

# AIRWAVES



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## Transmission Upgrade Underway

Following on from the successful transmission fundraiser last year, the station has been working diligently under the leadership of Technical Director Neil Little (pictured second from left) to undertake a range of maintenance and equipment upgrades at the transmitter site. This work also included a number of working bees attended by a small but dedicated band of station volunteers who have completed a range of jobs to ensure the ongoing reliability of station transmission over many years to come.



A number of engineering and electrical issues are yet to be completed to enhance the transmission capability of the station and it is hoped that most of this work will be completed by mid-2016. The station Board of Directors would like to express its sincere appreciation to all those who contributed to the funds made available for this important project.

## Australia Day Award For Station Presenter

Afrikaans presenter Michael Spisto was recently recognized by the Latrobe City with an Australia Day award for his commitment and service to the local community across a



number of local groups. The station is proud of Michael's recognition and his commitment to the program he shares with Marlene Boshoff on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm – Catching Up With South Africa.

## Station Providing Mentoring & Training Opportunities

Gippsland FM has entered into a partnership with Mission Providence in recent times and has provided personal development opportunities for local youth including our new young indigenous presenter Brook Burgess who presents a

new program called Dream Air at 4pm on Thursdays. Also as part of this commitment, the station current has two young trainees assisting in



administration and production activities.

Pictured below is Daniel McLaren (left) who is keen to work in audio engineering and has been assisting the production team with a range of activities – some of which you can now hear on the station. Also pictured is Robert Artley who is learning many of the administrative activities including correspondence handling, book-keeping, invoicing and payments and general office administration. The station is very pleased to provide these opportunities for local youth to assist them in developing their potential for future employment opportunities.

## Next Station Recruiting Intake Coming Soon

All members of the local community are invited to participate in station activities. If you would like to learn more – send an email to [info@gippslandfm.org.au](mailto:info@gippslandfm.org.au) or

call the station during business hours on 5134 8444 for more information.

### **Vale John Holland**

The station was recently saddened by the passing of Life Member and popular easy listening presenter John Holland. He gave much pleasure to listening audiences and also played a major role in the sale of sponsorship for the station over many years. RIP John. You Are Missed.

### **Dallas Leads The Way**

For the first time in many many years, the station held a Christmas raffle which was lead by the enthusiastic Dallas Johnston and the station's fundraising committee. The team raised over \$7,000 to help with on-going running costs which amount to around \$3,000 per week. Dallas said he was really appreciative of the support from station volunteers and of course those who purchased tickets in the raffle. Pictured below is Dallas handing over some of the



proceeds to an appreciative Treasurer Ken Thompson.

### **Michelle Callaway Returns**

Past presenter Michelle Callaway will soon be joining the easy listening music team on Friday afternoons from

1.00pm. Michelle was a popular presenter in previous years and also played an important role in supporting station administration – so the station is very pleased to welcome here back.

### **Bequeaths For Community Broadcasting**

Station director Ken Thompson recently attended a launch by the Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF) on a topic of some sensitivity – that of making a will and leaving a consideration for the community broadcasting broader sector through the CBF.



Pictured at the launch is CBF President Peter Batchelor who delivered a sensitive and heartfelt plea to those assembled at the function. Peter noted that community broadcasting had made a significant contribution to Australian communities over thirty years, however there is much more to do with technological and other changes to provide a sustainable platform for every community broadcaster. If you would like to know more email [gifts@cbf.com.au](mailto:gifts@cbf.com.au) or call 8341 5900.

### **National Volunteer Week – 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Once again this year, the station will be helping celebrate and acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers, not only the eighty or so at Gippsland FM but also those who make such wonderful contributions across our community, locally and nationally. National Volunteer Week also gives us the chance to say 'thank you' to the many thousands who have volunteered their time, skills and support across a wide range of activities. The Gippsland FM Board of Directors would also like to pay tribute to all volunteers and hope our promotions throughout the week will be a small token of our appreciation.

### **Station Management**

Matt Cameron (Chairperson), Maria Doganieri (Secretary), Neil Little (Technical Director), Peter Ruff (Program & Youth Co-ordination), Mario Sammut (Breakfast Co-ordinator), and Ken Thompson (Deputy Chairperson/Treasurer/Administration Co-ordinator).

### **Gippsland FM Support Sponsorship Sales – Gil Tipping (0467 22 1047)**

**Production Team** – Matt Cameron, Shane Bonacci, Reggie Sporle, Daniel McLaren.

**Website** – Ashley Wincer

**Community Services Co-ord** – John Mulvogue

**Technical Support** – Neil Little, Clem Jarvis, Peter Gray

**Indigenous Team** – Peter Thain, Brook Burgess

**Administration Support** – Robert Artley, Bianca Nevodinski, Mario Sammut, Ken Thompson.

## Gippsland FM Hopes You Will Support Its Sponsors

### Retail

Benson's Timber & Hardware, Latrobe Rd, Morwell  
Campbell's Quality Meats, Seymour Arcade, Traralgon  
Central Gippsland Mowers, Princes Dr, Morwell  
Gregory's Sport and Music, Rutherglen Rd, Newborough  
Manny's Liquor and Deli, Commercial Rd, Morwell  
Monacellars Wine & Spirits, Church St, Morwell  
Morwell Antiques, Tarwin St, Morwell  
Morwell Newpower Newsagency  
Podicare, George St, Morwell  
TM & H Home Hardware, George St, Moe

### Services

Alan Wilson Insurance, Hotham St, Traralgon  
Bob Ashdown Appliance Repairs, George St, Morwell  
Cool Aqua Water Supplies, Princes Dr, Morwell  
East State Credit Services, Grey St, Traralgon  
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Jim's Building Inspections, Bishop St, Boolarra  
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Latrobe Chiropractic, Buckley St, Morwell  
Latrobe Valley Travel, Box 887, Morwell  
P.H.N Gippsland, Kirk St, Moe  
Rennie Property Sales, Commercial Rd, Morwell  
Ridley's Plumbing, Borrman's Street, Moe  
The DocShop, Rocla Road, Traralgon  
The Gippsland Newspaper  
Valley Trophy Centre, George St, Morwell  
Valley Tyre Service, Vestan Dr, Morwell

### Dining / Entertainment

Bridle Road Takeaway, Morwell  
Claudia's Café, George St, Morwell  
Street Entertainment Complex, Traralgon  
Love Pizza and Pasta, Hoyle St, Morwell  
Latrobe Valley Hotel, Princes Dr, Morwell  
Moe Racing Club, Waterloo Rd, Moe  
Morwell Bowling Club, Hazelwood Rd, Morwell  
Old Gippsdown, Lloyd St, Moe  
Our Kinda Country (music club)  
Silks Restaurant, 50 George Street, Moe  
The Morwell Club, Helen St, Morwell  
Three Little Birds Café, Hotham St, Traralgon

### Corporate

AGL Loy Yang  
CFMEU, Lignite Ct, Morwell  
Community Broadcasting Foundation  
ETU, Buckley St, Morwell  
Latrobe City Council, Commercial Rd, Morwell

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Latrobe Valley Bandag, Garden St, Morwell  
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