



Bulletin #4 - September 2021

HELLO!

Welcome to another edition of the Bulletin. We held a Board meeting last week so this Bulletin provides an update on matters discussed at the Board and other news of interest to members.

NEW FACE

3BBRfm has recently welcomed Garry Havrillay as a member and presenter. Garry has had a wealth of experience as a sound engineer with the ABC and in Community Radio as a presenter. He is also a dab hand at website development and design. The station is very fortunate to have him as part of the team of volunteers and already he has been making technical adjustments and equipment modifications to improve our sound quality both off- air and streaming.

Programming matters

Andrew Clinkaberry reports that notwithstanding the rotating lockdowns we have been experiencing, programming is continuing to be managed through a hybrid of pre-recorded presenters, some live broadcasting, and programs sourced from the Community Radio Network (CRN). New additions to the program schedule include:

- Garry Havrillay - Monday evenings 8pm with his "Continental Drift" program. Currently pre- recorded.
- A new CRN program follows him at 10pm "World Music", to keep to a theme.
- "A Breath of Fresh Air" from CRN. Thursday at 5pm, to add some variety.
- Russ Ford is doing a new program on Mondays at 1pm (when we are not locked down) "Afternoon Delight"
- "Pop Heads Hour of Power" from CRN added to Friday 2pm. Fills in an hour between Russ Hughes and Peter Kessels (ostensibly maintains the hour break between shows where they are using the same studio, per the COVID Action Plan).

Other things happening include:

- The need for loading computer-generated music is diminishing
- CRN programs continue to be important in providing additional content but the plan is to reduce this dependency as we gain more presenters

Andrew is re-writing computer scripts to improve download of CRN programs, archiving pre-recorded programs, deleting older files, improving presenter access to current run sheets, downloading news, posting daily program guides to Facebook, monitoring programs to ensure they are running, and monitoring the logging program.

PRODUCTION MATTERS

John Beauchamp reports that:

- Revisions to the application form for family, individual, and concessional membership have been completed. Other categories e.g. patron, have been discussed but need further clarification (possibly including approval at the AGM).

- To become a presenter an applicant must be a member and pay the training levy. All such applications need to be forwarded to production@3bbrfm.org.au
- Presenter training is on hold and if restrictions continue may have to be organised as virtual meetings

Thanks to John for his report on production matters and to Andrew Clinkaberry and Tom McGhee (who Andrew calls his “partner in crime”) whose work is crucial to the successful running of the station and on behalf of the Board I want to acknowledge our enormous gratitude for their efforts.

WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY

John Beauchamp and Garry Havrillay have been discussing ways in which to improve the web-site. Projects include ensuring that the site is secure; creating a password protected “presenters only” section that can contain all training notes, materials, pictures and videos; general layout enhancements; tidying up of Sponsors logos and amalgamating them with existing hyperlinked text; and improving the capability for receiving payments.

There are gaps in the content of our website too. To inform our members about the policies and procedures governing the way the station is run. These are not currently available on the website because they are under review. We hope to have this rectified as quickly as possible.

OUR TRANSITION TO LIVE BROADCASTING – THE CONTINUING SAGA

3BBRfm's policy regarding a staged return to live broadcasting has been a standing item on the agenda of the Board for many months. This has enabled us to monitor government Covid-19 restrictions and public health measures to determine what we need to do to manage risks and comply with the requirements. During the extended time since the onset of the pandemic we have transitioned from full reliance on pre-recorded broadcasting to a hybrid of pre-recorded programs and live broadcasting presented by a small number of presenters.

Since the last Bulletin it's been a bit of an on again off again journey as far as managing the station through the Covid-19 pandemic. Just when we thought that we might be seeing some light at the end of the tunnel it seems to have been a mirage. A new strain of the virus – the Delta Strain – is more infectious and is reaching into younger age groups and is much harder to control. Case numbers are as high as ever and we are in the midst of a further lockdown just as strict as ever.

The Board at its last meeting held 25/08/2021 once again discussed our policy in relation a return to live broadcasting. Community Radio Stations who have returned to live broadcasting have sought exemption from the public health regulations on the basis that they qualify as “an essential service” with station managers issuing permits for their presenters to broadcast. Mostly these stations are comparatively well resourced, metropolitan stations with large memberships and numbers of presenters. I contacted the Community Broadcasting Foundation who suggested that it was a bit of a mixed bag as far as which stations have gone back to live broadcasting or not. The CBF stations with paid administrative staff were more likely to be live broadcasting whereas smaller regional stations were more likely to be doing more pre-recording of programs.

Given that we are one of the smaller stations on the community radio landscape, and we have no paid administrative staff, the 3BBRFM policy is risk averse but not out-of-step with what is happening in many other stations. Here is the policy amended to reflect the current situation while the lockdown remains in force.

Subject to the ~~imposition of no further~~ restrictions imposed by government health authorities, 3BBRfm plans to resume live broadcasting as our normal mode of operation ~~from the beginning of September~~. as soon as practicable. Presenters who still wish to pre-record their programs may still do so.

The requirements that will remain in force are:

- QR scanning using the Service Victoria QR code and station log-in code
- Hand sanitising and cleaning of surfaces on arrival as per checklists
- Cleaning of all surfaces and contact areas prior to departure as per checklists
- Masks and social distancing

LOGOLAND

The Board had quite a discussion about our logo. Our current logo has been around for quite a while and because we have been thinking about our website design it naturally resulted in discussion of whether our logo still reflects our “brand”. I’m imagining that our brand should be a symbol of our **mission** and **vision** which are set out in our Constitution (Rules of Association)

MISSION:

3BBR-FM provides a unique, friendly, informative and entertaining radio service catering to the diverse needs and interests of the West Gippsland community.

