



NEWSLETTER

ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY RADIO

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PRISIDENT'S REPORT - ROGER PEAKE

Am I the only one who is finding that, just when one is in the prime of one's life, the passage of time speeds up and the months fly by quicker than the V/Line service to Melbourne? It seems like only a few days ago that I was marshalling a few thoughts for the Christmas edition of the newsletter, and now here we are

two months in to 2026.

January and February have seen a couple of presenters on holidays, and another couple off the air temporarily while medical conditions were attended to.

We look forward to having them back. The next two months are shaping up to be busy ones, including our major fundraiser, My Greatest Walk, at the Echuca East Recreation Reserve at 11am on the 29th March.

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John Vincent	2022
Rob Kemp- D	2021
Ron Wood	2020
Di Richmond	2015
Fred Every- D	2007
Karen Jenner	2003
Harry Ross- D	2003
Les Crook- D	2003
Doug Crow	1996

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont'd

We have a team from Vivid coming in for a visit on two occasions in March, and we are about to start training some new presenters, so keep tuned for more news on them.



Echuca Moama Discovery Day

Meet local community groups and explore a range of social, sporting and service clubs.

All residents welcome - especially if you are new to the area!

It's a great opportunity to connect, get involved, and feel part of your local community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Saturday, 14 March
10am - 1pm

Where: Echuca Library,
310 Hare St

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

COMPLIMENTARY TEA & COFFEE

We also have a number of Outside Broadcasts coming up:
the Echuca Moama Discovery Day at the Echuca Library on March 14,
a multicultural festival from Tongala on March 21

the Rochester Mural Festival on March 27

the Showdown at the Soundshell in Girgarre on March 29.



GET CREATIVE AND INVOLVED IN THE 2026 ROCHYBAL MURAL COMPETITION

THEME: THE POWER OF SMALL MOMENTS

1st prize - \$100 voucher
2nd prize - \$50 voucher

OPEN SECTION (18+)

ENTRY FEE \$5
To be paid when dropping completed canvas off

ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 13

CANVASES AVAILABLE FROM IDDLES EMPORIUM

Completed canvases: drop off to Iddles Emporium



29 MARCH 2026

SHOWDOWN AT THE SOUNDHELL

YOUTH MUSIC TALENT COMPETITION

Three huge prizes up for grabs: \$1,000, a Born & Bred recording session, and Best Instrumentalist - with more to win!

Applicants must be aged 12-18
Apply online with a performance video link
Parent/guardian consent required if under 16
Final participants selected by an expert panel

APPLICATIONS CLOSE MARCH 8

March 29th is the same date as our My Greatest

Walk to raise funds for Myeloma Australia. I hope that you will be able to support this worthy cause by signing up and walking as many laps as you wish of the walking circuit around our studios in the Echuca East

Recreation Reserve.

April brings Easter, and later in the month Anzac Day. Radio EMFM will once again be broadcasting the Anzac Day Service from the Cenotaph in Echuca on April 25.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont'd

Thank you again for supporting us through your membership and by listening to EMFM104.7. We look forward to seeing you at our outside broadcasts - if you feel like coming and chatting with us - and we welcome any suggestions that you may have to make our broadcasts even better. There is also a contact form on our website, or you can email us on info@radioemfm.org.au. Regards, Roger.

GREAT NEWS!
Now everyone (even if they have an Apple device) can access our podcasts via the Community Radio Plus app! EMFM Chats

Roger Peake has been working hard with our wonderful sponsor, Neil Greaves, to make our podcasts accessible to iPhones. Thank you for all the time you have put into exploring this technology, and particular thanks to Neil from Vast Design who manages our website, and continually uploads our changing information. Thank you Neil.



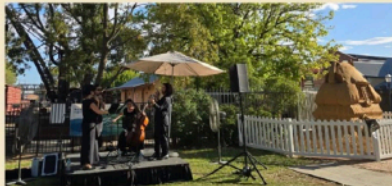
Left: Our talented treasurer Daryl Scott, working out the station's financials with John Vincent.



Left: Roger with members of the Cedar Collective on the wharf in Echuca.

