



## E-Bulletin #8 October 2020.

Hi All. Here's the October edition of the E-Bulletin. Still the virus persists in restricting what we are able to do. Although there has been some minor easing of government restrictions, for us at 3BBRFM there'll be no immediate change to our policy regarding live broadcasting and social distancing. For the time being the Board is maintaining its risk averse approach and will not be returning to normal live to air broadcasting until further notice.

Notwithstanding this, the range of programs has been excellent. We have our small contingent of presenters who are doing live broadcasting including "Brekkie with Russ" – Russ Ford, "Songs of My Life" – Wayne Pemberton, "In the Mood" – Susan Burton, "Sounds of West Gippsland" – Graeme Marriott, and Sam Horner "Sam's Alternatives". These are being ably supported by the many presenters pre-recording their programs from home and the Gippsland Regional News Team presenters. Angela and Greg Lia are now producing programs from home. Tom Beauchamp has also returned. Jazz just 4 U started 8 weeks ago and the next edition will be broadcast 22<sup>nd</sup> October. West Gippsland Weekly (WGW) has started on Friday evenings (7pm). Steve Walsh is producing a weekly short segment from the Baw Baw Sustainability Network (4 minutes or so), run 3 or 4 times a week. Raised on Rock has started on Saturdays (10pm), and has already received a couple of complimentary emails. We are drawing on the Community Radio Network to pick up all sorts of interesting music and special interest programs. Additionally, programs continue to be presented as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival "Radio Reimagined" project. Many of these programs have been really interesting with some fantastic recordings of early artists who were such an important part of radio broadcasting before the days of television.

### **AGM 2020 Notice.**

This is the time of year when we see a spate of AGM notices from sporting clubs and community groups appearing in the Warragul Gazette. But there is an important point of difference in 2020. Covid 19! You may have noticed that most of the AGM notices are advertised as ZOOM meetings (more correctly they should be described as "by video-conference" – ZOOM being a proprietary name but by far the most popular). We've delayed holding the meeting until as late as possible – within 5 months of the end of the financial year – in the hope we may have been able to meet face to face but this looks unlikely.

Hence the 3BBRFM AGM 2020 will be conducted as a ZOOM meeting 7.30pm 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020. It will be necessary to modify the normal procedures for running the meeting which may necessitate having no guest speaker. However we will do what is required to meet the obligations of the Act. As a minimum we must confirm the minutes of the previous AGM, present an annual report, present a financial report, elect/appoint eligible members to vacant positions on the Board, confirm the amount of the annual subscription.

## Current Status of the Board

### *Office Bearers*

President	Rod Wellard	Appointed to consequential vacancy serving term expires 2020
Vice President:	Andrew Clinkaberry	Serving term 2019 - 2021
Secretary:	Jose Meyer	Serving term 2019 - 2021
Treasurer:	Graeme Marriott	Serving term 2018 - 2020

### *Ordinary Members:*

David Piggin	Serving term 2019 – 2021
John Beauchamp	Serving term 2018 – 2020
Tom McGhee	Serving term 2019 – 2021
(vacancy)	Serving term 2018 – 2020

Kaye Knight or Ian Knight Coopted as GRN member

### *Corporate Member:*

(vacancy)

## Call for nominations

For the 2020 AGM, nominations will be called for the following positions falling vacant:

- President
- Treasurer
- 2 Ordinary Board Members.

To be eligible for election to a Board position people must have been members of 3BBRFM for 12 months.

Nominations must be submitted 7 days before the scheduled time of the AGM. Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting Jose Meyer [secretary@3bbrfm.org.au](mailto:secretary@3bbrfm.org.au).

## Attending the AGM.

If you have participated in other ZOOM meetings with your family, friends or other groups the way you attend the meeting will be quite familiar.

If you are new to meeting by ZOOM do not be worried about it. More details will be sent out closer to the date of the AGM. But here is a brief overview of the process: An invitation will be sent to your email address. Within the email you receive will be a hyperlink for you to click on before the start of the meeting to join the AGM. When you click on it you will be taken to the Zoom address to join the meeting.

