



Airwaves

The official newsletter of Gippsland FM

Winter 2020

Between You and Me

A word from our Chairperson Keith Ritchie

Gippsland FM works hard to provide the right mix of news, weather, music, current affairs, ethnic and indigenous information that reaches out to over 30,000 local people every week. In the current climate it has been a real challenge to maintain our usual broadcast material during the State of Emergency in Victoria.

Most of our presenters are back on duty. There are some who are still at risk due to age or health issues who have decided to wait a while longer before returning to us. There are a few others who are unable to pre-record shows because we cannot have presenters following one another in the same studio. We must go through a cleaning process between each radio show and that means having one of our two studios always clean and available for the next show. We still have restrictions against taking guests into the building but hopefully the State Government may ease the social distancing requirements soon and then we will get back to normal operations.



Chairperson - Keith Ritchie

BUSINESS BOOST

We have provided and still are providing an opportunity, for businesses to get a 15 second message through to our local listeners advising customers that they are open and/or operating. If you are interested in knowing more, please call the office on 5134 8444 to be put in contact with a sales rep. We have continued to make community announcements when they have been requested. Our broadcasting equipment has been pushed to its full capacity with the music format that we played 24 hours a day. Some of it has not lasted the distance and we now have unexpected expenditure.

The Board of Directors at Gippsland FM wants to publicly thank its dedicated team of professionals and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep us relevant and broadcasting on a 24/7 basis. We also want to thank our stalwart listeners who have kept with us during the emergency period

Save The Date – Awards Night Ball

Gippsland FM 104.7 plans to celebrate in a big way this year with a well overdue “Awards Night”. Originally set for June, CoVid-19 restrictions cancelled the original mid-year event. A new booking has been set for Saturday 24th October 2020 at the Morwell Bowling Club. Please save the date on your calendar.

The night will be a chance to get out and meet the presenters that bring you your favourite shows. The night will be a ticketed event \$55pp and incorporate the Gippsland FM Community Radio Awards presentation, a 3-course meal and entertainment yet to be finalised.

The presentation will include the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Hall of Fame Inductees as well as other programming awards. This year we will add a new category, the “People Choice Award”. Just how you can nominate shows/presenters for this category and how you can vote will be explained in the next edition of “Airwaves” We will also broadcast how you can purchase tickets soon.

Save
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Date

24th October 2020

Notice to Members - Membership Renewals Pending

Contribution from our Treasurer

Every current member of Gippsland FM will receive an invoice throughout August of this year. The invoice will be either emailed to you, or if we do not have your email address, mailed to your postal address.

All fees invoiced are due for payment by the end of September. Payment details are stated on the invoice. Please pay your fees promptly to reduce the administrative effort required to chase any unpaid fees. If you find an error on our invoice, please notify our office staff immediately so that we can make amendments and send you a replacement.

Have you changed any of these details?

- Email address
- Postal address
- Mobile number



If so, please let us know immediately so we can amend our records before raising your invoice. This will help reduce the workload. If you have not received a Membership invoice by the end of August, please contact us and let us know. With your co-operation the renewal process should be straight forward.

Gippsland FM's Youth participation online in the COVID-19 crisis.

By Emily Sinnbeck (Youth Co-ordinator)

During the crisis, I have worked hard to mobilise our youth presenters to co-design and plan our youth project response to the pandemic. The young people have actively engaged in numerous projects to remain engaged with the station. This work is a true testament to the resilience of our youth presenters.

Before COVID 19 we had planned to host an open studio and let youth come and explore the landscape of community radio. These plans quickly changed to reflect government regulations. The initial engagement happened with numerous youth members participating in our Action for Happiness project. The project occurred during National Youth Week. Action for Happiness had approximately 15 young people record messages of positivity for the community via ZOOM. These messages were recorded and then played each day during youth week. One of the young participant's guardians messaged me after the project went to air and said: "Both my wife and I were in tears listening. This project is the first time we have seen our child engage in anything!"

