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Autumn 2020 Newsletter



You Heard Them - But You Didn't See Them

If you were wondering where the tinkling bells were coming from last Christmas night while Harvey Scott and Tim Hannan were on air, this is what they looked like at the time, with bells on the jester hat.

These two peas in the one pod have been friends since primary school and both have only recently retired from long teaching careers. Their infectious good humour and camaraderie are always evident.

3BBR-FM is privileged to have such competent presenters at the mic. Harvey & Tim have been with the station for 26 years, doing their ever popular programs as they evolved into today's "Turn Up Your Radio" format (6-8pm alt Thurs). Indeed, past students now in their 30s to 40s are some of their biggest fans. Well done to both of you for such a terrific job over such a long time.

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Our Latest Sponsor

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Our latest sponsor for this quarter is "Indigo Rose". Located at 46 Commercial Place in Drouin, this establishment is a dress boutique specialising in ladies fashion for all ages and sizes.



Proprietor Jess has a special talent for spotting the perfect garment for her ladies, and she carries quality Australian labels where possible. Her hallmark is "Personal Service".

Jess's background starts as a domestic science teacher in Scotland before emigrating to Australia in 1965. She worked at the CSIRO and on a dairy property before moving to Warragul in 1980, working as catering manager at L.M.Ericsson's for nine years.

When Ericsson closed, she moved to a fish and poultry shop in Warragul where she became known as "The Chicken Lady" before starting two hairdressing salons—one in Bunyip and one in Drouin. Meanwhile, she completed an apprenticeship in hairdressing before opening Indigo Rose in Drouin in 2000. She has been at her current location for the past five years.

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Please make them your first choice in fulfilling your needs, and don't forget to mention 3BBR-FM to them when you do.

It's Your Newsletter

Note: The articles and opinions expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the West Gippsland Community Radio Management Committee

Short articles and photos for future editions should be passed to Mick Nicholls via email at mickn@vic.australis.com.au

For larger items (like numerous photos) ring Mick on 0408 682 704 to make arrangements involving USB stick or Cloud transfers.

NB: The very strict deadline for submissions to be placed in the Winter edition of this newsletter is 6pm on the 29th of May 2020

Random Events At The Station

A Special Station Award

Matthew Laverak has been a regular listener to 3BBR-FM and a very generous donor to the cause. What makes him unique is that he lives most of the year in the UK where he listens via our live streaming.

In 2015, Matthew was given a trophy as 'The Most Appreciative Overseas Listener' (pictured below). On his 2019 Christmas visit to Australia, we were pleased to present him with a certificate for longstanding and generous support of 3BBR Community Radio.

Matthew wrote a letter of thanks for his most recent award in which he makes favourable comparisons with the two commercial stations in his home town of York. That letter is published below.

"I am delighted to accept my certificate of thanks to go with my trophy cup of 2015 as 'Most Appreciative Overseas Listener'. It is a pleasure to be able to provide financial support for such a wonderful radio station.

I've enjoyed listening to West Gippsland Community Radio ever since I first came to Warragul in 2007. My home town in England is the ancient and historic City of York. It is a very different place to Warragul. It is much bigger than Warragul and Drouin combined but we have nothing comparable to 3BBRfm.

We have the local BBC Radio York, funded by taxpayers, and we have a commercial station Minster FM. In my view neither of those professional stations match up to the output of the volunteer enterprise at Oak Street in Drouin.

I rarely listen to Radio York or Minster FM but thanks to internet streaming I am able to enjoy 3BBRfm in my UK home or office whenever I wish.

I often listen in the afternoon or early evening. Because of the time difference (9 hours behind) I am usually listening to the Night Sounds of West Gippsland. This computer controlled music is punctuated with familiar advertisements that take me right back to my other existence in the Great Southern Land. I only have to close my eyes and listen to "Fred! What are you doing down there on



Mathew Laverak (L) holding his awards with 3BBR-FM presenter John Meyer (R)

the floor?" and I am immediately transported back to my Warragul home. Sometimes colleagues will come into the room to hear the next line in an Aussie accent - "I'm trying to fix this rotten stinking computer; again!" My friends ask me what on Earth I am listening to. I tell them - the best radio station in the world.