## Radiothon

In the last E-Bulletin we reported that we were proposing to hold a RADIOTHON as a means of promoting the station's engagement with the community, and lifting awareness of the station's programs and personalities, our sponsors and the community agencies, services and organisations which we proudly promote. February 2021 is a possible aiming point provided however the timing is still a bit up in the air depending on how management of Covid-19 pans out. You may be asking What is a RADIOTHON?

"An on-the-air radio campaign, often lasting 24 hours or more, designed to raise money for a radio station, charity, the arts, etc., as from listeners phoning in and pledging specific donations, sometimes in exchange for gifts or premiums"

From our perspective, the campaign would normally run over two weeks. A RADIOTHON is a tangible way for listeners to support the Station either through direct financial donations or by becoming a member or subscriber of 3BBR FM.

It is a labour intensive exercise and can involve not just presenters, but ALL of the current membership. To facilitate the organisation, a sub committee will be formed. This committee would be responsible for managing all elements of the RADIOTHON. Along the way, it would report its ideas and needs to the Production Team, who would, in turn report to the Board. There will be (moderate) expense involved, but the majority of effort would be in "Selling The RADIOTHON" to the public and industry. A RADIOTHON will get its main success through live presenter spruiking! This means a date for the event may rely on the current health restrictions turning in our favour. Initial proceedings have commenced and some sort of meeting (virtual or physical) will be the next step. Under current conditions, a date for the RADIOTHON is likely to be early 2021!

We see this as a great opportunity to restore our collective spirits and energy. As a first step in getting this going we are inviting as many of our members and listeners as possible to join us in planning and participating the 3BBRFM Radiothon.

Please contact Glenys Marriott who has kindly offered to coordinate our efforts. Glenys can be contacted on: Phone: 0400 928 044 Email: [membership@3BBRFM.org.au](mailto:membership@3BBRFM.org.au)

### **Other Stuff:**

#### **Just in case you missed it.**

On the Victorian Seniors On-line website showing Radio-reimagined – local radio schedule of Festival programs we were very well featured. Check it out to see what a terrific line up of programs we offered.

<https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards/local-radio-schedule>.

#### **Just in case you missed it (2):**

We had a good feature article in the Gazette recently:

Gazette 22/9/20

## SENIORS FEATURE

It's  
your  
time

### hit West Gippsland Community Radio

Many of 3BBRFM's listeners are senior citizens who rely on the station for enjoyable music, information about community activities, events and local news throughout the day.

At the start of the Covid 19 pandemic, 3BBRFM went into lockdown which meant that no live broadcasting was possible. But despite the Covid 19 restrictions, 3BBRFM is really pleased that it has been able to continue broadcasting to its listeners almost without missing a beat. The dedicated small team of programming and production volunteers have done an amazing job making sure that the station can continue to operate by remote control. While some presenters have now returned to the studio to do live broadcasting under strict social distancing and cleaning conditions, many are pre-recording their programs at home which are then inserted into the daily program schedule along with community service



From left: Tom McGhee (Board Member), John Meyer (Presenter), David Piggitt (Board Member), José Meyer (Secretary), Rod Wellard (President) and Graeme Marriott (Treasurer).

announcements and sponsors' messages.

The station has welcomed the Gippsland Regional News reading team (formerly at Vision Australia) into the program schedule, and is also very pleased to be participating in the Victorian Government Seniors' Festival Radio Reimagined Project. The continued support of our sponsors and listeners is most welcome and the feedback from listeners has been terrific. Many say they haven't noticed the difference.

#### Your Radio

103.1 3BBRFM

#### Your Voice

West Gippsland Community Radio Inc.

Sounds of West Gippsland news and music for all including our senior listeners, lovers of easy listening, country, jazz and folk music.

Presented by members of our local community for the community.

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