



NEWSLETTER

ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY RADIO

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Roger Peake **AGM 6th October 2pm at EMFM.**

I could use many words to describe volunteering at Radio EMFM, and "busy" would be close to the top of the list! Since our last newsletter, we have had successful

Outside Broadcasts at the Loco Shed (a very cold morning, but Kirky still had his shorts on!) and, the following week, at Hopwood Gardens on the Saturday and Sunday of the Winter Blues Festival.

It was very gratifying to hear from one gentleman who dropped by our broadcast marquee to say that he had been listening to our blues coverage at home, and then decided to come down and check it out for himself, something he would not otherwise have done.

In conjunction with the Winter Blues Festival, we had our good friend, former EMFM presenter and chair of the organising committee Laurelin Berick come in to the studio for a couple of chats about the festival during our Gig Guide on Thursday afternoons, and also a number of presenters were involved in interviewing a dozen of the festival artists with interviews going to air before the festival started.



If you missed them, you can still find the interviews, including one of the chats with Laurelin, on our website (and, if you scroll down, on our Facebook page). Kirky and I also had chats with a number of the students (left) attending the

Songwriter's Studio, held in conjunction with the Blues Festival, and their tutors.

We have had a number of presenters away over the past couple of months, and I would like to thank all of those who have stepped up to cover slots left vacant during those absences. Special thanks to Kirky for doing an extra three breakfast shows a week, and to Dot for doing "Fifties on a Friday", while Jimbo was having a well-earned break. 7am is a very early start on a winter's morning! (Cont'd page 2)



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont'd. If you have visited our studio recently, you may have noticed some fresh concrete outside the entrance to the studio. Keep your eye on it, as changes are afoot!

Remember to check our website for information on our presenters, our Program Guide and also for our podcasts. Our podcasts stay on the website for around three months before they expire. And keep listening to Radio EMFM 104.7 for music, news, sport and to keep up to date with what is happening in Echuca and Moama.

And remember our AGM, to be held on Sunday 6 October at 2.00pm at the studios, we'd love to see you there. Roger.

OUTSIDE BROADCASTS (OB's)



WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL
25th - 28th July.



The OB of the Winter Blues was excellent. We were able to hook into the band's PA systems and this resulted in great musical quality. Many thanks to Chris Campbell and his team Dot, Paul, Andy, Kirky and Roger Peake, you did a great job.

OUTSIDE BROADCASTS are an important part of our community work at EMFM. They help showcase the special events that take place. Here is a list of planned OB's:

- * Girgarre Music Showdown - Nov 4th
- * Echuca Show Nov 10th
- * Remembrance Day Nov 11th
- * Moama Lions Club Carols By Candlelight, 6.30-8.30pm Kerrabee Soundshell. Dec 8th.

These OB's are tentative & will take place if conditions are right and presenters are available.

ECHUCA LOCO SHED - Community Open Day July 21st



We held an excellent OB at the Loco Shed. You can see our table on the right, just near the door. Special thanks to Chris Campbell for heading up the team and thanks to Kirky, Paul, Dot & Andy for their work on the day.

It's great to see the Loco Shed being developed. We'd like to thank the committee of volunteers who have worked very hard to make this happen. Dick Phillips is an important member of the committee. Kirky interviewed him on 13th July. (Photo last page).

Right: Dot Hammond
(Photo courtesy Riv Herald)



SONGWRITER'S STUDIO - WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL



About 20 secondary students from local schools attended the workshop, run in conjunction with the Winter Blues Festival. As part of their training in songwriting & performing, a small group visited EMFM. They sat in with Roger Peake, Kirky & Dot Hammond. During Roger Peake's Just 60's on Thursday, a couple of students even sang a song they had composed during the workshop.



YOUTH EXPO 2024 - Echuca Basketball Stadium Thursday September 12th, 10am - 2pm. The Echuca Moama Youth Expo, held every two years, is an exhibition to connect students to local services, groups and volunteering. It is held for local students in years 8 & 9. Presenters from EMFM will be attending this expo to showcase how community radio can be a stepping stone to a career in radio, either through production or announcing.



MIX IT UP - Tuesdays 10am - noon. For all those who have missed Val's wonderful program you'll be glad to know that she is finishing her travels and will be back on air soon. Check our Facebook page.



GRANTS: As you know EMFM is a not-for-profit organisation and we exist through sponsorship announcements, membership fees and grants.

Over the years we have been very lucky to receive grants to help provide the things we need to keep broadcasting. We receive grants from different organisations - CBF, FRRR, EMCE, Moama RSL, Workers - but I'd particularly like to thank the Campaspe Shire. We have just received funding through their Community Grants Program to purchase a small 3m x 3m marquee which will be easily erected by one or two people, and can be used when our large one won't fit the space allocated. Thank you to all the organisations who provide grants to help non for profit groups to continue their work.