Long may the airwaves continue.

Matthew Laverack."

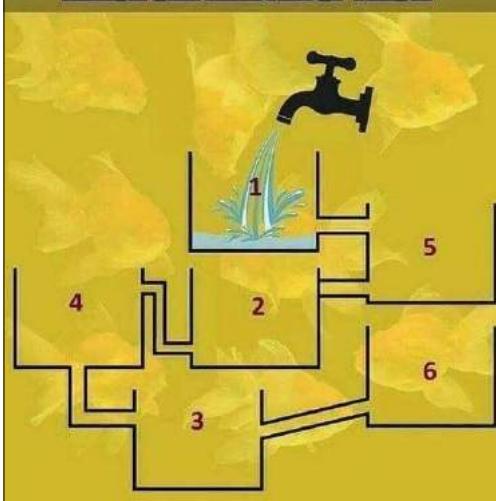


This'll freak you out

WORD	Rearrange the letters
DORMITORY	DIRTY ROOM
PRESBYTERIAN	BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER	MOON STARER
DESPERATION	A ROPE ENDS IT
THE EYES	THEY SEE
GEORGE BUSH	HE BUGS GORE
THE MORSE CODE	HERE COME DOTS
SLOT MACHINES	CASH LOST IN ME
ANIMOSITY	IS NO AMITY
ELECTION RESULTS	LIES LET'S RECOUNT
MOTHER-IN-LAW	WOMAN HITLER
SNOOZE ALARMS	ALAS NO MORE Z'S
A DECIMAL POINT	IM A DOT IN PLACE
THE EARTHQUAKES	THAT QUEER SHAKE
ELEVEN PLUS TWO	TWELVE PLUS ONE

Brain Food

WHICH ONE WILL FILL UP FIRST?



Brain Test

How fast can you say the colour you see below and not the colour spelt in the word?

BLUE
GREEN
BROWN
RED
GREY
WHITE
BLACK
PINK
YELLOW
TAN
PURPLE
ORANGE



What common item does the picture below represent?



All answers are on page 10

A not-so-simple Test

Some of these questions are deceptively simple. Others require much more thought.

1. Do they have a 4th of July in England?
2. How many birthdays does the average man have?
3. Some months have 31 days. How many have 28?
4. A woman gives a beggar 50 cents. The woman is the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. Why?
5. Why can't a man living in Queensland be buried in Victoria?
6. Is it legal for a man in NSW to marry his widow's sister? Why?
7. Two men play five games of checkers. Each man wins the same number of games yet there are no ties. Explain this.
8. Divide 30 by 1/2 and add 10. What is the answer?
9. A man builds a house, rectangular in shape. All sides have southern exposure. A big bear walks by, what colour is the bear? Why?
10. If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?
11. I have two coins totalling 55 cents. One is not a 5 cent piece. What are the coins?
12. If you have only one match and you walked into a room where there was an oil burner, a kerosene lamp, and a wood burning stove, which one would you light first?
13. How far can a dog run into the woods?
14. A doctor gives you three pills telling you to take one every half hour. How long before you take the last pill?
15. A farmer has 17 sheep, and all but 9 die. How many are left?
16. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the ark?
17. A clerk in the butcher shop is 165cm tall. What does he weigh?
18. How many two-cent stamps are there in a dozen?
19. What was the Prime Minister's name in 1968?

Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Although it is still quite sketchy with many unanswered questions, the best source of information on this quite concerning health issue is from the Australian Government Dept of Health website [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives/coronavirus-covid-19)

While it is best to go directly to this site for the latest information, a short summary of the main points from the website as of 4th March 2020 is provided below:

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can make humans and animals sick. They cause illnesses that can range from the common cold to more severe diseases.

