, Linda Parkinson, Wendy Blake, David Marshall-Irving, Rolf Proft, Dick Puttyfoot, Traudy Homolka.

- ◇ Programming changes coming up include a new time slot for a **radio theatre program** presented by **Garry** (moving to 9pm Sundays), with a **Tangerine Dream** hour to follow on at 10pm.
- ◇ In December the **Dederang Primary School** painted our OB caravan in a variety of styles and colours... we reckon it looks fabulous. Many thanks to **Ron Crawford from CS Signs** for the printing of our name and other details, and to the students and staff of Dederang Primary for their wonderful artwork—we reckon it looks **AWESOME!!**



## 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.

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**\*\*A huge thank you to all our hard-working presenters and volunteers!\*\***



**It gets a bit cramped inside the caravan, but the interviews still go on....**



**Alpine Radio is always looking for new sponsors. Contact our Station Manager on 5754 4554 if you wish to become a sponsor of Alpine Radio.**

### Fill-In Presenters

- You might feel you would like to do some radio presenting, but don't want to commit to a program every week. We could use some "fill-in" presenters for when our regular presenters are away. Contact the Station Manager on 5754 4554 if you feel this type of volunteering might be for you!!



The Jitterbugs played wonderful songs for children and were interviewed on Alpine Radio at Sweet Valley Sounds Music Festival on 6th Feb.



James Davidson (Marketing Manager, Bright Brewery, and Nick Brown presenting from the OB at Bright Brewery in January