

# Alpine Air Waves

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



Winter 2012

— "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

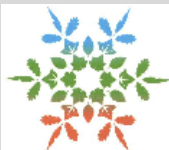
The station has developed a number of attractive sponsorship packages (i.e. paid advertising) suitable for all types of businesses. All production is carried out in-house. We are fully equipped for digital production using the latest audio editing software and backing music. Contact Yvonne on 5754 4554 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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## Memberships due and Notification of Annual General Meeting

### Memberships due! — Memberships for 2012/13 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.

### 2012 Annual General Meeting — Wednesday 29th August 2012 at 7:30pm at the Mt Beauty Visitor Information Centre Precinct

Supper will be provided. 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 the administration of the station, please make yourself known to Yvonne Sutton (station manager)

Tel: 5754 4554. **We need you!**

## Computer Upgrades

The Station Manager's PC in the studio office has been upgraded and a new monitor donated (thanks to Garry Irving one of our presenters). We have also had upgrades to our main studio computers that store and play all the songs—we had so many songs at one stage that we had to have two versions of the computer software (MJM) running at the same time as we had filled one of them up (30,000 tracks!). The new MJM software has capacity for 200,000 tracks and we are using roughly 25% at the moment. The production computer where we produce our sponsorships and other material has also just been upgraded as it was at peak capacity and needed more "grunt" and hard drive capacity. Many thanks to Paul L'Huillier and Michal Trnka for looking after our IT needs.

## Grants

As previously announced, Mt Beauty and District Community Bank kindly gave us a \$600 grant towards monogrammed polo shirts for presenters and volunteers. The shirts have been received and you will see us proudly wearing these new shirts (when the weather warms up) on presenting duties and at outside broadcasts. We also applied for and received a grant of \$841 from CBF (Community Broadcasting Foundation) towards our transmission operational costs.

## Donations

Many thanks to Lloyd Pack of Porepunkah for the donation of a CD player and DVD player to the station, to Duncan McDonald from Tawonga South, one of our volunteers, for his donation of an old stereogram to add to our collection in the station's foyer and to many people who have donated records and CDs to our comprehensive library.

## Programming

Look out for *BJ and the Bear*, commencing end August, two former presenters returning with eclectic music and a light-hearted look at life in the Valley. Also proposed is a half-hour program of reading local news and topical events to assist those who are print-handicapped. Keep listening for more on these programs.

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

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### Alpine Radio Committee of Management

- 2011/2012 -

<b>President</b>	•	Bill Sutton
<b>V-President</b>	•	Yvonne Sutton
<b>Secretary</b>	•	Nick Brown
<b>Treasurer</b>	•	Wendy Blake

#### Committee

- Mariel Anderson
- Derek Hutton
- Eric Harvey
- Dick Puttyfoot

#### Volunteer Positions

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

#### Other

<b>Station Manager</b>	•	Yvonne Sutton (paid part-time)
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#### Life Members

- \* Mary Smith
- \* Paul L'Huillier
- \* Rob O'Connor

## Governance Workshop & Alpine Radio Strategic Plan

Alpine Radio executive and committee members participated in a Governance Workshop held over two days in June. The workshop was conducted by Graeme Macartney from the Community Media Training Organisation (CMTO), and covered topics such as the role and responsibilities of the committee and its members and fiduciary duties of committee members. The workshop looked at the strengths of the radio station, the challenges faced by the committee, and future vision and direction of Alpine Radio.

Those who attended were Bill Sutton (President), Yvonne Sutton (Vice-President & Station Manager), Wendy Blake (Treasurer), Nick Brown (Secretary), Committee Members Eric Harvey and Dick Puttyfoot, and our IT Officer Paul L'Huillier.

### Outcomes of the workshop:

As well as providing an overview of committee roles and responsibilities, the workshop drafted a new Mission Statement for Alpine Radio, started work on a strategic plan with several priority projects to be looked at over the next 12 months, and commenced work on drafting our next community radio licence renewal application.

### Our Sponsors

#### ONCE AGAIN – THANKS TO ALPINE RADIO'S WONDERFUL

**SPONSORS!!** Alpine Radio survives and prospers thanks to the support of its listeners, members, presenters, volunteers and the following current sponsors as at **July 2012**. 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 96.5FM & 92.9FM.

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- Bogong Jack's – Bogong Village
- Boulevard Motors – Wodonga
- Bowerbird Interior Styling, Bright
- Bright Newsagency
- Ceccanti Winery – Mongan's Bridge
- Dawson's Rural Supplies – Bright
- Dederang Hotel
- Falls Creek Coach Service, Tawonga South
- Kiewa Valley Spring Water – Wodonga
- Medico Hygiene Services – Sale
- Mill Road Storage Shed Lock-up – Mount Beauty
- Mount Beauty & District Community Bank
- Mount Beauty FoodWorks Supermarket
- Mount Beauty Hardware & Drapery
- Mount Beauty Medical Centre
- Mount Beauty Pharmacy
- Mount Beauty Post Office
- Murray Goulburn Cooperative – Tangambalanga
- North East Country Wholesale, Mount Beauty
- Old Tawonga Store – Tawonga
- Smith's Tyre & Battery Centre – Bright
- Stones Throw IT - Wodonga
- Tawonga South Butchery



The station recently hosted two work experience students, Michael Peacock from Mt Beauty Secondary College and Grace Griffith from Bright P-12 College; both of whom enjoyed their work experience at the station. Grace is shown above presenting on-air with our folk/musicals presenter Ian Smith (you can catch Ian on Mondays at 12 noon!). Listen out for Grace who is heading for a Friday night 4pm till 6pm time slot very soon!