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Alpine Radio 92.5 FM

ALPINE AIR WAVES



A Message from President Mary

Dear Members

Greetings to you all.

It hardly seems six months ago since the last issue of our newsletter — time passes so quickly.

I sincerely hope you are continuing to enjoy the selection of programs broadcast daily from 92.5 FM. Our program format continues to grow, widen in diversity and content as we welcome new presenters to contribute to the variety so that you—our valued listeners and supporters—continue to receive a wide ranging selection of entertaining programs.

Your comments are always most welcome, as your community radio station Alpine Radio 92.5 FM does what it can to include your requests for program mix in the program schedule.

We could not operate without the generous support of our valued sponsors which are named elsewhere in this newsletter, and we sincerely thank each and every one of them for their assistance. Please do, where and whenever possible, also support them.

Your continued membership is also an extremely important part of our growth and development. On behalf of the Committee of Management I express our appreciation for your ongoing support and urge you to renew your membership for 2006-07 by returning the enclosed form and appropriate fee as soon as you can.

Since the last issue, many of you will be aware of the death earlier this year of my beloved husband John. Together with my "Fab 4" Deirdre, Bryan, Aidan and Colin, we extend to you our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your friendship, kindness and support at what is such a sad time for us.

I also express my thanks to my fellow Committee members who have over the past year willingly accepted and fulfilled the extra duties thrust upon them. I am very grateful to my fellow Presenters who took on extra shifts when I was unavailable. Thank you all so much.

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

Mary C. Smith

A Message from Vice-President Bill



For part of this year I have had the privilege of being Acting President whilst Mary has been unavailable. I express my thanks to the committee officers and members for their assistance and support. Your committee members devote a lot of their time to ensure that Alpine Radio 92.5 FM operates as successfully as it possibly can and yet they still find time to take on extra tasks when needed.

Thank you, too, to our Presenters for "filling the gaps" especially over the holiday times at Christmas and Easter. Our resources were fully stretched, but we made it through and now, with a few new presenters trained and ready to go, our programming has been much easier.

Thanks, everyone.

If any member is thinking that presenting an on-air program might be fun and an interesting thing to do (which it is), please contact me to see what training is involved. There is also an article on our training program later in this newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting is coming up, and the required notice and nomination forms are in this newsletter. Contact Secretary Dorothy if you need any further information regarding this.

Thank you all for your support of Alpine Radio during the past year.

Bill Sutton

We welcome the following presenters who have recently joined our ranks -

Matthew Batt	Adam Burn
Sigrid Condon	David Hein
Dave Horsfall	Brian Jones
Angie Keogh	Brian Price

AND we welcome back Teresa Green and Mary C. Smith

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

ComRadSat Service:

The service is now connected, although the DDN player is not yet available. There are technical reasons for the long delay, but we hope the equipment will be installed later this year.

CBF Grant:

Alpine Radio thanks the Community Broadcasting Foundation for funding allocated to the DDN player and installation. We have also received funds to conduct training which is reported later in this newsletter.



Out and About :

Remember When?? -

Jade Hurley came to town in his motor home. He took time out from his extensive tour to make a special trip to Mount Beauty for a concert in the Community Centre. What a great night it was. Jade then gave a substantial donation to Alpine Radio, for which we are very grateful. The



picture shows Jade (front, left) in our studio with Bill Sutton, Dorothy Morrison, Alby and Maureen Chalmers, "Mr. Producer" Ian Erbacher and Jade's media manager Judy McRae.

Then came Carols by Candlelight, and Alpine Radio did a very successful live broadcast of that event. Our very own Yvonne Sutton was MC, and Dorothy Morrison played all the carols on her keyboard with special effects ranging from a full orchestra to a sleigh bell.

The Music Muster once again gave us an opportunity to support our community through this important event.

But, before that was the excitement of the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay. We congratulate Helen L'Huilier and Dorothy Morrison, and all our other local baton runners, on the honour of being chosen to take part in the relay. Helen and Dorothy both agreed it was a wonderful experience.

Alpine Radio 92.5 FM also had much pleasure in sponsoring the Arts category of the 2006 Alpine Shire Youth Awards held on Friday 7th July. It is great to see the talents of our young people being formally recognised by Awards of this type.

Getting to know another of our volunteers.



Dorothy Morrison

.Dorothy was born in Belmont, Geelong - which probably explains her choice of which AFL football team to support. After completing her secondary education Dorothy undertook a Business Studies course at what was then the Gordon Institute of Technology (now TAFE) and later served for 4 years as a governing Council member. Compressing two years study into one meant she could accept a position with one of Geelong's leading law firms where she worked for many years and later undertook further studies in the legal field, Dorothy is a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives and for a short time served on the Board of that organisation, and addressed legal studies students on the practical side of her professional job.