Symptoms can range from mild illness to pneumonia. Some people will recover easily, and others may get very sick very quickly. People with coronavirus may experience fever, flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and fatigue, or shortness of breath

In Australia, the people most at risk of getting the virus are those who have recently been in mainland China and Iran or been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus.

The virus is most likely spread through close contact with an infectious person as well as from contact with droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze. Touching objects or surfaces (like doorknobs or tables) that have cough or sneeze droplets from an infected person, and then touching your mouth or face is also a likely source of infection.

Surgical masks in the community are only helpful in preventing people who have coronavirus disease from spreading it to others. If you are well, you do not need to wear a surgical mask. There is little evidence supporting surgical masks in healthy people to prevent transmission in public.

Everyone should practise good hygiene to protect against infections. This includes washing your hands often with soap and water, using a tissue and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and avoiding close contact with others, such as touching.

If you become unwell and think you may have symptoms of coronavirus, seek medical attention. Call ahead of time to book an appointment so appropriate precautions can be made there.

Un-official Info

We would not normally provide health advice on this page that could not be confirmed from an authoritative source. However, in the absence of more complete information from Dept of Health, the following list is relayed from the Drouin Mens Shed Newsletter for your general information until more official information is released by the Department.

1. If you have a runny nose and sputum, you have a common cold
2. Coronavirus pneumonia is a dry cough with no runny nose.
3. This new virus is not heat-resistant and will be killed by a temperature of just 26-27 degrees. It hates the Sun.
4. If someone sneezes with it, it takes about 10 feet before it drops to the ground and is no longer airborne.
5. If it drops on a metal surface it will live for at least 12 hours - so if you come into contact with any metal surface - wash your hands as soon as you can with a bacterial soap.
6. On fabric it can survive for 6-12 hours. normal laundry detergent will kill it.
7. Drinking warm water is effective for all viruses. Try not to drink liquids with ice.
8. Wash your hands frequently as the virus can only live on your hands for 5-10 minutes, but - a lot can happen during that time - you can rub your eyes, pick your nose unwittingly etc.
9. You should also gargle as a prevention. A simple solution of salt in warm water will suffice.
10. Can't emphasise enough - drink plenty of water!

The Symptoms

1. It will first infect the throat, so you'll have a sore throat lasting 3-4 days
2. The virus then blends into a nasal fluid that enters the trachea and then the lungs, causing pneumonia. This takes about 5-6 days further.
3. With the pneumonia comes high fever and difficulty in breathing.
4. The nasal congestion is not like the normal kind. You feel like you're drowning. It's imperative you then seek immediate attention.

Presenting Sam Horner



Sam Horner is a highly energetic and effervescent person who is very passionate about his music and community radio. He has been entertaining his audiences for over 12 years now and considers that as an opportunity for giving back to the community. Indeed he hopes to continue doing this for at least the next ten years.

Happily single, Sam works permanent part-time at Target in Warragul which limits the days and times he is available for 3BBR-FM. Nonetheless, he still manages to run two regular shows:

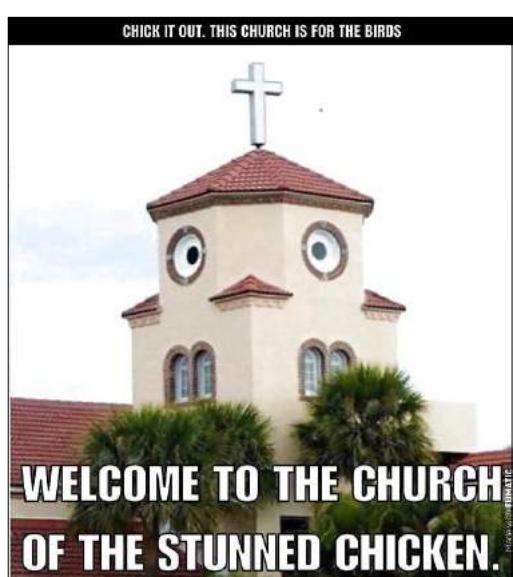
- ‘Sam’s Alternatives’ Wed 6-8pm on alternate months, and
- ‘Sam’s Four Hours of Power’ Sat 4-8pm fortnightly.

