



NEWSLETTER

ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY RADIO

EMFM 104.7
JULY/AUGUST 2026



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Roger Peake. July and August have come and gone, and we have had a few tastes of spring in the last days of winter. Jimbo has returned to his breakfast show Tuesdays

through to Fridays at 7am.

Welcome back, Jimbo - and thanks to Kirky, Val and Dot who filled in so admirably in your absence. Kirky is still there on Monday mornings in his regular time slot to kickstart your week.

We have also welcomed Kim Challands as a new presenter. His "Diggin' For Gold Downunder" at 7pm on Tuesdays draws on Kim's encyclopaedic knowledge of the Australian groups who entertained audiences back in the day without quite going on to find fame and fortune. Well worth a listen if you haven't already discovered it.

William Pel is now well established in his time slot of 8pm on Thursdays with "The Librarian's Quarters", and "Agro's Music Memories" has been extended to two hours, still at 1pm on Tuesdays. We have a new jazz programme, "Hot, Sweet and Jazzy", for all the jazz buffs. It's on at 9pm on Sundays.

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, 10am - 2pm. Cake, sausages, music, fun.

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Graeme Stevens	2025
John Vincent	2022
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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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont'd. The Echuca Winter Blues Festival at the end of July saw us at Hopwood Gardens for an outside broadcast of the performances on both the Saturday and Sunday.



Our next outside broadcasts will be from the Emergency Services Expo at Hopwood Gardens on October 24, and the Echuca Show on November 7.

Finally, a couple of dates for your diary: Sunday 27 September, 2pm for our Annual General Meeting; and Sunday 18 October for our 30th birthday barbecue. I hope that you can join us at the Echuca East Recreation Facility ([36 Sutton Street](#), adjoining our studios) for both of these events. Members should have received an invitation to the A.G.M., including information on how to nominate should you wish to join our Board of Management.

On October 18 we celebrate our 30th birthday with a party: entertainment from the Echuca Federal Band, an outside broadcast as well as presenters in the studio, and, of course, a cake! You will have the chance to see the studios in action, and meet our volunteers.

Thank you for supporting our station through your membership and listening to Radio EMFM. You are the reason that we are on air! Roger.



30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS 18/10/26

Get ready to help us celebrate our 30th birthday. Activities include: OB tent, live studio broadcast, Federal Band, Bellas Choir, Coffee Van, BBQ and cake cutting.

We have received many donations of CDs & records and volunteers Carol Horne & Tracey Bennett have sorted out all our duplicates. These duplicates will be available for you on our birthday, for a very small donation.



SHIRE GRANTS

EMFM is a not for profit organisation and relies on sponsorship, grants & donations. We'd like to thank the Campaspe Shire for the grants we have received over the years.

Grants that have enabled us to purchase our marquee (left), computers and update our equipment.

Our most recent grant from the shire is \$1,400 to fund the activities we have planned to celebrate our 30th birthday on the 18th October. We would like to thank Dot for applying, and the council for providing the grant.

VIVID VISIT

Two groups from VIVID visited EMFM on 14/7/26. The morning group: Dave H, Talisha, Jai, Joel, Jas & Emmet and the afternoon group: Dave H, Zac, Claudia, Anthony, Corey & Carol. It was great to show them around the studios.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email an A4 sized PDF document to Andy at studio@radioemfm.org.au. Send us your fliers and we would love to advertise your not for profit activities.



Above: Two local identities Martin & Adam visited EMFM on 22/8/26. They are long term members of the Friday Morning Creative Writing Group.

ECHUCA MOAMA WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL SONGWRITERS STUDIO 2026



SONGWRITERS STUDIO 23/7/26

As a lead up to the Blues Festival students are invited to take part in the intensive youth music mentorship program run in conjunction with APRA & AMCOS. Aspiring musicians aged between 12 & 25 write, collaborate and record original blues and roots music.

Michael Pollitt from Breakneck Records brought in some of the participants to talk with Kirky on his morning show, in the week leading up to the festival.