Wonderland ON THE MURRAY

Cedar Collective String Quartet Concerts
Saturday 7 March



6-7pm and 8-9pm
Port of Echuca Pop Up Park,
Murray Esplanade, Echuca

BYO chairs, rugs and food

OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER PRESENTERS -
 Dot Hammond, Ron Wood, Jim Harris, Ellie Wallace, Roger Peake, John Vincent, Roger Kirchhofer, Val Ellis, Val Horne, Andy Cameron, Bruce Chapman, Graham Hodgson, Murray Whiteford & Jake Chapman.

OUR PRESENTERS



VAL'S GARDENING SHOW
Planting ideas for Echuca Moama

- Val loves to talk about plants and pass her knowledge onto the community.
- Easy to listen to seasonal planting ideas.
- Many years' experience as a local florist.
- Providing practical & credible gardening advice.

Thursday 9am – 10am

Community Radio at its best

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Above: One of the great posts John Vincent has been busy creating on our Facebook page.

OUR TECHNICAL TEAM



Above: We are extremely indebted to our Technical Team - John Vincent, Graeme Stevens, Paul Napier, Shannon Savage, Dave Hollamby & William Pel, their diligence and expertise helps to keep us on air 24/7.



CHAPPY'S ROCK'N' ROLL EVENING
 Tuesdays 5pm - 7pm.
 Great music to rock to.
 Text him with your requests.



Diddy Di Diddy

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We hope you enjoyed the program honouring all the singers who made their final curtain call in 2025. The program was written and produced by Roger Peake and Jim Harris, and went to air on Monday 5th January, 2026.


Be sure to be tuned in to next year's program which will go to air early in January 2027.



Left: EMFM are proud supporters of the WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL



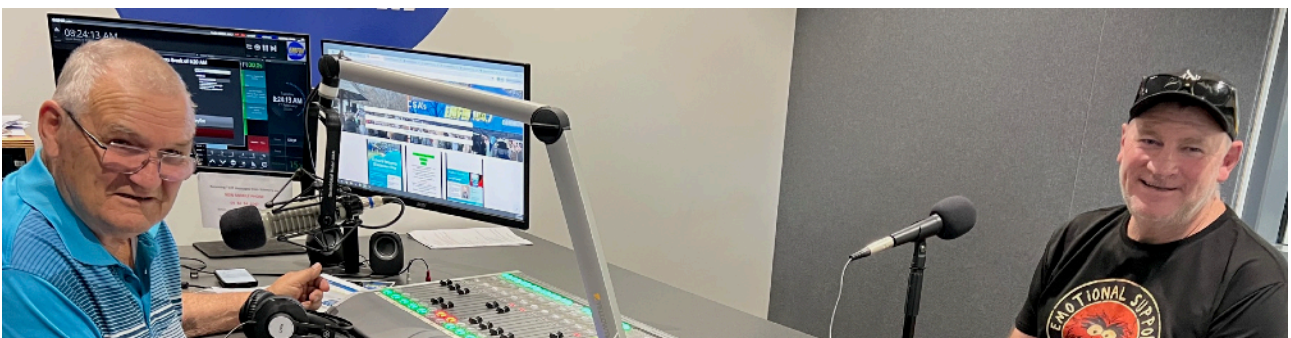
Above: Ricki Wood - (Ricki Wood Music) recorded an interview with John Vincent on the 8th February. He is a Melbourne based performer and was off to play at Echuca Workers that afternoon.



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Community Broadcasting Foundation

Below: 17/02/26 Paul Colyvan talking to Jimbo about the youth talent competition, the Gargarre Showdown at the Soundshell, on 29th March. Entries close 8th March.



INTERVIEWS with RON on Out and About



Above: 13/02/26 Joy Allan Murray River Council.

Below: 23/01/26 This is the first time 1st Constable Matthew Cox has spoken on air with Ron.

Carol Anne Lever CEO ERH spoke to Ron on Out and About on 20/02/26 (Not pictured).

OB'S/EVENTS AT A GLANCE.

- 14/03/26 - Discovery Day at Library
- 27/03/26 - Rochester Mural Festival
- 29/03/26 - Showdown at the Soundshell
- 29/03/26 - My Greatest Walk - Myeloma
- 25/04/26 - Anzac Day Live Broadcast
- 17/05/26 - Lockington Show'n'Shine



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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