His preferred genres include: New School Rock, Metal, punk and some Classic Metal. His older brothers started him off with the basics but he is slowly adding to his preferred genres with new entries like ‘Indie New Wave Dance’. He aims for 35% to 40% Aussie content, choosing mainly his own particular likes but with one eye on the audience expectations.

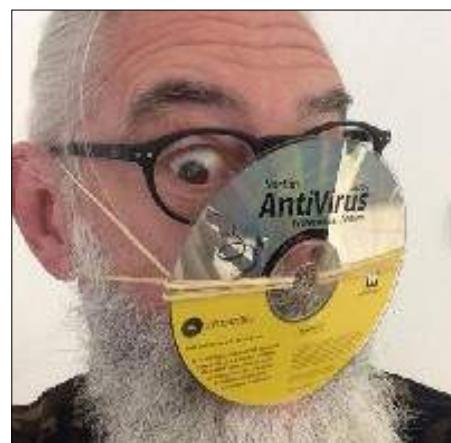
Sam finds the two hour show a bit rushed and he has to reduce the talking in that space. With the four hour show however, he finds it much smoother sailing - especially when he has guests at the studio.

Other activities in Sam’s life are sports (AFL, cricket & basket ball). In the past, he has played all three and still occasionally dons the pads and picks up a bat.

Like many presenters at 3BBR-FM, Sam considers it fun and very rewarding to prepare his shows and then to present them on-air.



Illustrated below is the latest fashion in Antivirus masks. I suspect though there is likely to be an even more up to date version available than the 2003 version shown in the photo.



Community Connections



Gippsland Rhythm & Wings

Gippsland Rhythm & Wings is a relatively new local charity set up to provide support for families with children suffering Congenital Heart Disease.

CHD is the biggest killer of children under the age of one. Eight babies per day in Australia are born with CHD while four die every week.

Warragul mum, Lisa Giblin, when her son Aiden was given only hours to live, found what she really missed was the physical presence of supportive people to help her deal with the emotions, anxiety, uncertainty and overwhelming exhaustion that she was feeling while attending to her young son. Some 200 families in the Warragul & Drouin area dealing with CHD and they are the focus for Gippsland Rhythm & Wings.

Last Australia Day, they held a very successful "Festival of Fun" in Warragul's Logan Park. This Easter they have organised an 'Bushies Bun Raiser'. Order forms are on their facebook page and must be submitted by 21st March for pick-up on 30th March. The form is a group form so check your friends/neighbours/family and add their orders on the same form. No computer? No problem—just contact them on 0457 770 593.



At the Festival of Fun are the Gippsland Rhythm & Wings committee (L to R) Lisa Giblin, Chris Giblin, Aiden Olsson (now a 14 year old survivor of CHD), Chris Gowland and Kylie Hunter

Reading Local Newspapers On-Air

Over 15% of the population is print handicapped - mostly blindness or low vision - so they can't read local newspapers. They can listen to regional radio volunteers reading local newspapers – every week 50,000 Australia-wide listeners get their local, regional newspapers this way. 25 VAR volunteers

Ken Armstrong at the console, with Ian Hill and Kaye Knight for the very first time on 3BBRFM



have joined the 3BBR FM team to continue the 16 year West Gippsland newspaper reading programs.

What can you hear? On Monday Letters to all the Editors, Tuesday the Warragul Gazette and The Trader, Wednesday 2 editions of the LaTrobe Express, Thursday it's the Pakenham Gazette, and Friday the rural news compiled from the Weekly Times and farming papers. You'll also hear articles from the South Gippsland Sentinel Times and the Phillip Island & San Remo Advertiser.

