NEWSLETTER
ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY RADIO
EMFM 104.7
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Roger Peake. Yes, it's me again! The board meeting following our AGM saw all office bearers continuing in their current roles for another twelve months, so congratulations and thank you Dot for continuing as secretary, and likewise to Jim for acting as vice-president for another term.
The board functions well with the current members, but the time is approaching when we will need some new blood. That will be something to reflect on over the next few months.



September and October have been very busy. Maree, John and I did two sessions with Amy from Bush Biz Boost on social media.

Above: Val Ellis cuts EMFM's 30th birthday cake watched on by members of the Bellas choir who performed during the birthday celebrations.

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Val Ellis.	2026
Shannon Savage	2026
Maree Harris.	2026
Jim Harris	2026
Graeme Stevens	2025
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. As a result we are resuscitating our Instagram account which has lain dormant for some time. Like so much, it remains a work in progress.



Thank you to all who attended our Annual General Meeting on September 27. Your support is really appreciated by all of our volunteers at Radio EMFM.

And congratulations to Maree and Jim Harris on being made life members of the station.



In early October we were saddened to hear that Ron Wood, the doyen of our presenters, had had a fall. We have heard that he is home again and on the road to recovery, and we wish him well in his convalescence.

In Ron's absence, his "Gospel Road" programme on Monday nights will remain in recess, but Friday's "Out & About" at 10am continues with its schedule of interviews. Thanks to John Vincent for his chats on October 9, one of which, with technical guru and life member Graeme Stevens, looks back at the first 30 years of Radio EMFM and can be heard as a podcast on our website or via the Community Radio Plus app.





Sunday 18th October we welcomed a great crowd of supporters to our 30th birthday celebrations at the studios. Thanks to the Echuca Bellas and the Echuca Federal Band for providing the music, congratulations to the winners of our door prizes, and well done and thank you to Val Ellis and Shannon Savage who received life membership awards at the function.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont'd. Val has been presenting her garden show at 9am on Thursdays for many years, and Shannon started presenting his own show when he was a student at Primary School quite a few years ago. Shannon now works in IT and, working remotely from Melbourne, remains an invaluable support to our tech team when we have seemingly insurmountable problems with our computers.







Kirky with CFA Commander Paul Elso at the Emergency Services Expo.

On October 24 our Outside Broadcast team was at Hopwood Gardens for the Campaspe Emergency Service Expo. Thanks to Paul Napier for setting up the technical side, and Kirky and Dot for interviews & music. Our next outside broadcast will be at the Echuca Show on November 7 so please come up and say hello to our team if you see us at the show.

May I take this opportunity to thank all our members for their support - and to wish you a very happy Christmas, as our next newsletter will be at the end of December.
And stay tuned to radio EMFM 104.7! Roger Peake.

30th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - As part of the celebrations Dot Hammond had Ron's Newsletters, that he published from 2003 onwards, added to our latest Newsletters, and they have all been printed in a book. Here is Dot presenting Ron with a copy of the book.

Ron also made a scrap book containing press clippings of the radio station and Dot also had this published. Both books are available at the radio station.



EMFM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING September 27th 2026

Right: We had a very successful AGM with 27 members attending.





Left: Office Bearers - Jim Harris Vice President, Roger Peake President, Dot Hammond Secretary, Daryl Scott Treasurer.





Above Right: Bruce, Jake & John.

Above: Paul & Lyn Napier.





Above: Lori Peake & Laurelin Berick

Above: Ethel & John Monro with daughter Trish.



Right: Hoddo, Agro & Kirky.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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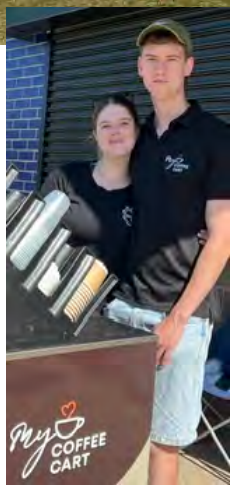
30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Left: Murray Whiteford, Roger Kirchhofer & Jim Harris manning the OB marquee.



Above Right: Kiwanis provided free sausages.
Right: Logan Mackrell & Layla Trevena provided free coffee & shakes.





Left: Bellas singing group led by Marion Heywood.

Below: Echuca Federal Band conducted by Roger Peake.



Right: Dot Hammond & Graham Hodgson with Andrew Mole whose live interview went to air. We'd like to thank Andrew, editor of the Riverine Herald, for their great coverage of our 30th Birthday including an 8 page supplement in Friday's Riv.



30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Cont'd



We had 12 door prizes and Julie was one of our lucky door prize winners. She's pictured here with Val Horne & Marg Smith.





Sorting through the hundreds of CD's & records was popular on the day and Nan & Joy (above) were able to grab a few bargains.

Below: Jenny Mustey (Library), Uncle Rick Ronin, John Blair and Pauline Cleary.





Above: Roger Peake, Val Horne & Jim Harris enjoying the festival atmosphere in the studios.



While celebrating 30 years in community broadcasting it's worth noting how far we have come. EMFM moved into their new building on July 1st 2022. It's important to remember all the hard work that went into planning it. John Vincent & Graeme Stevens went to many meetings with Peter Favero and Kerry Hawkes at the Shire. We'd like to thank John & Graeme for the many hours of work they put into designing the beautiful fit for purpose studios we have today.



PODCASTS



We're building up quite a library of podcasts. Above, Roger Peake is talking to Principal of St Joseph's College Echuca, Anne Marie Cairns and Rhys Leslie, Director of Data & Improvement at St Joseph's College 20/10/26, about their Work Experience Program. You can listen to it on our website.



Above: Molli Johns co-director of Echuca Moama Theatre Company's Moana on Jimbo's Breaky Program. 13/10/26



GRANTS: We'd like to thank the Campaspe Shire for the $1400 grant for our 30th birthday celebrations. The grant also funded the printing of our past newsletters and the scrapbook of press clippings that Ron has collected over the years.

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.

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

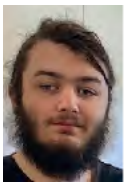

Val H


Andy


Bruce


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Murray


Wil


Jake


Dave


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OUR TECHNICAL TEAM

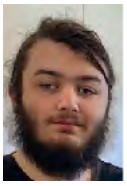

John


Graeme


Paul


Shannon


Dave


William

RON'S INTERVIEWS with RON, JOHN & ANDY



Left: Ron with Nicole Anderson & Belinda Owen Campaspe Shire. 04/09/26





Above: Ron with Stacy Williams Chief Executive Officer Murray River Council. 11/09/26

Below: John with Joy Allan Murray River Council. 09/10/26



Above: Senior Constable Viv Collins with Ron.25/09/26

Left: Andy Cameron with Graeme Johnston president Moama Lions. 30/10/26



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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