



# NEWSLETTER

## ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY RADIO

EMFM 104.7  
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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT Roger Peake

So, 2024 has almost completed its playlist, and we wait to see what tracks await us in 2025.

We have been busy with outside broadcasts: Moama Market on November 3, Echuca Show November 9, Remembrance Day

November 11, Showdown at the Soundshell in Girgarre November 16, and Carols by Candlelight from the Moama Soundshell on December 8. Thanks to all who helped with - and who listened to - our outside broadcasts this year. Our OB team is having a well-earned break over Christmas, but we'll be back next year: and watch out for our brand new marquee! We have a new programme, "Flashback to the Sixties" with James Barrington, which you can hear at 6pm Fridays with a repeat at 6am Saturdays.

Bruce Chapman will be extending his "Chappie's Rock'n'Roll Hour" to two hours in the new year. Listen for announcement: we'll let you know when it's going to happen. And of course if you listen to Bruce every Tuesday at 5pm you'll be the first to know!

There is a podcast of Bruce chatting with Pee Wee Wilson from The Delltones on our website; you can listen to it for the next three weeks or so before its time is up.

On behalf of the board and all the volunteers at Radio EMFM, I would like to wish you and yours a very happy Christmas, a safe holiday period and good health in 2025.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and a HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
from the  
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EMFM 104.7**



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### LIFE MEMBERS:

John Vincent	2022
Rob Kemp- D	2021
Ron Wood	2020
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Fred Every- D	2007
Karen Jenner	2003
Harry Ross- D	2003
Les Crook- D	2003
Doug Crow	1996

## **Breaking News: THE MAST - AT LAST!**

After two years of planning, liaising with the Shire of Campaspe, and surveyors, town planners, ACMA, manufacturers, transport drivers and crane operators, the mast finally arrived. It was unloaded last Wednesday (18th Dec), assembled on Thursday (19th Dec) and erected on Friday (20th Dec), thanks to the persistence and dedication of John Vincent and the assistance of Paul Napier, Graeme Stevens, the technical team and many volunteers who helped connect the pieces together and erect the mast in the heat.



1: Paul watching the Cummings truck arrive with the mast in 3 pieces.

2: Unloading outside the studios

3 & 4: Joining the pieces together.

5: Securely leaving the mast over night

6 & 7: Cummings crane returned the next day and erected the mast.

The many metres of concrete foundations had been curing for months. Everything went exactly according to plan.



## THE MAST cont'd



**L: In the basket, R: halfway up the 20 metre mast, Far R: Paul attaching the dipole antenna to the mast. Below: Bird's Eye View!**



**Above right: Packing up the Cummings crane. Below left: Paul attaching the inspection cover.**



**Below: At the end of 3 action packed days John is finally sitting back surveying his work. Job well done!**



**Thanks to the Foundation For Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) for providing a \$15,000 grant. Thanks also to ACE Radio who generously shared their tower with us for 2 years while we were making this happen. Thanks everyone.**



## OUTSIDE BROADCASTS & LIVE BROADCASTS



Jim & John at the Moama Market 3rd November with young dancers,



Right: John & Jim talking to Moama Market licensee, Tim Harley.



SHOW: John & Val chatting outside the marquee at the Show.



Showbags, sideshows and free pony rides, hair braiding & face painting for the children, with spectacular fireworks at night.



Thanks to Kirky, Dot, Andy, Val & Paul and everyone who helped with the OB at the Echuca show.





## OUTSIDE BROADCASTS AND LIVE BROADCASTS CONT'D



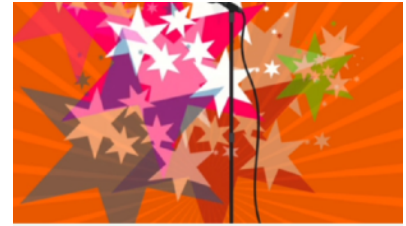
**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - Echuca Cenotaph 11/11/24. Once again John Vincent, Roger Kirchhofer, Chris Campbell produced a very successful live broadcast.

Left: RSL representative John Hollowood.



**GIRGARRE SHOWDOWN:** John Vincent, Roger Peake & Paul Napier had an excellent live broadcast of the Showdown at the Soundshell in Girgarre. Kaitlyn Martin & Aditi

Xavier were equal winners with Emma Gleeson second. The contestants were all very talented. Right: Roger interviewing a contestant.