Working part time while her two daughters were at school kept her out of mischief, but also gave her time to continue with her life-long love of and interest in music. She began classical piano lessons at age 8, and later played modern styles which led to experience in musical arrangements and playing with bands, musical comedy companies and accompanying solo artists. Very profitable. This love of all things piano/keyboard is shown in her much-loved involvement in both Carols by Candlelight and Anzac Day, as well as anywhere else she is asked to play.

Her role as senior law clerk involved her in all aspects of office management and administration, and she has put this experience to good use in her various roles with community organisations in Geelong and locally. She actually enjoys being a secretary or treasurer which Cliff says is a sign of a warped mind, and her love of cryptic crosswords is definite proof!

Cliff and Dorothy began ski-ing at Falls Creek in the early 1970's and eventually decided to relocate to Tawonga in 1990 after Cliff had retired from 40 years' service with the Geelong Water Board. Foolishly, they thought they would have a very quiet retirement, with nothing much to do—how wrong they were. No time to go ski-ing or sit quietly in a comfy chair in the sun now as computers and gardening have taken over, but maybe one day

KIEWA VALLEY COMMUNITY RADIO INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rule 9 of the Constitution and Rules of Kiewa Valley Community Radio Inc. (operating as Alpine Radio 92.5 FM) **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Annual General Meeting of Kiewa Valley Community Radio Inc. will be held on Wednesday 16th August 2006 in the meeting room, Alpine Discovery Centre Precinct, Kiewa Valley Highway Mount Beauty at 7.30 p.m.

All members are requested to attend. Rule 16 (4) states that only financial members are entitled to vote.

The ordinary business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting shall be

- To confirm the Minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting held on 11th August 2005.
- To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year (i.e. to 30th June 2006)
- To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section 30 (3) of the Act.
- In accordance with Rule 21(1) - to elect the officers of the Association and in addition up to three ordinary committee members.
- In accordance with Rule 37 (2) - to appoint an Auditor to the Association.
- To consider any special business of which the Secretary shall have received due notice in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

At the conclusion of the meeting, light refreshments will be served.

Dorothy Morrison
For and on behalf of the Committee of Management.

What are these other pieces of coloured paper?

Please take the time to read all the forms enclosed with this newsletter.

The YELLOW one is your membership renewal form. Yes, you can renew your membership immediately, and Alpine Radio 92.5 FM very much appreciates your consideration of this. Your membership fees help us to carry out the station activities. Cash or cheque—we really don't mind!

The BLUE one is a nomination form. Would you like to serve on the Committee of Management? Please give this your serious consideration. It is a commitment of both time and expertise, but very worthwhile. The completed form must be received by the Secretary no later than 4 pm on Wednesday 9th August 2006.

The WHITE one is a proxy form for use if you wish to exercise your right to vote at the meeting, but are unable for any reason to attend.

The GREEN one is your copy of the current program guide.

New National Audience Research Survey

You may recall that the National Audience Research Project was undertaken in 2004. This showed that over seven million Australians (45% of people aged 15+) listen to community radio each month.

The survey results were invaluable in demonstrating to Government and Sponsors that people are listening, and that community broadcasters are a vital part of their communities and the national media landscape.

The second Listener Survey is now underway. McNair Ingenuity will be conducting telephone interviews with 5000 people on their community media listening habits and preferences. The results of the survey will be released in September.

So, next time the phone rings It could be your turn.

SPONSORS

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 92.5 FM.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We all appreciate the excellent job done by our Training Officer, Mr. Bill Sutton, who has spent many, many hours working with all our presenters to make sure that they can operate all the studio equipment and are competent to present the program of their choice.

Recently, the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) announced that funding was available through the Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF) for community radio station personnel to undertake training in Certificates III & IV in Broadcasting (Radio) - subjects which are usually only available through TAFE institutions.

Bitting the bullet, Alpine Radio applied for funding to provide 4 subjects only. We were a little surprised, but overjoyed, to find our application for Round 1 funding was successful. Bill Sutton was approved to teach the subjects, with John Ross, a good friend of Alpine Radio, as our Training Assessor. We quietly started our planning.

It therefore came as a bit of a shock when the CBF phoned asking why we hadn't put in for the Round 2 funding? Pardon? Didn't we have to complete the Round 1 subjects first? No! Oh. Minor panic. Our Round 2 funding application has now been lodged.

This approval to conduct training will be a major benefit to our presenters, particularly those youth presenters who otherwise would need to travel long distances to a tertiary educational institution to do this course, with all the fees and expenses associated with that.

At this stage, Alpine Radio 92.5 FM hopes to be able to provide this training free of charge, but the cost of resources and study materials may mean we need to review this later during the course.

Grateful thanks are extended to those who have made generous donations to assist.

We wish all our trainees every success.

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AND - before we turn off the mike

Our body cells renew themselves whilst we sleep.
If only the contents of our wallet would do the same.

P.K. Shaw

