

# Alpine Air Waves

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



— “Community Broadcasting – Ordinary People Engaged In An Extraordinary Enterprise” —

Welcome to Alpine Air Waves — Spring Edition, Aug/Sep 2020

Alpine Air Waves is published twice per year 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.

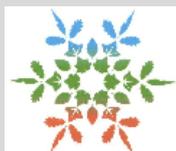
## Sponsorships

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 Viv on 0422 243 691 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.

Alpine Shire



## Alpine Radio AGM

Alpine Radio's Annual General Meeting has been postponed to a date to be decided. Under the terms of our constitution, the AGM has to be held within 5 months of the end of the financial year, so we have until end November to hold this event. The Committee will decide once we know if Covid-19 restrictions allow a face-to-face meeting in late September or if we have an on-line meeting (Zoom).

Many of our members are not computer-savvy so we need to find a way to include everyone. (See more about this on Page 5)

## A huge welcome to new presenters

**James Eggleston** has been broadcasting since April, started off on both Monday nights and Friday nights, but work commitments have forced James to scale down to Monday nights at 6pm for two hours with his program **Sentimental and Monday**. James has interesting segments like “Beside the News” with colleague Lisa Weldon exploring bizarre news stories, “Common People”, interviewing ordinary people with extraordinary stories, and a fun “guess the song” segment. James is a primary school teacher and music teacher, and is a musician with the band ‘Northern Folk’, who, over the past few years, have made regular appearances at Mount Beauty Music Festival.

We had a short-lived return to Alpine Radio for **Cath Smith**; didn't take Cath long to remember how to work the radio console, but Cath has had to interrupt her return for a while due to illness... when you are ready Cath, get well soon, and we will have you back on the airwaves.

And **Edwina Clark** (known as Wink) has a spot on Friday nights at 9pm— **WINKRadio**. Wink, making the trek from Harrietville each week, brings with her previous experience with PBS in Melbourne. Contemporary music and a load of fun to late Friday nights.

**James Eggleston at the microphone for Sentimental and Monday at 6pm on Monday evenings.**

**The title, Sentimental and Monday, comes from a song of the same name by Aussie indie rock band Holy Holy.**



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### Alpine Radio Committee of Management

- 2019/2020-

President	•	Nick Brown
V-President	•	Hugh Paton
Secretary	•	Vacant
Treasurer	•	Keith Pike

#### Committee

- \* Ken Halse (Technical Officer)
- \* Ian Erbacher
- \* Helen McDougall
- \* Scottie Graham
- \* Linda Parkinson

#### • Volunteer Positions

Technical Officer	•	Rob O'Connor
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#### Other

Station Manager: Michael Ahearn

Marketing & PR Officer: Vivienne Rochford

#### Life Members

- |                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| * Mary Smith      | * Warwick Randall (dec'd) |
| * Paul L'Huillier | * Bill Sutton             |
| * Rob O'Connor    | * Yvonne Sutton           |
| * Wendy Blake     | * Dick Puttyfoot          |
| * Ian Erbacher    | * Margaret Randall        |
| * Teresa Green    |                           |

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Look us up and "like" us on Facebook to be kept up to date with the latest happenings on Alpine Radio. See the link to our F/book page on our website [www.alpinerradio.com.au](http://www.alpinerradio.com.au).

### Covid-19 Plan

The Committee of Management has prepared a Covid-19 Safe Plan for Alpine Radio. This is a requirement for all businesses continuing to operate in Victoria. A big thanks to our COVID-19 sub-committee comprising Helen McDougall, Michael Ahearn, Ken Halse and Linda Parkinson for developing the plan and for their ongoing work to ensure the station has sound coronavirus procedures. You can access the plan from the website at the following link: <https://www.alpinerradio.com.au/covid-safe-plan.html>.

### New Website

Alpine Radio is working on getting a new website. Our current website will not be supported by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBA) anymore (it is software on a platform called "Weebly"), and CBA has developed a new website product on "WordPress" which the Committee has decided to purchase. Our Station Manager, Michael, has worked on WordPress websites previously so is very keen for us to be involved in this new website and it has a whole lot of new features which will be useful for us.

While discussing the website, it is worth noting that Alpine Radio is putting community information on our website about businesses in our listening area and their opening hours – this is a free **community service**, not just for our sponsors, but (during the Covid-19 Stage 3 Restrictions) we will do this for any business that wants to participate.

We've had thanks from several of those businesses... so it's a worthwhile project... thanks to a lot of hard work by Viv and Linda to keep this updated!

### We must say a big thank you to:

**Our Covid-19 team** of Helen McDougall, Linda Parkinson, Ken Halse and Michael Ahearn, keeping us on our toes with how to keep all of us safe, and keeping up supplies of all the cleaning materials.

**Rob O'Connor and Ken Halse** for the technical roles and maintenance on all things in the station.

**Uniting Church Op Shop in Hollonds Street** for a donation of \$500 towards our Covid-19 cleaning materials.

**Our Committee and Office-Bearers, Michael as Station Manager, and Viv looking after sponsors; and all of our presenters** - keeping us humming along during this time.