VISION:

3BBR-FM is a well-organised and recognised community resource with ample funding, equipment and personnel to truly realise the mission statement, and is catering to the needs of people of all ages and tastes, offering a wide range of skills development and participation. 103.1 3BBR-FM is the radio station of first choice for a broad section of the West Gippsland community.

I like to think of it as: **3BBRFM** is the **COMMUNITY RADIO STATION** of West Gippsland. So how do you get all those thoughts into a station logo?

The Board’s answer? Find out what our members think. So there’s a questionnaire attached to the Bulletin which we are asking all members to fill in and return. Here are 3 possible Logos that you’ll see in the attachment. On the covering email from the Secretary you can see the 3 logos set out in questionnaire form. Could you just number them in order of preference: 1, 2 or 3 and then press reply



WARM FUZZIE – a note from the Secretary



A huge thank you to all our members and listeners for taking the time to write a letter of thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have learnt so much over the time of Covid in not only coming on air in between lockdowns but also to those who have learnt how to pre-record from home. We also have had phone calls of thanks as well. If people leave a message on the hotline, we do respond to phone calls in due time.

So thank you to everyone for doing an amazing job throughout the year. Our listeners appreciate the efforts being put in as it's lovely to hear their favourite Presenters still doing what they love to do in these difficult times. The radio airwaves are certainly getting a workout of late. And the bottom line is that each and everyone of us love presenting their programs as it keeps us from going crazy while we are in lockdown.

José Meyer, Secretary

A Message From Our Sponsorship Co-ordinator

3BBRfm would like to thank our wonderful Sponsors who support us all year. We want to encourage our members and listeners to support our Sponsors as they help keep us on air. Sponsors would also love to hear that their announcements are heard over our air waves and they all need our support more than ever before, so please help our Sponsors to help us – it's a great way to go.

Our Sponsors and Supporters are listed below::

- ☑ Aureole Systems P/L - david.edelman@aureolesystems.com
- ☑ Bapcare - Abbey Gardens Warragul and Amberlea Community Drouin. - henright@bapcare.org.au
- ☑ Baw Baw Shire Council
- ☑ Drouin & District Community Bank - admin@drouinddfs.com.au
- ☑ Fairview Village Warragul. - reception@fairviewvillage.com.au (attention Lois Tarrant)
- ☑ Hecare Audiology and Sleep Clinic - previn.pillay@hearcare.com.au
- ☑ Hymans Legal - mafalda@hymanslegal.com.au
- jms@hymanslegal.com.au
- ☑ Phillip Island Jazz Festival - jazz@phillipislandjazzfest.org.au
- ☑ Speedy Locksmiths - workshop@speedylocksmiths.com.au
- ☑ Warragul Computer Repair - jon@warragulcomputerrepair.com.au
- ☑ Warragul Lighting & Accessories - wglighting@dcsi.net.au
- ☑ West Gippsland Taxis. - willie_moss@hotmail.com
- ☑ Wolf Partner Telstra Stores - shae@wolfstores.com.au

We'd also like to extend thanks to the community organisations who support us through their patronage:

- ☑ Drouin Anglican Church Op Shop and Warehouse - john.griffiths557@gmail.com
- ☑ Lions Club of Yarragon - Lions On Mane shop
- ☑ The Crossing Drop in Centre Drouin - crossing@exemail.com.au
- ☑ Trafalgar Bowls Club - trafalgarbowlsclub@bigpond.com
- k.capper@yahoo.com
- ☑ VACCA (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency) - tabathac@vacca.org.
- haylevj@vacca.org

We also send our best wishes and thanks to the following businesses for supporting the station with the hope that they come back on board when they are able:

- ☐ Gippsland Audiology Warragul
- ☐ Hills Energy Solutions
- ☐ Indigo Rose Dress Boutique
- ☐ Luciano's Restaurant and Bar
- ☐ WAS Gallery Warragul

Radiothon - postponed

Unfortunately one of the casualties in our planning has been the **Radiothon**, because of a combination of factors chiefly the on and off Covid restrictions, illness affecting some of our Board members and the general climate of uncertainty. When we first started thinking about it we thought the best time to hold the **Radiothon** was likely to be in Spring because of the prospect of better weather and an easing of Covid-19 restrictions. Well the better weather is still likely but that's about it. So we'll keep it on the backburner and review the situation early next year.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2012

Board meetings are normally held 3pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The earlier than usual date in November is to allow for final planning of the AGM arrangements. The dates are:

September 22nd / October 20th / November 10th

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF AGM 2021

Please note this in your diaries. It's important that members attend so that they can have their say about what's happening at the station and also to determine the membership of the Board for the following year. Our voting system for Board membership ensures that half the office bearer positions are vacated each year. Existing office bearers may re-nominate for positions but need to be re-elected by members at the AGM.

The proposed time and date for the AGM in 2021 is 7pm November 24th 2021. If permitted we may hold the meeting as a face to face meeting. However if not permitted because of Covid-19 restrictions we will conduct the AGM via video conference as we did last year.

Cheerio! Keep Safe!

Rod Wellard President



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