



NEWSLETTER

ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY RADIO

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Roger Peake

This is our first newsletter for 2024. Welcome back for a new year. We hope it will be a good one for everyone. Once again we have been very busy at the radio station.

On Tuesday 20 February, Radio EMFM took to the greens at the Echuca Bowling Club with a new line-up for their Corporate Challenge tournament. The EMFM team comprised Graham Hodgson, John Vincent and Roger Peake, and was superbly led by Roger Kirchhofer.



Unfortunately the bowling ability of the team skipper was not always enough to make up for the chaos and confusion caused by the rest of the team, but we did win two of our three games; our loss in the first game was to the team which went on to win the tournament, so we were far from disgraced.



More importantly, we enjoyed a very pleasant, well-organised evening. Our thanks to the volunteers at Echuca Bowling Club for their efforts in putting on such a successful evening. Roger.

FOUNDATION for RURAL & REGIONAL RENEWAL (FRRR).

EMFM was successful in applying for a \$15,000 grant to relocate our aerial from the ACE studios in Anstruther Street, to the north side of our studios. It has taken nearly 12 months to receive the approvals from council & ACMA. Having the aerial onsite will allow us easier access to the equipment.

We'd like to thank John Vincent for all his hard work & Graeme Stevens, Paul Napier & Shannon Savage & the team for assisting him.

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Doug Crow	1996
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Les Crook- D	2003

PRESENTERS' NEWS



We are all very supportive of each other at EMFM. Here is William Pel (Digital Music Librarian) urging Dot Hammond (Secretary) on when she was dealing with a difficult website during the Myeloma Greatest Walk. Good on you William. She finally succeeded, as she usually does.

With sausages, coffee, donations and walkers, we raised about \$1,000 for Myeloma research.



Kazz,s Keltic Kountry Thursday 2pm to 4pm. I had a quiet Christmas and music seemed to slow down in January, back in full swing in February with lots of new released songs from Ireland.



Murray Country Saturday 4pm to 6pm - I had an interview with Bruce Chapman on the 20th January. He is the front man for the The Teddy Boys, a Rock' n' Roll band from Ballarat.

From March 9th Bruce will join me once a month with a whole lot of rock' n' roll at 5pm.

February 10th I did an interview with Trevor Gleeson one of Victoria's most respected musicians and very sought-after for 30 years. Trevor and his band Chiodo are booked up, 12 months in advance.

March 2nd I had an interview with Amber Joy Poulton, lead performer of Coal Miner's Daughter tour, which is Echuca on the 14th of March.



16th March is my St Patrick Murray Country program on Saturday at 4pm. The big day is St Patricks Day March 17th. Have fun, drink Guinness and sing a song.



We were sad to hear of the passing of Pejay Mirtschin on 25th January. He & his wife, Joy, were popular presenters at EMFM. (Right) We were pleased he was well enough to sit in our new studios soon after we shifted in. Condolences to Joy & family, he will be greatly missed.



Our youngest presenter, Arielle, completed her VCE studies last year and is taking a gap year in Echuca. She will try to fit in her program, The Jukebox Mix from 4pm - 6pm Fridays, around her work commitments. She apologises if she's unable to go to air some days.



MUSIC LIBRARY LADIES We are lucky to have these lovely ladies, Carol Hone and Tracey Bennett, working with us at EMFM. They are on loan from the Echuca Museum and are experts at cataloguing. They are busy cataloguing all the CD's in our Library - a big task! If you'd like to donate any of your CD's you'd better get them in quick while these ladies are here. We would like more recent music, from 1990 - 2024.

FUNDING.

EMFM is a not for profit organisation. Over the years we have received grants from the Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF), Shire of Campaspe, Echuca Moama Community Enterprise (EMCE), Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), Echuca Workers Club, Moama Bowling Club (MBC) and the Moama RSL. We also receive funds from sponsorship, membership and donations. We are indebted to all these people and look forward to their continual support.

OUTSIDE BROADCASTS are an important part of our community work at EMFM. Here is a list of up coming OB's.

- * Campaspe Shire Discovery Day - Saturday March 16th, 10am - 1pm.
- * Rocky Murals - Sat April 13th 10am - 3pm.
- * ANZAC Day - April 25th
- * Steam, Iron & Trades Revival, Rotary Park - June 8th
- * Winter Blues Festival - Sat June 27th
- * Girgarre Music Showdown - Nov 4th
- * Moama Lions Club Carols By Candlelight, Dec 2024.



