



West Gippsland Community Radio Inc.

Dear Presenters and Members

Welcome to the August edition of our **3BBRFM Email Bulletin**.

Included in this edition we provide an update of refurbishments at the station, news about other things happening around the station and news from our Board meeting held 24th July 2019.

Some Best Wishes

David Piggin is currently in hospital having had throat surgery and is currently having on-going treatment.

José Meyer has just had significant surgery and John reports that she is doing well.

Our best wishes to both David and José for their recovery from surgery and treatment in hospital.

On a happier note – best wishes to Gordon Shaw for his birthday on the 2nd August.

New Members and Sponsors

We welcomed as new members:

Wayne Pemberton

Patrick O'Doherty

We were pleased to welcome as a new sponsor:

Finesse Flooring Xtra

An Invitation to Presenters

We've now held a series of 4 **Presenters Workshops** at the Drouin Library Meeting Room over the past few months providing an opportunity to share their knowledge and develop their skills in presenting techniques, using the equipment, station policies and protocols regarding announcements for our sponsors, CSAs, promos, and station IDs, etc and providing information about equipment and computing upgrades. At the last of the workshops we looked at software and on-screen user interfaces including a demonstration of how these can be used by presenters for playing announcements for our SPONSORS, CSA's and STATION IDs.

There are still quite a number of presenters who have not attended any of the **Presenters Workshops** even though they have been scheduled at different times. The time of next **Presenters Workshop** is not settled at this stage but we will be sending out a personal invitation to those presenters who have not previously attended to come to the next workshop. This is really important so that all presenters are familiar with the new desk top equipment layout and procedures for using the computer software.

Those who attended previously had any fears about complicated procedures they may have had were completely allayed!! Even some of our "Non Tech Savvy" presenters were pleasantly surprised with the simplicity!

Studio Refurbishments

As this being written, laying of a new carpet in the on-air studio is proceeding. We won't have to shuffle around on the bare boards for much longer and once the new arrangements for the desk layout and computer configuration are completed we will have an on-air studio with features that are more closely aligned to contemporary broadcasting standards. This will include two computer screens. One will be a dedicated computer for program playlists for use by presenters as per the current "Blue" computer. The other will be configured as a dedicated computer for SPONSORS, CSA's and STATION IDs. This will remove the need to use the Mini-Disk players for these announcements as currently occurs.

While the refurbishments are proceeding presenters will need to use the Production Studio for a day or two. Ultimately we will be re-wiring the production studio to ensure that the two studios are a mirror image of one another. This will improve our ability to provide better quality training for new presenters and will provide greater flexibility when routine maintenance is required.

Work in Progress

In addition to the refurbishments to the on-air studio once the computer equipment is installed we will be loading the required software and then provide an opportunity for all presenters to become familiar with the new procedures for using the equipment. That's why the next [Presenters Workshop](#) yet to be scheduled is so important especially for those presenters who are yet to attend one.

You should contact any member of the Team if you have questions or suggestions. If you'd like to do so here are the relevant email addresses:

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If you'd like to contact me here's my dedicated 3BBRFM address:

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I'd like to ask for your patience as we go through this transformation – things are a bit messy around the studio and there are numerous changes in process at present. Change and mess are two things that are likely to increase anxiety level and this may be having an impact on our presenters and volunteers. Hopefully once we get through this transition period we will get back to doing what we do best: be **the community radio of choice in West Gippsland**.

In the meantime to brighten your day, check out our website and/or Facebook page for our current program schedule, details of different programs and presenters, how to hear us through our live stream, and lots more.

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