### Fundraiser for cancer for a former Alpine Radio presenter

Rob O'Connor's daughter Annalei is undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer and both Rob and Joy are in Melbourne helping her during this time. Annalei has begun a fundraising page for Ovarian Cancer research, and if people are interested in donating, please go to:

<https://www.ovariancancer.net.au/my-fundraising/20/annalei-warren>

Annalei was an on-air presenter some years ago along with Simone Short – so if you remember her on-air or remember her growing up in the valley, please donate to her cause.



The two Helens  
hosting Carols by  
Candlelight Outside  
Broadcast  
-Dec 2020-

This was the first  
time we had  
broadcast from this  
event which is run by  
UKV Lions Club Inc.

### Membership Renewals

If you haven't renewed your membership please consider doing so as we rely on sponsorships, grants and memberships to pay our bills and stay on air. A membership application is on Page 6 of this newsletter.

## 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.

**Baker Motors – Albury**  
**Bright Bookshop**  
**Bright Brewery**  
**Dederang Hotel**  
**End Stage Matters**  
**Falls Creek Coach Service – Tawonga South**  
**Falls Creek Resort**  
**Falls Creek Hotel**  
**Gather Festival (Riff Ruffs)**  
**Granny’s Pantry**  
**Len & Susan Plum Cabinetry**  
**Lifestyle Medicine Health and Wellness Coaching**  
**Medico Hygiene Services – Sale**  
**Mount Beauty & District Community Bank**  
**Mount Beauty Hardware & Drapery**  
**Mount Beauty Medical Centre**  
**Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre**  
**Mount Beauty Take-Out**  
**Mountain Valley Tyres (Bright)**  
**North East Country Wholesale Food Service**  
**Our Family’s Mobile Vet, Wodonga**  
**Punkah Pantry—Porepunkah**  
**Rocky Valley Bikes and Snowsports**  
**Studio E Cakes**  
**Tawonga South Butchery**  
**Tawonga South Newsagency & Post Office**  
**The Little Chop Shop, Bright**  
**Travel n Cruise (Bright)**  
**Treats at Bogong Ski Centre**  
**Wandi Pub (Wandiligong)**  
**Woolworths Bright**

(These sponsors are current or have been sponsors over the last 12 months)

**Membership renewals are now due. Please see Application Form on Page 6 of this newsletter** Please renew as soon as possible as we rely on sponsorships, grants and memberships to pay our bills and stay on air.

### Take It On Coaching Program

Vivienne Rochford and Linda Parkinson participated in CMTO’s **Take It On Coaching Program**, which ran from mid-May through to early August 2020. Viv’s focus was sponsorship and Linda’s was strategic planning. They met weekly via Zoom with coach Johan Lee from SYN Media in Melbourne. Alpine Radio appreciates the training opportunities offered by CMTO.



### Broadcasting from Home

**Hugh Paton** has developed a streaming service “in” to the main studio so he can transmit his program “**The Stockpot**” from home. Once we have any “bugs” ironed out, and some more testing carried out, we will try and make this available to others, especially those who transmit from the Ovens Valley (George), and Mansfield (Johnny White).

### Seasonal Sponsorship

With the resorts closed and not much snow, our usual seasonal sponsors have not come on board, so our sponsorship income is down... that has been mitigated by the grant money we received (see under Grants in this newsletter). So sad for the resorts and all the accommodation, ski hire places and restaurants and we hope 2021 is a much better year.

Alpine Radio is always looking for new sponsors. . Contact Viv on 0422 243 691 if you wish to become an Alpine Radio sponsor.

### “At 17”

“At 17” (wasn’t that a song by Janis Ian?) - It slipped by with little fanfare—On 23rd August, Alpine Radio turned 17 years young. A huge thanks to all the original committee, Mary Smith who came up with the idea, Paul L’Huillier, Rob O’Connor and many more, plus all the hard-working committee, volunteers, presenters and sponsors in the 17 years since... what a journey!!

**Happy 17th Birthday Alpine Radio**

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### Grants

Oh boy! In this time of financial hardship, we have been lucky enough to secure several important grants to put us in a reasonable financial situation.

**FRRR and Newscorp** – Alpine Radio received a **\$6000 grant** from FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) to employ a Sponsorship Manager for 6 months. Vivienne Rochford has been contracted to do this job and she is out there already, working hard.

**Dr Helen Haines – Volunteer Grants:** We were successful in obtaining **\$3200** from Dr Helen Haines to buy a new printer, some office furniture (new ergonomic chairs), and to assist with some ongoing operational costs.

### Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF) – 3 grants

1. For support for RPH reading programs.
2. Crisis Grant money to cover some of our ongoing operational costs and to invest in some equipment to help with broadcasting from home during the pandemic.
3. For Station Manager salary subsidy and cost of new website (website costs \$1500 + a monthly fee for maintenance).

