



NEWSLETTER

ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY RADIO

EMFM 104.7
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PRISIDENT'S REPORT - ROGER PEAKE

Have you been in the position of retiring from full-time work and being asked "What are you going to do with all that spare time?" If you have, and were unsure of your answer, volunteering at your local community radio station could be the solution that you've been looking for!

Once again, there is plenty to report on for this newsletter.

Firstly, we are sorry to inform you that Ellie, who has been presenting "An Afternoon With Ellie" and "Jazz Giants" for a number of years, has had to retire due to health issues. I am sure that all listeners will join with us at the station in sending her our best wishes.



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LIFE MEMBERS:

Graeme Stevens	2025
John Vincent	2022
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Ron Wood	2020
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Les Crook- D	2003
Doug Crow	1996

IMPORTANT DATES

Annual General Meeting 2026 Sunday 27th
 September 2pm-4pm at EMFM.

30TH BIRTHDAY - EMFM will be celebrating 30 years
 in community broadcasting on 18th October 2026.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont'd Still on a personal note, our condolences to EMFM Station Manager John Vincent, whose father (Roy Vincent) passed away at the end of February.

At EMFM we try to get out and support local events with our outside broadcast team, and March was a particularly busy month. March 14 saw us at the Campaspe Discovery Day at Echuca Library, interviewing representatives of a selection of the community groups represented there (photos page 5).

A week later we were enjoying the sun (and some delicious gelato!) at the Tongala Multicultural Festival.

Friday March 27 saw us in Rochester (right) where we were (literally) blown away by the reception we got!. Note to selves: peg the marquee down when it's windy! We interviewed a number of the mural artists as well as some of the "behind the scenes" volunteers without whom the Mural Festival could not go ahead.



Two days later we returned to Girgarre (above) for this year's Showdown at the Soundshell to broadcast this year's event (timing was changed from November to March to avoid school exams). Some of the up and coming young artists heard in the broadcast have already featured in our regular Gig Guide (4.30pm Thursday) where we go through all the Live music in Echuca and Moama for the coming weekend.

The same day saw us host the annual My Greatest Walk to benefit Myeloma Australia at the Echuca East Recreation Reserve. We raised over \$1500 to benefit the charity.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont'd

The Echuca Anzac Day service was our only outside broadcast for April (right). Look for us in May at the Lockington Swap Meet & Show 'N' Shine on May 17.



Above: Grp 1 Nate, Saxon & Claudia. 02/03/26

VIVID: We enjoyed hosting two groups from Vivid's School Leaver Employment Supports programme. We showed them our studios, told them how we operate and recorded our visitors so that they could hear how they might sound as radio presenters!



Above: Gr 2 Roger P, Talisha, Oliver & support worker Josh Mahoney. They all enjoyed seeing how Community Radio works. 13/04/26

Speaking of new presenters, as mentioned in the last newsletter we have a number of people in training and you should be able to hear some new voices on 104.7 shortly.

PODCASTS: Have you discovered our podcasts? Some of the interviews you hear live on our station have been released as podcasts, giving you 90 days to catch up on some of the good things you might have missed - or to listen again. You can find them on our website; but if you have an Apple device which has trouble with the format on our website, you can listen on the Community Radio Plus app. Download it, make Radio 104.7 a favourite station, and you'll find our podcasts under "Chats". If you go to Radio EMFM 104.7 on YouTube, you can find some of the older chats that have dropped off our website.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont'd Our thanks to Will Pel, our talented digital Librarian, for getting our YouTube channel up and running.



IMPORTANT DATES: Finally, two dates for your diary: our Annual General meeting will be held at the studios on Sunday 27 September at 2pm; and on Sunday 18 October we are planning to celebrate our 30th birthday with a party at the studios. Stay tuned for details! Roger.

MYELOMA - MY GREATEST WALK 29/03/26



Above: Group photo of the participants.



R: John V & Peter Gibson modelling the T shirts provided to participants.



L: John V & Therese Carlson drawing the raffle. Thanks to the Rotary Club for providing the BBQ and donating the proceeds.



ROCHESTER MURAL FESTIVAL 27/03/26
Theme: The Power of Small Moments



It's always good to be part of the Mural Festival and interview artists and organisers.



Results: 1st Marco Pennacchia
Highly Commended: Kerry & Dolly Nicholson.
People's Choice: Patricia Smart & Olly Grohs.

ECHUCA MOAMA DISCOVERY DAY AT THE ECHUCA LIBRARY 14/03/26



EMFM held an Outside Broadcast at the Discovery Day conducting many interesting interviews with community organisation representatives. As you can see it was a beautiful day and there were lots of people looking at the displays.

Below: John Vincent, Roger Peake & Dot Hammond.



Left: Val Horne interviewing Peter Walsh, member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly.



Left: Val with Christine Wakefield from the Bella Singing Group.



Right: The Bellas giving an impromptu singing performance. Below: Robert McLean with Roger Peake.



Above: John chatting to new member of EMFM Tony Annakis and Jan Annakis.



Thanks to John, Paul, Roger P, Roger K, Dot, Val H, Ron & Maree for attending & providing such an interesting live broadcast on the day.

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

OUR PRESENTERS



PRESENTERS' MEETING AT EMFM 26/03/26



Every 3 months we plan a presenters' meeting so we can discuss what is happening at the radio station. It's important for us to all get together.



ILLUMINATED LOGO



A generous listener donated the funds for us to purchase this 1 metre LED sign for the wall above our main computer. Thank you for your kind donation. Everyone is welcome to drop into EMFM and have a look.

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.



CBAA CONFERENCE
 Community Broadcasting
 Association of Australia
 Conference - Geelong
 22nd-24th October 2026.
 Registration fee \$585,
 accommodation not included.
 EMFM will pay this fee for
 members who wish to attend
 and be prepared to report
 information back to the board.
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EMFM are proud supporters of the Winter Blues Festival. Tune in for interviews leading up to the weekend.

INTERVIEWS with RON & Jimbo



Above: Tony Marwood, Deputy Mayor of Campaspe Shire Council with Ron on Out & About. This is an excellent program each Friday at 10am and Ron has some great interviews with Echuca & Moama councillors, Echuca & Moama police, Neighbourhood House, Jenny Mustey from Echuca Library & Lions.



Above: John & Jimbo interviewed Sarah Dore, Licensing Manager from OneMusic, simplifying music licensing for businesses.

EMFM MEMBERSHIP is currently at 110. Echuca Moama's population is over 24,000. We would love more people to show their support of our community radio station by becoming members for only \$20 adult & \$10 student. Forms available on our website or email membership@radioemfm.org.au



Gardening expert Val Ellis - 9am Thursdays - says to enjoy all the beautiful autumn trees around Echuca at the moment and get ready to rake up the leaves.

OB'S/EVENTS AT A GLANCE.
 17/05/26 - Lockington Show'n'Shine
 23/07/26 - Winter Blues festival
 27/09/26 - Annual General Meeting
 18/10/26 - 30th Birthday Celebrations

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



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