



# NEWSLETTER

February 2019

This is the first newsletter for 2019 so “Happy New Year”.

Golly gosh – one month of the New Year has flown by ! At this rate Easter will be upon us very soon !

There is a lot of activity since our last newsletter what with Christmas and end of the year functions etc so without further ado, let’s get started !

## PAST HAPPENINGS

Two major events in 2 Air FM’s year happened in the run-up to Christmas, being the End of Year Concert and the Annual major Raffle.

**The Concert** was a huge success with food, fun and good entertainment the order of the day. Approximately the same number of people were in attendance as in 2017 and the MC, Bob Howson, was at his best, as were all the other performers. Many thanks to the ladies for all their work in organizing the food once again – such a big day of preparation and activity for them and as always, heaps of food and all scrumptious !

**The Raffle** was a big one this year with a \$ 1,000 bank account courtesy of Bendigo Bank being the first prize. Winner was Wayne Mitchell - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of a BBQ was won by Jim McDermott and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize was won by Graham Short.

All were contacted and we had 3 happy people, especially the winner – what a lovely Christmas present that made for him which he probably never expected to win!  
Good luck to all the winners – I hope they all enjoy their prizes .

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

It’s hard to believe Christmas was four weeks ago however our presenters are well and truly over the holidays and ready to continue into 2019.

Somebody has to be rostered irrespective of holidays; the “show must go on” and I thank all the presenters who “manned the mic” over the festive period and kept the station live for 17 hours a day. It’s a huge task and thank you Kaye Hamilton as roster co-ordinator for excellent management of a difficult period.

It says a lot about the commitment the presenters have towards making the station operate so seemingly effortlessly.

Unlike the ABC and commercial stations, we can’t just flick to a network. This is what makes us truly local !

We have begun training four new Presenters.

The trainees will spend time in formal sessions and then gain practice and confidence on a one-to-one basis with experienced trainers. Adrian and John have joined the “buddy’ team along with Fran, Val and Andrew . Their role is to guide the new presenters through the operation of the panel and all the associated requirements of putting a program to air that follows 2AIR’S guidelines.

We believe one of our primary roles is giving community groups access to a wider audience via radio to promote their activities.

In the last 3 years, this has been demonstrated in our Thursday Community show as well as Olga’s “Creative Corner” on Tuesdays

Our town is blessed with so many organisations that seek to assist, entertain, support.

At 2AIR we often say “we never knew they existed but what a wonderful job they do”.

We can now pre-record interviews, which allows more flexibility for time-poor organisers.

If you are a member of a community organisation and would like to have an interview, phone the studio during office hours to lodge your request.

Our backyard has been concreted thanks to a NSW Govt Grant and the next stage is the erection of a shed to house the fund-raising trailer and associated equipment. This will free up the space under the house.

A canopy and BBQ will be erected to provide a social entertainment area.

The external cladding is next on the list of major projects.

Another busy year ahead – thank you for your support.

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## **HISTORY OF COFFS AS TOLD BY THOSE WHO LIVED THEN**

We are exploring the idea of presenting a series of 4 minute episodes that each focus on a particular interesting aspect of life in Coffs Harbour from the late forties to the present.

The first requirement is to collect the names of people who can contribute to this project.

It is envisaged that our presenter will visit many older residents and record their memories and facts of life in our town decades ago.

This is where you may be able to assist.

If you know of people who have a history to tell; were involved in a particular event a while ago; have something to add about the history of the town or just interesting anecdotal trivia, we would welcome your “tips”. Either write via email or phone and leave name and contacts.

This will be a long-term project.

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## **WHAT’S COMING UP**

2019 will be our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday year so big things will be happening around August time.

An organizing Committee is working on the publicity and the 101 other things required to ensure the event is a really memorable occasion.

To date things are still being finalised - there will be a lot more information in our next Newsletter (in May) so keep an eye open for that and then plan to join us. It will be a great time to celebrate all things 2 Air FM, our trials, tribulations and fantastic success over the years.

If you are interested in helping with any of organization of these activities, please call us on 6652 1071 or email on [office@2airfm.com.au](mailto:office@2airfm.com.au) and we will get back to you – having additional people helping will lighten the load for everyone so please give it some thought.

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## SPONSORSHIP & PRODUCTION

All is going well in this area of our operations. We have a couple of new volunteers (Len and John) helping with this vital part of our operations to help long time sponsor specialists, Ken Capps and John Sercombe.