John Vincent, Val Horne & Jimbo at the OB at the Moama Market on Sunday 28th January. Thanks to Chris Campbell for setting up and doing the first hour.



OUR PRESENTERS



OUR IN-HOUSE TECHNICAL TEAM

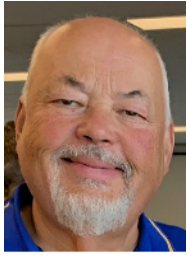


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GETTING TO KNOW ANDY CAMERON “The Road Less Travelled”
5pm-7pm Tuesday

Why did you call your program The Road Less Travelled?

A: I play music that is less played to air than other shows. Often these are well known tracks by lesser well known artists.

Do you enjoy travelling?

A: I love travelling. Last year I was on the road for 4 months travelling through South Australia, North Territory, Western Australia, and a cruise to Hawaii. This year it will be Texas (April), Darwin (August), Norway (October) and Singapore (November).

What are some of your favourite places?

A: The Swiss Alps are definitely a must, Portland Oregon is a fascinating city, and of course the Australian Outback cannot be missed.

How long have you lived in Echuca/Moama?

A: Over 4 years, since 2019. We chose Echuca Moama because of the vibrant economy, the festivals, events and climate. My connection to the local community is stronger here. I guess being retired helps.



Where did you grow up?

A: I was born in North Fitzroy and grew up all over Victoria from Gippsland to Melbourne.

What type of music do you like listening to?

A: I enjoy Jazz, Blues, Soul, Folk, Roots, R&B (The original kind), rock, and the occasional country track.

Have you been to any concerts lately?

A: In 2024 I have seen Jo Camilleri in Echuca and the Choir of Man in Melbourne.



Do you have any other hobbies?

A: I am a member of the Echuca Pistol Club, enjoy my 6km walks around Moama in early morning, play a little golf (badly), try my hand at cycling, and am a volunteer driver for the Murray River Shire Community Services team. I also enjoy our monthly meetings with the Palliative Care Bereavement Group.

Why did you decide to become a radio presenter?

A: I did a morning show in the Yarra Valley in the early 2000's and enjoyed it so much I thought I would try it out here. Late afternoon is a different time slot for me and has its own challenges.

Why is community radio important?

A: Community Radio reflects the world we are most familiar with and as such offers accessibility and self expression for that community. The team at EMFM are well connected to, and are very supportive of, the local community.



MYELOMA GREATEST WALK - Sunday 3rd March 10pm at EMFM



It was a beautiful day and we had a great roll up for the Myeloma Greatest Walk, superbly organised by John Vincent



Many walkers of all ages came. Some were dealing with myeloma or knew of those who were.



Lots of dogs completed the course with their owners.



Many thanks to the Kiwanis who provided a delicious sausage sizzle.



ECHUCA MOAMA TOURISM (EMT) FUNCTION Thurs 29th Feb, at The Junction, Moama.



L: Maureen Baker, Ross Veale and Laurelin Berick.
R: John Vincent, Naomi Murray (General Manager), Samantha & Scott Spedding (Coolabah Turf).



INTERVIEWS



We were all very sad to hear that the Echuca Holden Museum is closing in April. Unfortunately Tony and Mark Galea were unable to sell their business. Tony (left & below) came in to Jimbo's Breaky Program in January and told us all about the business, how it began and what direction they are going in now. We thank them for the hours of pleasure they've given Holden enthusiasts and wish them both well in the future. See the podcast on our Facebook page.

CLASSICS FOR PLEASURE You may have noticed that after many years, Ron has decided to finish doing his program, Classics For Pleasure, on Sunday nights. We'd like to thank Ron for the many hours he has spent producing this program. He will still continue with his Gospel Road at 7pm - 9pm on Monday night and his Out and About program at 10am on Friday morning.



Out & About - Friday Program 10am - Ron Wood
 First Friday in Month - Campaspe Shire
 Second - Murray River Council
 Third - Library Bytes - Echuca Library - Jenny Mustey
 Fourth - Victoria Police - 11am Echuca Lions Club
 Fifth - Echuca Neighbourhood House - Sarah Peake
 Any extra interviews - 11am Fridays



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