Publishers donate papers, others are bought with community radio grants. To comply with copyright each paper permits 3BBR FM to broadcast their articles. The team read direct from 2 copies of each paper. A presenter heads each team (also selecting articles and timing the program), with supporting reader and producer (who may also read). Programs are a mixture of Gippsland-specific regional news (preferably that hasn't been aired on state or national stations) editorials, community information, sports and

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President's Report by Rod Wellard

It's a bit amazing to me that Autumn seems to have come around so quickly. It seems like only a week or two ago we were fully focused on devastating bushfires and then shortly after that devastating floods in different parts of Australia. Thankfully West Gippsland was spared the worst effects of either but quite a number of our listeners may have been badly affected so on behalf of 3BBRFM I extend our thoughts and best wishes to them in the efforts to get back on their feet.

Interestingly, in bygone days Community Radio stations such as 3BBRFM played a significant role in broadcasting alerts and emergency warnings, however in more recent times ABC National has taken a focal role as the radio broadcaster for emergency announcements and warnings. This together with the development of modern digital communication technology means that management and communication about emergency situations is far more sophisticated.

3BBRFM's role has evolved to providing a greater emphasis on information about which agencies to contact in case of emergencies and ways and means of preventing emergencies and what members of the community can do to prepare themselves in the face of impending risk to the public. The station is proud to be able to fulfil this role as a valuable service to the community.

The station has been very pleased to welcome the Reading for the Print Handicapped presenters. These presenters have now become members of the station and have integrated very well within the existing team of presenters to continue to provide a valuable service to the community. We've had positive feedback from people who previously listened to the service through Vision Australia

and our existing listeners who enjoy the broadcast versions of news articles.

3BBRFM has arrived at Autumn 2020 in energetic fashion. Transformation of the broadcasting equipment and upgrade of the studios with new computer equipment and software has enabled us meet contemporary standards of radio broadcasting.

Upgrades have also included new security arrangements, improvements to email communication, and a new telephone system. Program coordination has become more streamlined and efficient. Program production work including digitalising Sponsor's messages and CSAs is progressing at a good pace.

Most of the technical challenges associated with the upgrades to both Studio One and Two have been overcome. And, the integration of the RPH service has occurred very smoothly.

Being a part of the 3BBRFM team is exciting. We are always open to new members, new sponsors and new presenters. If you'd like to be a part of the journey don't hesitate to contact us.

I especially pay tribute to team members who are making it all happen:

Andrew Clinkaberry, John Beauchamp, Greg Lia, Tom McGhee and José Meyer.

Rod Wellard, President

Q: What has 99 legs & 49 teeth?

A: The front row at a Willie Nelson concert

Reading Local Newspapers On-Air

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magazine items, and items that a vision-impaired person would not usually hear. These programs exclude adverts and advertorials in the papers.

Items are usually 3 or 4 minutes long, features up to 6 minutes. The week's deaths, funeral notices and births are briefly listed after the second break, and the programs conclude with short items. Readers acknowledge the source, its date, writer's name and page number, and read most articles in full - they just transfer print to radio - deliver the item impartially, not mock or denigrate the writer,

and do not editorialise on any item read.

Most reading volunteers have provided this service for at least 3 years, some for over a decade, a few up to 16 years. They enjoy being in teams broadcasting newspapers, and have joined 3BBR FM to continue this service. If you'd like to try some different broadcasting on 3BBR FM, why not sign up for newspaper reader training, and join the roster of newspaper reading volunteers. Team reading is also personal, lively radio!



