

103.1 3BBRFM

E-Bulletin #7 September 2020

Dear members, here's the September E-Bulletin for your information. I'm gritting my teeth, crossing my fingers, scrunching up my eyes really tight and holding my breath when I write this – the signs are positive - the incidence of Covid-19 cases is trending down and maybe the worst is behind us. At the time of writing the greater metropolitan area including Cardinia Shire, Baw Baw Shire's neighbour to the west, is still in Stage 4 lockdown. So, as mentioned in last month's edition, many of our members and presenters living in towns such as Bunyip, Tynong, Nar Nar Goon, etc. are directly affected. Baw Baw3 region remains under Stage 3 restrictions. The Board is reviewing its Broadcasting Policy on a regular basis and at its meeting held 26th August it decided that there should be no change to the risk-averse cautious policy it has adopted **that the station will not be resuming normal live broadcasting until further notice.**

A big thank you to the small number of presenters who are broadcasting from the station under very strict conditions of social distancing, cleaning and sanitising the studio. (Susan Burton, Russ Ford, Sam Horner, Wayne Pemberton, and Graeme Marriott). A big thank you also to those presenters including members of the Gippsland Regional News Team (GRN): who are pre-recording their programs (Andrew Clinkaberry, Heidi Gifford, Trisha Haidar(GRN), Mike Hennessy(GRN), Ian Hill(GRN), Kaye Knight(GRN), Tilly Leunig(GRN), José Meyer, John Meyer, Ken Milsom(GRN), Sam Nicita, Richard Rejmer, Gavin Sayers, Harvey Scott, Paul Strickland(GRN), Rod Wellard, and Alan Woollard(GRN).

Their on-going commitment and cooperation is very much appreciated.

Important Broadcast Policy Points

1. People from inside the lockdown area should not attend the station at any time.
2. If at any stage a live presenter feels uncomfortable about their choice, they are more than welcome to change it, and should not feel bad about doing so.
3. We may have to amend our current plan if government directives/restrictions become stricter.
4. The programming schedule will provide for a minimum of 2 hourly breaks between live presenters to ensure that adequate time is available for thorough cleaning and disinfecting of all areas and surfaces and personal hygiene requirements
5. Station hygiene and cleaning procedures are absolutely critical – one slip up is all that it needs and our goose is cooked

A comprehensive [Covid-19 Policy Statement and Safety Plan](#) has been prepared and is on the 3BBRFM website. Please look out for it and take note of it for all our sakes.

Something to Smile About maybe??



Programming Matters

Just a reminder that we are running programs produced / presented by the Victorian Seniors Festival as part of a "Radio Reimagined" series. These have been scheduled after 6pm on weekdays with some of them being re-run on the weekend. Contact José Meyer for more information.

We continue to run selected Community Radio Network (CRN) programs. There are some really interesting shows which the station has selected for inclusion in our programming schedule. Check out the Program Schedule on our website for more details. Programs included Country music, band music, Australian jazz and overseas jazz music and hit parade music from yesteryear, and lots more. Music to cater for most tastes. So go for it!

Thursday night has been restored to somewhat of a jazz night. Along with the jazz programs from CRN, "Jazz Just 4U" had its launch last Thursday (27th August). Robin Blackman, Director of Phillip Island Jazz, selected all the music for the program with Rod Wellard pre-recording and presenting it because of the Covid 19 restrictions. It was a great success. "Jazz Just4U" is presented every 4 weeks so the next one will be on the 24th September.

A pilot "magazine" style program run by Paul Strickland will be launched 7pm Saturday 18th September. It will be a community oriented including interviews with local identities, politicians, business people and community leaders on different topics mixed in with plenty of music with an

emphasis on local performers. It's called a pilot to test the water and see what works and what doesn't and as such offers a sample of possibilities for the future.

We have another new program on the drawing board to be launched shortly to be presented by Mark O'Neill. Mark is as an experienced community radio presenter who has worked on radio since 1977 including time in the USA and whose show is broadcast on a number of community radio stations. The show he is offering is entitled "Raised on Rock".

Presenter Codes of Practice

The station has received complaints as a result of comments made by a presenter which were gratuitous and politically biased. Presenters are reminded that the station operates under the Codes and Guidelines published by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAА) and can be accessed on the CBAА website: <https://www.cbaa.org.au/> Code 3 includes the following:

3.3 We will not broadcast material that is likely to stereotype, incite, vilify, or perpetuate hatred against, or attempt to demean any person or group, on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, race, language, gender, sexuality, religion, age, physical or mental ability, occupation, cultural belief or political affiliation. The requirement is not intended to prevent the broadcast of material which is factual, or the expression of genuinely held opinion in a news or current affairs program or in the legitimate context of a humorous, satirical or dramatic work.

Presenters are reminded to note and observe the CBAА Codes of Practice and in particular, note the above.

A Radiothon!!!!

At its last meeting the Board discussed the idea of having 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. 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

Other Stuff

A note of apology to listeners. We experienced a broadcast outage from Tuesday afternoon through to 12 noon Wednesday 2/09/20. It occurred because a switch was tripped at the Transmission Tower on Mt Worth, possibly caused by fluctuations in power supply. Greg Lia, Tom McGhee and I visited the site this morning and rectified the problem.

At its last meeting the Board had a brief discussion about plans for the AGM in 2020. How it will be done is still an open question but as it stands the AGM may need to be conducted by ZOOM videoconferencing as quite a number of other organisations have run their AGMs. We are looking

toward the middle of November to hold the meeting. We are required by law to have the AGM by the end of November.

Some useful contact numbers

Our **business number** is now back and available: 5625 4995. Currently this is set up so that it does not go to the studio, it goes to message bank and then to info@3bbrfm.org.au and the message can be re-directed from there. The **presenters number** for messages to presenters is 5625 1103.

Best wishes, Rod

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