



**TURNING PRINT INTO SOUND**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2018-2019**

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***Radio 1RPH 2018. ABN 30 504 588 789.***

**TURNING PRINT INTO SOUND**

Radio 1RPH informs and entertains listeners across the Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Junee regions by turning print into sound.

Each day our volunteers read from the major daily newspapers, including the Canberra Times, and from popular international and Australian magazines, journals, serialised books and community newsletters. We also feature readings from The Daily Advertiser and The Southern Cross for our Wagga Wagga and Junee listeners.

If you have difficulty reading printed material or just want to stay informed in these fast paced times while enjoying a range of entertaining programs, then Radio 1RPH is for you. Tune in and find out what's happening in your community, across the nation, and around the world.

Radio 1RPH broadcasts from 7.00am until late into the evening, with the BBC World Service broadcasting overnight.

## OUR MISSION

To deliver a diverse range of programming that is appealing, entertaining and informative for all our listeners.

## WHO OUR SERVICES ARE FOR

Our service is for people with a print disability who wish to stay informed but are unable to read printed information because they may:

- be vision impaired
- have literacy issues
- be able to speak but not read English
- have a learning impairment, or
- have a condition that hinders reading.

Approximately 22% of the Australian population experience some form of print disability (IPSOS Research 2014).

We also broadcast for a general public who wish to stay informed and entertained yet do not have time to read, or do not have access to, the wide range of publications we can bring to our listeners.

## THE RPH NETWORK

Radio 1RPH is a member of RPH Australia and a participating station in the National RPH network, one of the largest in Australia, reaching 80% of the population.

## The Radio Reading Service

for Canberra on 1125AM  
Wagga Wagga on 89.5FM  
and Junee on 99.5FM



## MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

### Station Management

The day-to-day running of the station is done by our Station Manager, Jenni Rush, and Assistant Station Manager, Andrew Lythgoe.

### Management Committee

The Radio 1RPH Committee meets regularly to consider aspects of the station's operations working towards sound governance.

### The 2018-19 Committee consisted of the following volunteers

President	Sandra Purser
Vice-President	Rosemary Follett. AO
Vice-President (Print Disabled)	Robert Altamore. OAM CM
Secretary	Geoffrey McDougall
Committee Member	Michael Doyle
Treasurer	Karen Melton
Volunteers' Representative	David Moncrieff
Committee Member	Alan Mitchell
Technical Director	Malcolm Walker
Programme Director	Shirley Meade
Public Officer	Robert Altamore.

*Our Patron is the Honourable Margaret Reid, AO.*

### **Volunteer with Radio 1RPH**

*Radio 1RPH is run by our team of enthusiastic volunteers who come from all walks of life.*

*Some of the roles our volunteers enjoy include: presenting or reading live to air shows  
producing or presenting pre-recorded shows reading books for broadcast promotion and fundraising  
program support roles technicians and IT carpentry, building and grounds maintenance.*

*In fact we can almost certainly find a use for any skill you possess. For those jobs that require specialist skills, such as live to air presentation or production, we provide free, comprehensive training and support set at your own pace.*

*We won't throw you in the deep end! Come along to our Station Orientation to find out more about Radio 1RPH, take a tour of the station, learn about how we operate, and meet others.*

## REPORT FROM THE RESIDENT – Sandra Purser

1RPH Committee faced significant challenges in 2018-19 but due to prudent financial management, generous donors, dedicated fundraising and a fortuitous circumstance finished the financial year in the black with a small surplus.

The financial year 2018-19 started with the then President, Ms Lorraine Litster drawing attention to the deteriorating finances of 1RPH and its inability to access any significant grants through the NDIS ILC process. . The decline in revenue continued and the incoming committee at the 2018 AGM were apprised of anticipated \$28,000 deficit for the financial year.

*1RPH is supported by the Federal Government through Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF) grants, memberships, sponsorships, donations and through fundraising activities.*

Two CBF grants were received: \$69,415 ex gst was received in Round 1 and \$1869.00 ex gst in Round 2. Sponsorships have also been down.

The station was rewarded with several significant and generous donations through “the end of financial year” campaign.

Contact with Beyond Bank was established in mid 2018 and was subsequently followed up by Lorraine Litster and then Rosemary Follett. A recommendation to join the Bank’s rewards program remains to be followed up. 1RPH did benefit with the acquisition of some office furniture no longer required by the bank.

In July 2018 Neville Blyth, then Vice-President presented a report to the Committee on a CBAA seminar 10 Points for Good Governance and also presented a paper on the need to maintain standards in broadcasting.

*Later the Australian Communications Media Authority (ACMA) who monitors the station requested a list of policies. A music policy was approved and provided to ACMA. Earlier this*

*year the committee approved a Diversity Policy which can now be accessed on the website. The Station manager Jenni Rush registered for working with vulnerable people*

The station has historically been closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday however volunteers and staff have worked on other public holidays. The Committee determined that staff should not be required to work on public holidays. This direction resulted in some discombobulation and it was agreed that the implementation would be delayed until the new financial year.

The Committee considered at some length the desirability of installing more solar panels. This was put on hold at the time due to the uncertainty of the financial position. It is expected to be reconsidered should an appropriate grant be identified.

At its June meeting the Committee approved a raise in membership fees to \$30 per annum and agreed to drop an earlier policy of requiring volunteers to become members.