The Songwriters Studio is an important part of the festival as it gives young people the chance to improve their song writing skills. They also get a chance to visit their local community radio station.

ECHUCA MOAMA WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL 25th-26th JULY 2026

Once again EMFM took great pleasure in supporting the Winter Blues. We had some great interviews with performers leading up to the weekend, information on the Gig Guide, and live broadcasts on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th July.

Thank you to all our tech team, presenters & volunteers who worked hard over the weekend to make the broadcast such a success.

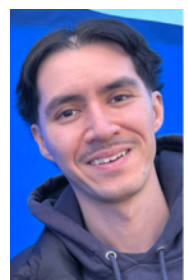
EMFM 104.7 is a community radio station and takes pride in supporting many of the events that happen in our community.



Above: Laurelin Berick with Roger & John on the Gig Guide. Laurelin is the outgoing CEO of the Winter Blues committee. She was a presenter at EMFM and has been on the Blues committee for four years during which time she has helped make the festival so successful. It's important to note that the festival is run by volunteers and attracts many people to Echuca mid-winter.



L & R: SHANNON SAVAGE & John Vincent. Finally we get to see Shannon again. He works & lives in Melbourne and is our tech expert solving all our software problems remotely. The station is extremely indebted to Shannon and thanks him for all the time he gives freely.



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, William Pel, Jake Chapman, David Cockcroft & Kim Challands.

VAL ELLIS has been presenting **Val's Garden Show** for over 15 years. Did you know **Judy McCleary** comes in monthly to talk to Val about Family History and she has been doing this for over 10 years. A wonderful effort by both ladies. Tune in and hear Judy on the 2nd Thursday of the month.



KIM CHALLANDS - Diggin' For Gold Downunder 7pm-8pm Tuesdays. Kim is one of our newest presenters - Welcome to EMFM. Kim comes to the radio station with a depth of knowledge in the music industry. He is the founder of the History of Australian Music from 1960-2000.



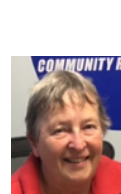
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CBAA CONFERENCE - Community Broadcasting Association of Australia Conference - Geelong 22nd-24th October 2026. Registration fee \$585, accommodation not included. Email: secretary@radioemfm.org.au for further information.

EMFM's Board Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month. Email the secretary with any agenda items.

Right: Our Technical Team - John Vincent, Graeme Stevens, Paul Napier, Shannon Savage, Dave Hollamby & William Pel, their expertise keeps us on air 24/7.

OUR PRESENTERS



Dot



Ron



Jimbo



Roger



Kirky



John



Val E



Val H



Andy



Bruce



Hoddo



Murray



Wil



Jake



Dave



Kim

OUR TECHNICAL TEAM



John



Graeme



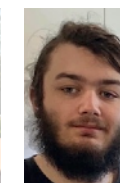
Paul



Shannon



Dave



William

INTERVIEWS with RON & KIRKY



Left: Phillip Reid (Service & Maintenance Manager) & Julian Bull (General Manager of Operations) from Coliban Water spoke about the progress of the Echuca Water Tower removal on Kirky's Hits & Memories.

Right: Jenny Mustey from the Echuca Library has been coming to talk to Ron about what's on at the Library for over 15 years. The library is an outstanding facility for Echuca and its success can be attributed to the hard work and diligence of Jenny and her crew.



Left: RON WOOD - It was great to see Ron featured in the Riv Herald on Friday 21st August. Ron is a long serving member of EMFM and has a wealth of knowledge on community radio. He has very interesting & informative interviews on his Out & About program at 10am on Fridays.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27th September 2pm.

Don't forget to come to our AGM. It will be a short meeting followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. We have been known to have fresh scones, jam & cream, home made sausage rolls and much more. If you're unable to come you may like to fill in a Proxy Voting Form. Email secretary@radioemfm.org.au and Dot will organise it for you.



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 - 10am - Moama Lions. 11am - Echuca Rotary



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