Naturally, we can always do with more sponsors and the new volunteers will be on the lookout for new leads, so if you know of a business around the local district who may like to advertise with 2 Air FM, please let our team know and we will gladly follow it up. Just call the office on 6652 1071 and leave a message or email us on [office@2airfm.com.au](mailto:office@2airfm.com.au) – we will certainly get back to you

Our rates are most competitive and there are no production costs – all round a very good deal for prospective sponsors !

The Production side of our operations is running very smoothly with Steve McDonald and John Bambey doing a mighty job with the sponsorship message that you hear on air. There is a lot involved in getting the message right for our sponsors so thanks to you both for your part in getting the Sponsor message through to all our listeners.

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## FUND RAISING

Listed are the events/functions until May 2019 and we hope you will all be able to support or participate in any or all listed below

Where	Time	Details	Dates
Woolworths Breezeway	From 9 am	Sausage Sizzle	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February and 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Made with Love Markets	From 9.00 am	Outdoor Music	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Starts at 2 Air FM studio at 24 Glenreagh Street	To be advised	Observation Rally	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March

The first two listed above are regulars but I do not have any more details regarding the Car Observation Rally as yet. The organizers will have community notices galore for your information in the coming weeks so keep an ear out for them !

The Car Observation Rally held last year was a first off and the organizers learned a lot of dos and don'ts, so we can expect this year's Observation Rally to be even better - join in the fun and frivolity as well as playing Sherlock Holmes when trying to work out the clues.

It's a great day and a good social day !

We are hopeful that we will gain another date for a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle but we have not heard from them so we can only live in hopes. If we get lucky you will hear about it via our community notices on air.

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## **SICK LIST**

We know that some members have been experiencing a downturn in their health and others who have been in hospital plus more with operations in the pipeline.

So if you fall into one of these categories, we offer you good wishes for a quick recovery to the best possible outcome that you can achieve – your friends at 2AIRFM are with you all the way and hoping for the best.

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## **STREAMING**

Streaming is getting a really good workout lately !

For instance, we have one member who rings up every Friday for the "Member Draw" competition while he is travelling around Tasmania – one week he rings from Queenstown, another from Strachan, and the latest from St Helens on the east coast. That's called dedication to 2AIRFM !

This "Streaming" is a marvelous way to have listeners from all over the world - we have regulars in UK and USA plus others from all over Australia so we are sharing our good music with the world !

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## **WEBSITE & FACEBOOK**

Again, if you have internet facilities, take a look at our Website sometime.

It is full of information, pictures etc relating to matters associated with 2 Air FM.

The website is constantly being changed – it is like a "living book" - so take a look every now and then to see what's happening

Website is : [www.2airfm.com.au](http://www.2airfm.com.au)

The same applies to our “Facebook” page too – just log on and see what’s happening – we have lots of friends who chat to each other, mostly loving our music and presenters

We are always looking for ways to expand even more so if you internet facilities, join our growing number of Friends on “Facebook” !

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## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Once again we are asking any members with email capacity on their computer to help us to keep our postage costs down by giving us your email address so we can email instead of post to you.

Just email the Secretary at [office@2airfm.com.au](mailto:office@2airfm.com.au) - make the subject “Newsletter via Email” so we can identify it easily and your email will be added to the list.

**Don’t have a computer !** No worries ! All newsletters are sent by post if we do not have an email address so you are covered !

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## IN CONCLUSION

And now it is time to end this Newsletter again

You will note that some items are a bit vague as we do not have final details due to the long holiday period which is just about to end and the schools are starting up for another year.

We will bring you all the details as soon as we have them and we hope that you will be understanding of this mini dilemma.

The Committee of Management wishes to thank you all for your continued support and are hopeful that this will be on-going – all our Members are appreciated and the Committee hopes that each and every one can have in the best of health achievable, be happy and safe.

So it’s “Bye” from us and the next Newsletter will be in May when we can hopefully bring you lots more information about our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday celebrations as well as other matters

Happy listening to the best Radio Station in the local Area – Community Radio Station 2AIRFM – where you will hear all the good music that has stood the test of time !

Regards,  
from the Newsletter Editor

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Always address mail to our PO Box Number above ,  
Deliveries addressed to our studio address (24 Glenreagh Street) will take longer to get to us

Office Hours 8.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday

Remember that

***2AIRFM is "for the Community, by the Community"***

- listen to us at 107.9 on your radio all day, every day for  
the best of good music that

***"Stands the Test of Time" !***