Just For A Laugh



How to speak New Zulander

(for bist effict, rid this out aloud)

Milburn	Capital of Victoria	Ear roebucks	Exercise at the gym
Peck	To fill a suitcase	Duffy cult	Not easy
Pissed aside	Chemical which kills insects	Amejen	Visualize
Pigs	For hanging out washing with	Chuck	Very young poultry
Pug	Large pink animal with a curly tail	Bug hut	Popular recording
Nin tin dough	Computer game	Bun button	Been bitten by insect
Munner Stroney	Soup	Beard	Place to sleep
Min	Male of the species	Sucks peck	Half a dozen beers
Mess Kara	Eye makeup	Ear New Zuland	An extinct airline
McKennock	Person who fixes cars	Beers	Very savage animals found in U.S. forests
Mere	Mayor	Veerjun	Mythical New Zealand maiden
Leather	Foam product from soap	One doze	Well known computer program
Lift	Departed	Brudge	Structure spanning a stream
Kiri Pecker	Famous Australian businessman	Sex	One less than sivven
Kittle crusps	Potato chips	Tin	One more than nine
Ken's	Cairns	Iggs Eaktly	Precisely
Jungle Bills	Christmas carol	Cuds	Children
Inner me	Enemy	Pitts	Domestic animals
Guess	Vapour	Cuttin	Baby cat
Fush	Marine creatures	Sivven Sucks Sivven	A large Boeing aircraft
Fitter cheney	Type of pasta	Sivven four Sivven	Larger Boeing aircraft
Ever cardeau	Avocado	Earplane	Large flying machine
Fear hear	Blonde	Beggage chucken	Place to leave your suitcase
Ear	Mix of nitrogen & oxygen		



THE BEST WAY TO
TELL SOMEONE YOU
DON'T LIKE THEM IS
TO TEXT THEM
370HSSV 0773H
AND TELL THEM TO
READ IT UPSIDE
DOWN.



I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months - I don't like to interrupt her.

Brain Food Answers

Answers to not-so-simple Test

1. Yes. The date 4th July occurs each year right around the world.
2. One. It is on the same day and month each year.
3. 11 of them except for February with only 28 or 29 days.
4. The beggar is her sister.
5. He can't be buried if he isn't dead.
6. No, it's neither legal nor possible because he is dead.
7. They aren't playing each other.
8. 70 (Note: 30 divided by half = 60 whereas 30 multiplied by half = 15)
9. White. The house is at the North Pole, so the bear is a polar bear.
10. Just the two you took away.
11. 50 cent piece and a 5c piece. (ie the other coin is a 5c piece.)
12. You should light the match first.
13. Half way. After that he is running out of the woods.
14. One hour.
15. 9
16. None. Noah took them on the ark.
17. Meat.
18. 12
19. Scott Morrison. ie still the same as it is today.

Which One Fills First

No 5 fills first as it is blocked from running into No 2. If it wasn't for that blockage, then the answer would be No 3.

Brain Test

Try covering up most of the left hand side of the list then concentrate on the last letter and see how fast you can do it.

Now, with the left side still covered, use a pencil to point to the last letter as you move down the list. How fast can you go now?

Common Item Pictured

Why, It's a pool table of course !

New Show Proposal

Kaye Knight would like to start a new show at 3BBR titled:

What's on in Gippsland?

Are you interested in finding out and letting listeners know the diverse range of activities available in Gippsland?

I am looking at starting a new one hour show on 3BBR covering (obviously!) what's on in Gippsland.

We will intersperse the chat with music relevant to shows on at the various venues around Gippsland.

I was involved in a similar show with Vision Australia and its great fun – and does wonders for your own social life as you really get to know what's on.

We are likely to pre-record the show on a Tuesday for going to air on a following Friday night from 6-7pm.

Ideally, I'd like two presenters per show – chat is fun, and easier on the ear for listeners when most of our time is talking.

If you are interested, please email admingrn@3bbrfm.org.au to register your interest.

This would be a once or twice a month gig so we can share the show across multiple presenters.

I'm looking at starting in April if I get enough interest.

Q: What rock group has four men who don't sing?

A: Mount Rushmore.

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3BBR-FM has been successful in securing assistance from Drouin & District Community Bank to provide six office chairs at the station. The sponsorship grant of \$2,095.20 covers two very stout chairs for the console operators, one each in both our studios (some of our presenters are equally 'stout'), with the other four for studio guests and the new RPH reader team. Pictures of the new chairs with appropriate representatives to be included in the next newsletter.