The young people from the Koorie Youth Group remotely recorded three episodes of Boorun & Tuk and during these episodes, they spoke about keeping their elders safe and practising social distancing. They also had Kutcha Edwards surprise them during a recording. The young people then went on to conduct an interview with Kutcha about his life and music. We have also delivered the first lot of podcasting training done by Gippsland FM to the Centre for Multicultural Youth via ZOOM.

Logo Rollout

You may have noticed Gippsland FM using a new logo in the Latrobe Valley Express's program guide. We are rolling out the changes over the next few months as we transition to using it across stationary, website and social media.



Ray Reid - Treasurer



Koorie Youth Group Interviewing Kutcha Edwards via ZOOM



Community Service Announcements

Does your Club or Association have an event coming up? Gippsland FM broadcasts free Community Service Announcements on behalf of non-profit organisations. Please send your information via email to office@gippslandfm.org.au and allow 10 working days for us to produce the message.

Disability Grant Received

Community radio exists for everyone to have a voice. Gippsland FM prides itself on innovation, accessibility, participation for all members of the community. We have some great radio producers and presenters with disabilities at the station.

Our current location in the heart of Morwell serves us well, however, due to our upstairs site, we struggle with accessibility. Because of this struggle, Gippsland FM sought funding from FRRR's Strengthening Rural Communities, Small & Vital grants for the station to make radio accessible for the entire community.

We have received the Able Radio - FRRR funding of \$10,000 to enable us to expand our work in this area. The funding will be used to modify radio training into easier to understand units and to purchase studio equipment that can be used in more accessible spaces such as libraries and schools and also to provide disability support worker hours to mentor people with disabilities to help them produce their programs.

This will ensure community radio serves its purpose and is equitable and accessible for our community and will enable some of our community's most underrepresented voices to be heard.

Donations

Gippsland FM relies heavily on funding to remain viable. Some of our funding is acquired through Grants, which have to be applied for annually. We also hold fundraising events and sell advertising space known in community radio circles as sponsorship. Contributions from our listeners can be made by applying for one of our two-tiered annual memberships. An Associate membership costs just \$10 and for those wishing to be more involved and become voters we also have a Full membership costing \$30.

We also welcome community donations, and we are always very appreciative when this happens. In the last few weeks, we have received \$300 donations from The Gippsland Country Music Club Inc., who are avid supporters of our station and the Country Crew program. We also received a donation of \$250 from listener M. Henry. To them both we say thank you.

Meat Raffle Fundraiser Draw Winners

Our popular fundraising Meat Raffle was selling well in February. It was suddenly curtailed by the CoVid 19 pandemic due to social distancing restrictions, meaning we were not able to continue selling the tickets direct to the public. The opportunity to sell our tickets directly to you all meant many of you missed out in the opportunity to take part. However, to use a common phrase, "The Show Must Go On" and it did. The raffle draw took place Friday May 8th filmed live by Michael Hicks and posted to our Facebook page. The winning ticket holders were 1st 12x\$100 meat vouchers won by Sharon Bye, 2nd 1x \$100 Voucher won by Shaun Storrie, and 3rd 1x \$50 meat voucher won by Scot Williams. We would like to thank Shane from Oliver's Meats of Mid Valley Shopping Centre Morwell for supplying the Meat for the winners.



Outside Broadcast with Sean, Patrick and Ricky at Manny's Market



Read to You - aka "Red2U"

by Gail Bianconi Red2U

Red2U formed many years ago under the guise of "Vision Australia Radio". After a few successful years, Vision Australia in their wisdom decided that the program was no longer a viable option and Red2U went off the airwaves for about four weeks before the core team in their passion went in search of a new home. They approached Gippsland FM 104.7 and the Latrobe Valley Express to see if there was a way to continue with their program. Red2U found a new home with Gippsland FM. Their show airs 11am – noon every Friday.