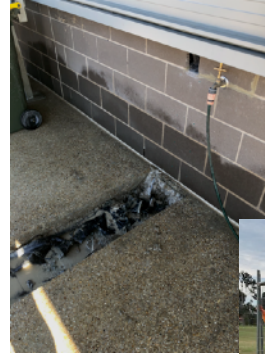
CBAA CONFERENCE

17th -19th October. Gold Coast Surfers Paradise. Chris Moor & Val Horne will attend - supported by Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) funding. The FRRR have also funded the new aerial that is being built.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE AERIAL - NORTH SIDE OF EMFM



The aerial project has taken over 18 months to organise but we are finally seeing some progress thanks to John V & Paul N's tenacity.



Left: Digging the line from the aerial into the tech room.
Below: Cage around concreted aerial base.



We are waiting for the metres of concrete base to set before the aerial can be erected.



CHANGES TO THE ECHUCA EAST COMMUNITY FACILITY



Right: We finally have a sign. Thanks to Dot for liaising with the Shire. Looks great.



Above: Construction has begun on the skate park on the north side of the area, next to the school.
Right: Beautiful view of building looking south from the skate park.



From the Programme Committee

We are coming to the end of a couple of much-loved shows: Webby's Wireless Show will be finishing shortly as its presenter, Graham Webb, died on 26 April, just after his 88th birthday.

As you would know from listening to his show, he was one of the pioneers of Australian broadcasting, having started his career at

2TM Tamworth when he was 18 years of age.

Allan Quinn has also been retired for some time, and we are looking into a replacement programme for Saturday nights.

If you like the good old-time rock and roll, tune into Bruce Chapman for "Chappie's Rock'n'Roll Hour" every Tuesday at 5pm. Bruce was the leader of rock group The Teddy Boys and plays great music along with a few yarns about life back in the Sixties.

Happy listening on Radio EMFM 104.7.

OUR NEWEST PRESENTER - BRUCE CHAPMAN



Born in the 60's I grew up listening to everything that moved. I was very fortunate to be trained in Ballarat at a very young age as a drummer by Don Kerby and played my first professional gig at 13 years old. For 10 years

I played in country rock and cabaret bands covering every type of venue you could imagine.

I learnt the business from the live shows, watching great bands like Trevor Gleeson and Chiodo, The Blue Echoes and of course Countdown.

I became a rock and roll crank when Ol'55 hit the scene and also studied Happy Days on TV. Learning to sing and to harmonise at a young age led me to create the very successful 50's band, The Teddy Boys, and I was the front man.

Retiring from the music scene I moved to Echuca 10 years ago and I was introduced to Radio EMFM and now enjoy presenting that specific time of the past sound and talking about different artists throughout the show.

Listen in on Tuesdays at 5pm, send in your requests and we will keep the rock n roll

Newly retired? Ever thought of becoming a radio presenter? Get in touch with us, we provide free training to anyone prepared to commit their time to joining our on-air team. Roger Peake.



MUSIC LIBRARY LADIES Carol Hone and Tracey Bennett have been very busy and have catalogued & sorted all the CD's up to the letter G. Donated CD's will be accepted at this time.

OUR PRESENTERS



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INTERVIEWS



Left: Dick Phillips (Loco Shed) was interviewed by Kirky on 13th July during his morning program.



Above: Eleanor Bridge - No Interest Loans - Neighbourhood House was interviewed by Ron Wood on Out and About last Friday. She was followed by an interview with Rob Foran - Rotary.

Right: Jessica Ibbeson - Community Development Officer Campaspe Shire.



Many people have been in the studios during July/August. Here's a list of some of the visitors and interviewees:

Georgi Baker, Peter Heywood, Stephen Fernando, Bec Burns, Frank Cawley, Cheryl Hannen, Jaiden D'Angelo, Danielle Clarke, Emily Donohoe, Geoff Pankhurst, Geoff Crossman, Jenny Brearley, Rob Foran, Jenny Mustey, Sarah McKenzie, Shelley Parker, Terry Dodds, Danielle Clarke, Gemma Hargreaves, Ian Whatley, Barry Higgins, all representing various organisations in our community. It's great to see so much community interaction.

PRESENTERS' GET TOGETHER - held every 3 months.

It was held in the studio at 5.30pm on Friday 16th August. It is important for us to all meet regularly, as people come and go during the week and don't get a chance to interact.

As well as the social aspect, it also gives us a chance to discuss any technical issues that arise or share any information we all need to know.

Out & About - Friday Program 10am - Ron Wood

First Friday in Month - Campaspe Shire

Second - Murray River Council

Third - Library Bytes - Jenny Mustey. 11am - ERH.

Fourth - Victoria Police - 11am Echu Lions Club

Fifth - Echuca Neighbourhood House - Sarah Peake

Any extra interviews - 11am Fridays



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