Alpine Radio is very grateful to have been successful in obtaining these grants.

### Flooding and Carpet Cleaning

We had some flooding in the main studio a few months ago and the Shire tracked it down to a hole in a downpipe near the kitchen. The hole was initially repaired temporarily and then in August a permanent repair has been done thanks to the Alpine Shire. Subsequently we asked Ross Griffith from ChemDry Northeast in Wandiligong to **clean the carpets** in the studios and office area, which has been done and Ross removed the stains and the carpets are now much cleaner and smell a lot better.

### Training – Community Media Training Organisation (CMTO)

In February, the committee and some others had some training face to face training in **Governance** and **Volunteer Management** organised by CMTO.

Then in July, via Zoom, we had a big month of training in **News Writing, Presentation, Interviewing** and lastly, **Audio-Editing**. Thanks to all the presenters who took part, and CMTO for coordinating. It was the first time that CMTO has done this training via on-line so there were some teething problems and sometimes the training went on for a bit longer than it needed. But those who did the training have come away with new knowledge and some great hints and tips. Discussions amongst our participants was also most useful.

### Award Applications in 2020

We have made **two applications for awards** this year at the CBAA Conference. One application for an award is for the **Carols by Candlelight OB** we did in December (Category: Excellence in Outside Broadcasting), and one is for **James Eggleston's Sentimental and Monday** program (Best New Radio Program). Wish us luck; the finalists will be announced in early September.

### Diversity

Alpine Radio encourages women, young people, indigenous and multi-cultural people to join our Committee or our Program Sub-Committee, so that your voices can be heard. We also would like someone from the Ovens Valley to consider joining our team. Call Michael on 5754 4554 for more information. What about you??

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### Alpine Radio—Annual General Meeting (AGM) – postponed (Date to be advised).

With the current restrictions, it is impossible to hold a face to face meeting with our required 17 people to make a quorum for an AGM, so we have postponed the AGM until a date to be decided. An alternative might be to run the AGM as a virtual meeting using Zoom. Our constitution states that we must hold an AGM within 5 months of the end of the financial year, so we have until end November.

We would like members to consider joining the Committee of Management as all positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. We have a vacancy for a Secretary and possibly several ordinary committee members. The current committee has started to put together portfolios to spread the workload... if you have skills in a particular area and want to join the committee (or work a portfolio without being on the committee), please contact the station ([manager@alpineradio.com.au](mailto:manager@alpineradio.com.au)).

The portfolios are:

Portfolio
Grants and Projects
Secretariat
Governance
Finance and Budgets
Volunteer Coordinator
Health & Safety
Community Engagement
Program Sub-Committee
Training Coordinator
Technical
Administration

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Committee please contact one of the current Committee members who would be very happy to have a chat with you about the various roles.

#### The current Committee comprises:

President—Nick Brown

Vice-President – Hugh Paton

Secretary—Vacant—(currently shared)

Treasurer—Keith Pike

Technical Officer—Ken Halse

Minutes Secretary- Linda Parkinson

Health and Safety—Scottie Graham

Volunteer Coordinator—Helen McDougall

Ian Erbacher

(ex-officio – Michael Ahearn - Station Manager, and Vivienne Rochford – Sponsorship Manager)



# Alpine Radio

**96.5 FM 92.9 FM 94.5FM**

(Kiewa Valley) (Ovens Valley) (Harrietville)

Kiewa Valley Community Radio Association Inc. Reg. A0041789P ABN 82737397695

*An Official Emergency Services Broadcaster*

**1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021**

## Membership Application

Please Tick  New Member  Renewal (just complete Surname & Given Name(s) if your details have not changed)

Renewal with changed details

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss / Other **Surname** .....

**Given Name/s** .....

**Community Organisation/Business Name** (if applicable) .....

**Residential Address** .....

**Town** ..... **State** ..... **P/Code** .....

**Postal Address** (if different from above) .....

**Town** ..... **State** ..... **P/Code** .....

**Phone** ..... **Mobile** ..... **Email** .....

**Fees** Please tick your membership choice and enclose the appropriate fee (which includes GST)

- |  |         |   |         |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual    | \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student                | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Couple | \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organisation | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pensioner     | \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business               | \$30.00 |

**I wish to make a donation of \$**..... (also attached)

I/We hereby agree to abide by the, constitution, purposes and objectives, and governing principles of Kiewa Valley Community Radio Association Inc.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**Cheques** payable to “Alpine Radio” and mail to P.O. Box 331, Mt Beauty, Vic. 3699

or alternatively pay by Direct Credit:\*

Account name — Kiewa Valley Community Radio Association Inc., BSB: 633 108, Account #: 135731610

\* Please email name and address details to station at <manager@alpineradio.com.au>

We like to share happy occasions with our members, and if you wish you and/or your family to be included in our “**Birthday Book**”, please fill out the name/s and date/s (the year is optional!). If you have supplied names previously you don’t need to do it again – you’re in the Book.