Barry & Janet – Red2U

Life Member and Ethnic Presenter fondly remembered

by Belinda Ritchie

Gippsland FM pays credit to the incredible service given by George Andreou during his forty plus years at this station. George is one of community radios, longest-serving multicultural presenters. He passed away in April at the age of seventy-four. For over forty-two years, George presented his weekly Greek Variety program at Gippsland FM, with regular assistance from his wife Ingrid.

George emigrated from Cyprus to the Latrobe Valley in 1964, starting work at a power plant. He first became involved with Gippsland FM in 1974, and in 1985 his efforts were recognised when he was made a life member. George was an active presenter and supported the station's ethnic programming and fundraising efforts "George's contributions to the station will forever be remembered"



George & Ingrid Andreou

National Volunteer Week

Gippsland FM, 104.7, is Latrobe Valley's very own community radio station broadcasting to the Latrobe Valley and beyond. It is quietly tucked away on the first floor of the ETU building in Buckley Street Morwell. You would never believe the incredible work done by local volunteers that slip in and out to keep the station on the air.

On any given week, Gippsland FM has on average a hundred volunteers come through the doors. They present programs, work behind the scenes, assist in the office and attend meetings.

For National Volunteer Week this year, the team at Gippsland FM would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributes to the running of our station.

NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020
VOLUNTEER
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.
CHANGING LIVES. WEEK

Newsletter contributions

Contributions for Airwaves to be sent to

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Connecting Our Community

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Gippsland FM Program Schedule - June 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:00AM	Breakfast Show Marian Sammut	Breakfast Show Peter Pedro' Gray	Breakfast Show Marian Sammut	Breakfast Show Bryce Eishold Ken Thompson & Jenny Canovan from 8:00am	Breakfast Show Greg Hansford	Overnight Programs Truck Williams & Nick 7:30 Motorsports Truck Williams & John Lee 8:30 TBA	Overnight Programs Abundant Life Religious Lyn Harvey
9:00AM	Country Crew Lyn Harvey	Country Crew Hilary Reynolds	Country Crew Ricky Sinclair	Country Crew Wayne Poole	Country Crew Sean Walker	9:30 Our World This Week Local Current Affairs Lee Hunt, Richard Elkington, Tony Flynn & Amanda Harding Garden Path, Kitchen Door Lifestyle	Wayne The Wanderer Wayne Poole alternates with Truck'n With Tim Tim Ryan
11:00AM	For Your Information Les Hunt	The Valley Talks Local Community Interviews Keith Ritchie & Sharon Gibson	Kooroo Air Peter Thain A View of the Valley Maria Doganieri	A Lighter Shade of Black Indigenous Issues/Music Peter Thain	Red 2 U LV Express read Yesterday's Songs Interviews/Easy Listening Bev Loraine & Keith Ritchie	Noelene Marchwicki	Music Flashbacks Classics Sean Walker
12:00PM	Evergreen Easy Listening Lucky Dunn	Irish Heartbeat Irish Easy Listening Gwen Twaddle	Jazz Afterglow Jazz Alan McKenzie	Last to Lizzt Classical/Easy Listening George Cornelis	Yesterdays/Easy Listening Bev Loraine & Keith Ritchie	Blues On The Boil Raif Koss	The Mix Patrick O'Doherty
1:00PM	Golden Jukebox 50s-70s Easy Listening Jack Smith		Vinylising Classical/Easy Listening Ken Thompson	Nostalgic Hits Easy Listening Bev Loraine	Drive Time Easy Listening Marlene Boshoff	Saturday Arvo Music Mix	Station Music
2:00PM	Driving Force 80s & 90s Hits Anthony Moore	Gippslands Top 20 Countdown Top 40 Music Ryan Runge	Classical/Easy Listening Ken Thompson	Classical/Easy Listening Bev Loraine	Easy Listening Marlene Boshoff		Robin's Music Ollie
3:00PM	German Program Hannelore Luejens	Maltese Program Marian Sammut	Youth Space Latrobe Valley Youth Space	Current Gen Harry/Jenna/Riley Indonesian Program Lucky Dunn	Mosaic Eclectic Lisa Anderson		The Music Show Dianne Rowley The Sunday Sessions Youth Jay, Ash & TJ
4:00PM			Station Music	Let's Go Greek Elisabeth & Peter Koulouris	Dream Air/Deadly Youth Filipino Program Gina Augustin	The Rock Block Rock Shane Bonacci	Catching up with Sth Africa alt. with Hit Machine Christine & Michael/Mim & Harry
5:30PM	Italian Show Marian Doganieri	Greek Music	Net So Tussen Ons Mense Marlene Boshoff	Australian Blues Experience Ray Reid	Rainbow Connections LGBTI Community Jo Parker	Country Grits Modern Country Rock Sean Scanlon	Night Crawler Grunge/Rock/Alternative Peter Ruff
7:30PM		Slice Of Live Alternative Peter Ruff	The Black Arts Metal Music Peter Schulz	Overnight Programs	Notes From The Big Chair Electronic & Experimental Neil Little	Wayne The Wanderer Country Music Wayne Poole	Sunday Night Blues/Alternative Australian Kevin Gray
9:00PM	Joplopping Hoddies alt. with Alternative Solution Luke Woodhouse/Peter Thain	Overnight Programs Peter Ruff	Brassed On Jazz/Modern Brass Paul Kelly	Overnight Programs		Rock'n'Roll Ate My Brain Theme Based Cam Smith	
10:30PM	Happy Hour Alternative Michael Hicks		Overnight Programs Paul Kelly				
12:00AM	Overnight Programs		Overnight Programs			The Heavy Jason Gregg	Overnight Programs

