

Alpine Air Waves

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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 by volunteers and a part-time station manager and sponsorship manager.

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 packages can be viewed on our website at www.alpineradio.com.au or 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 SC, training is also offered for school students.



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— Station Renovations ... a work in progress —



From left: Derek Hutton & Dick Puttyfoot (works supervisor)



Eric Harvey admiring the Len Plum donated kitchen unit. Thanks Len.



Dave O'Rourke – station president

Dave presents three programs: *Memories* – Mondays 3-6pm, *Late Night Jazz* – Thursdays 9-12 midnight and *Fishing Tales-tall & true* with Bill Sutton – Saturdays 10-11am. He also fills-in regularly for others presenters.

**Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 13 August '08
7:30pm at the Visitor Info. Centre.**

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— 2007/08 —

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	• Margaret O'Rourke	Maintenance	
	• Ian Erbacher	Officer	• Eric Harvey
Paid Positions (part-time)			
Station Manager	• Yvonne Sutton		
Sponsorship Managers	• Mary C. Smith & Sally Ley		

President's Report '08

David O'Rourke

Hello Alpine Radio supporter. I hope your year, so far, has been productive and happy.

Year-to-date: Alpine Radio volunteers have made lots of progress with the downstairs extensions, and the new toilet is being gratefully used, particularly during the recent welcome rainy weather. As usual, we are broadcasting professional, varied and interesting programs, presented by an enthusiastic team. Currently the extensions are on-hold, due to other commitments by our volunteer builders, and the usual lack of finances. A number of our on-air personnel have been on the sick list or on holidays. This has made constant programming difficult at times. Many thanks to those people who have added fill-in programs to their own.

Presenters: Alpine Radio needs more presenters. Sure, we need people to fill lots of other positions around the station too, but flexible presenters are the life blood of a radio station which broadcasts 24/7. And we're proud that a lot of that time is live-to-air.

Why am I a Presenter? I attended school in Cooma with Steve Liebmann of TV fame. He began his meteoric career with Radio 2XL (in Cooma) as a teenage sports reporter after school and on weekends. I will always remember him reporting on the school's sporting activities into a small portable tape recorder for his evening broadcast. I suppose watching his career over the years, sparked my interest in radio, although I never had the opportunity to do anything about it. Upon retiring to Tawonga South a couple of years ago, I was delighted to learn that Alpine Radio was up and running, so I realized that with my love of music, I could offer something to the community. The rest is history. I have been hosting programs on Alpine Radio for almost two years now, and loving every minute of it.

You too can join our team! The Alpine Radio team consists of people aged from 12 to 80. Have you listened to the kids programs recently? Even if they don't follow a career in radio, think of the confidence they are building. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 13 August at 7:30pm at the Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre. Please think about nominating for a position with the Committee of Management or come and discuss your debut as an on-air presenter.

Cheers

David O'Rourke
President

Off-Air

- **Memberships due!** — All memberships are now due. We appreciate your on-going support of the station and urge you to renew for '08/'09 by returning the enclosed membership form and appropriate fee as soon as possible.
- **Temporary Sponsorship Manager appointed** — Due to an ankle injury sustained in February '08, Mary Smith has been unable to continue in this role or to present the breakfast program as access to the station via the stairs is not possible. Sally Ley, from Kiewa, is acting in Mary's place and is doing a great job in sourcing funds from the Albury/Wodonga area. Mary has undergone extensive medical, physiotherapy and one of two ankle operations over the last 6 months. We wish her well with her long rehabilitation. A special thanks to Yvonne and Bill Sutton who have been assisting Mary with her home duties.
- **Station relocation downstairs** — Stage 1 (toilet & kitchen) is nearly complete. Both are in use though. Further developments will depend on the availability of funds and volunteer labour.
- **Fifth birthday celebrations** — On 23 August it will be 5 years since the station went to air. Plans are being made for a 'down the street' type function for the occasion.
- **Peter Horan concert at the Country Club** (Friday 5 December '08) — A joint function between the Mt Beauty Country Club and Alpine Radio. Peter Horan is a world renowned pianist.
- **New presenters and others in training** — Ian Smith, Barb Allen, Shirley Quinten, Margaret O'Rourke and student Stacey.
- **Toot Your Own Horn** — This is a competition conducted by the CBAA's COnline. Alpine Radio, through Mary Smith, submitted 'The Combined Churches Christmas Program' produced by Mary and the four Valley churches. Congratulations are in order as the program won one of the prizes.
- **Brendan Davies program 'Whosoeverwill' comes to an end** — Brendan has been producing this Sunday night religious program for 4 years and is shifting his family to Tallangatta. Thanks Brendan for your contribution over this time and your assistance with technical matters at various times.

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— The Team Behind the Team —

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