**Showdown at the Soundshell 2024**

Sat, 16 Nov | Girgarre



**CAROLS:** The crowd was huge, over 1,500 people, and of course Santa came too.



**Moama Lions Club & Dillmac Entertainment**

**Carols by Candlelight**

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Kerrabee Soundshell**

**Local Performers**

Lions BBQ 5.00pm  
Port Ice Creamery  
Let's de Caffe  
The Donut Man

Tune in Sunday at 6pm for the LIVE BROADCAST on

**Community Radio**

**EMFM 104.7**

The students from Dillmac did an great job organising the program and providing the entertainment. Thanks to Chris, John & Jim for an excellent live broadcast.







**ROGER KIRCHHOFFER:** And yet another year has just about passed us. As we say goodbye to 2024, hopefully everyone had a great year; it certainly was a busy one!

As the years go by, I feel they get busier, well for Ann & myself they do.

I'd like to wish my fellow announcers, Board Members & their partners a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

To all our valued community members, thanks for your support. I trust you will have a safe and happy Christmas.

Remember to tune in over the break and next year for heaps more Hits, Memories & Golden Oldies from the 60's + 70's.

Cheers, Kirky.

## OUR PRESENTERS



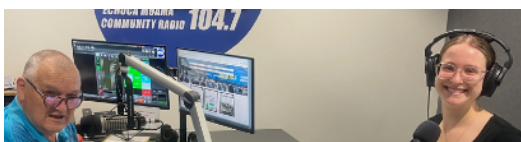
## WE'VE FINISHED!

After many months Carol Horne & Tracey Bennett have finally finished sorting & cataloguing the many thousands of CD's in our library.

What a mammoth job! Finding all the duplicates, eliminating all the unusable CD's, and sorting the good ones into easy to find categories.

They have worked diligently week after week and we would sincerely like to thank them for their wonderful contribution to EMFM.

## OUR IN-HOUSE TECHNICAL TEAM



**EMILY DONOHOE** learning about our community radio station from Jimbo.

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## GRAHAM HODGSON (HODDO)



Graham's greatest fans - his family - visited him at EMFM. Right: Graham introducing Anthony Davies to broadcasting.



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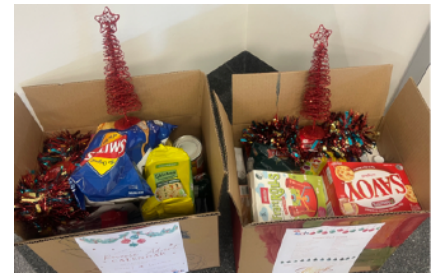
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# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & ENH HAMPERS



EMFM'S tree for the festival was decorated with CD's displaying photos of the board, presenters & volunteers.



Thank you to everyone at EMFM who donated produce for the Echuca Neighbourhood House Hampers. We hope they help to make Christmas more joyous for the recipients.

## EMFM CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE WORKERS ON 1ST DECEMBER.



Board & presenters enjoying the social get together at Christmas time.



## COMPETITION WINNERS



As you can see by this action packed newsletter it has been another very busy year at EMFM. We are on air 24/7 and provide a wide variety of programs with news, weather, information government announcements, interviews and we love publicising local events and fund raisers. We look forward to welcoming in 2025 and hope that it will be a good year for us all. Happy New Year everyone.



## INTERVIEWS & VISITS



Left: Lal Whyte - Lion's Christmas Trailer Raffle major fundraiser.

Below: Julie Langdon - Toy Drive, Hamper Drive & free Christmas Lunch.



Below: Hendrick Kirchhofer and students from 208 Primary School - school fete major fundraiser.



Above: Brad Hodge - Latrobe Uni. Student nurses, April McGillivray, Sophie Dowell & Tiahna performing free health checks Lockington Kyabram, Rushworth & Stanhope.

Below: Brad Hodge & Carrie Anne- rural health checks.

Eddy Smith - 60's & over bowls.

Lachlan Cozens & Kerrie Hawkes (shire),



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**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 Echuca Lions Club  
Fifth - Echuca Neighbourhood House - Sarah Peake  
Any extra interviews - 11am Fridays



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