CO-OPERATIVES NATIONAL LAW 2012
GIPPSLAND FM – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY RADIO SOCIETY CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED
PO BOX 579, MORWELL 3840

(For Member Fees Paid – Tax Invoice- ABN 22 937 051 524)

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: ASSOCIATE / FULL (*please circle*)

APPLICANT DETAILS

Title _____ Surname _____ Given Names _____

Residential Address _____ City _____ Post Code _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Mobile: _____ Bus: _____

Email: _____

By providing an email address on this membership application, I hereby declare that consent is given for the co-operative to issue any notices required to be given to me by sending such notices to this email address.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Full membership allows the applicant to be a voting member of Gippsland Community Radio Society Co-operative Limited. Voting members have the right to stand for election to the board and opportunities to have a say in station policies and the running of the station. **Associate** Members do not have the aforementioned rights.

Benefits of both memberships include an emailed newsletter when produced if email has been supplied and an invitation to all functions of Gippsland FM.

Individuals under the age of 18 may apply for a youth membership by contacting our Youth Co-Ordinator direct at youth@gippslandfm.org.au.

DECLARATION

If this application is approved by the board, I agree to be bound by the rules of the co-operative and any amendments thereof that are registered in accordance with the above Act.

Signed by applicant: _____ Witnessed by _____ Date _____

Print Applicant Name: _____ Print Witness Name: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES (incl GST)

FULL YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$30 .00 or \$25.00 Concession: Pensioner, Unemployed, Disability (Circle Type)

ASSOCIATE YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 No discounts available

- Payments by Cash, Cheques OR Credit Card – Cheques to be made payable to Gippsland Community Radio, Credit Card payment can be made by calling our office on 03 513 48444
- If you wish to pay by EFT, the account details of the co-operative are as follows:

BANK: Bank Australia
BSB: 313-140

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 23193409
ACCOUNT NAME: Gipps Comm Radio Soc Co-op

Please add your surname as reference

Donations can be included with membership payment

INCLUDE DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

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Date Received: _____ Approved at Board Meeting Held: _____

Date Entered in Member Register _____ Entered By _____