### **Technical**

*A number of technical difficulties were experienced during the year with the introduction of the NBN in Wagga Wagga. The local technical team under Director Malcolm Walker successfully managed transition to the NBN by the Canberra studios early in 2019. Nathan Vogt secured a scholarship to attend the Technorama Exhibition in May 2019 and he and Neville Blyth attended. Early this year there was a need for the station to have all of its electrical equipment tested to meet occupational health and safety standards. Neville Blyth volunteered to attend a course and has since been undertaking this work on a voluntary basis for the station.*

The station has received equipment to allow it to introduce a digital stream. This equipment has been installed by the technical team but is

not complete. The introduction of digital is now anticipated to occur in the first half of 2020.

*New LED lights were installed in the studio and this has resulted in significant savings to our electricity bill. The need for the sensors in the car park and an upgrade to car park lighting has been identified. It is hoped that this with other car park repairs will be rectified in this current year.*

Other station repairs carried out during the year included a new back ramp, the replacement of the handrail on the front ramp and a new front gate. The station also installed a new alarm system and which after some initial difficulties now seems to be working well. New smoke alarms were also installed.

### **Fund Raising and Volunteer Activities**

*The station continued to benefit from the patronage of the former GovernorGeneral, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) who hosted a reception for 1RPH staff and volunteers at Government House on Tuesday, 30 October 2018. About 60 members attended.*

Sir Peter was a regular reader on 1RPH and also was guest of honor at a fundraising dinner held at the Royal Canberra Golf Club on 1 May 2019. He later recorded his memoirs which are available on the 1RPH website.

About 60 members and guests attended the annual dinner arranged by Wendy Altamore and held at the Hellenic Club on 21 September 2018. Guest speaker was Sir Angus Houston AK AC AFC (retd).

Volunteers were praised by Rotarians for their assistance with a sausage sizzle held on Saturday, 7 July 2018 at Bunnings in Gungahlin. This was organised by the Weston Creek Rotary Club with proceeds going to 1RPH.

Members also manned the booth at the ACT Volunteers Day held at the Southern Cross

Club on 18 September 2018. This attracted several attendees and potential members and volunteers to the next induction day.

New programs have been introduced supplementing the daily news live broadcasts. As well as book readings and drama. The station continues to supply and access programs with other stations in the RPH network.

*The development of closer community relations remains a priority and special programs were conducted on Remembrance and ANZAC Day, Christmas Day and Good Friday. The station continues its close engagement with the Canberra Blind Society and reads and prepares a recording of the Canberra Blind Society newsletter. The station has become an organisation member of People with Disabilities. (PWD).*

Social media pages have been boosted with excellent results.

The station is a valuable community resource. It broadcasts 24 hours a day performing a valued service fulfilling its role and purpose as well as creating a congenial volunteer community.

It is my pleasure to present this report.

### **Sandra Purser**



President Sandra Purser with Sir Peter Cosgrove

## **REPORT FROM VICE-PRESIDENT**

### **PRINT HANDICAPPED - Robert Altamore**

*In addition to my responsibilities as a Committee member and a Vice-President, I also bring to the Committee discussions the lived experience of a person who is print Handicapped and who depends on Radio 1RPH for access to printed and published information.*

Radio One RPH continues to seek the views of its listeners through a number of means including:

- Comments phoned into the station and recorded in the comments book;
- Broadcast of announcements requesting listener comment on our programs;
- Contact with listeners and service organisation through participation in community events; and
- Audience research by other RPH stations and RPH Australia.

However, our best source of listener feedback is the comments we get from informal conversations between our volunteers and listeners in ordinary everyday life. Please continue to have these conversations and let us know what you learn.

Our funding body now requires Radio 1RpH to demonstrate that it has listener feedback mechanisms which are more formal and structured. The Board is establishing a formal listener feedback panel to provide listener comment on specific matters referred to it. Previous Panels have consisted of small groups of people who are print handicapped. *This Listener Panel will be open to people whether or not they are print handicapped and will include Radio 1RPH listeners, readers and*

*presenters.* This broadening of Panel membership will improve the quality of listener feedback. If you are interested in contributing to this Listener Panel please contact Jenni or myself.

This year I have been able to support my wife Wendy and Radio 1RPH members who have assisted her in the planning, organisation and conduct of two most enjoyable and successful fundraising dinners. On 21 September 2018 61 people enjoyed a meal at the Hellenic Club and heard an interesting address by Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC former Chief of the Defence Force on his Air Force career. This evening raised \$3,300 for radio 1RPH

On 1 May 2019 Radio 1RPH was most privileged to have as a speaker at our dinner the then Governor-General of Australia H/E General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC. The dinner was a wonderful occasion and raised \$7,000. Wendy and I were pleased to organize the silent auction items which raised \$2,000 and to bring 30 of the 140 people who attended the evening.

Wendy and I have also visited Wagga Wagga and Junee and maintained Radio 1RPH with our supporters in these towns especially Wagga Wagga Rotary, Junee Lions and June Bennett, the person who initiated and successfully advocated to the Junee Council for the RPH Junee service.

*As a listener I thank all Radio 1RPH volunteers for their contribution to turning printed and published information into sound and making it accessible to people like myself.*

**Robert Altamore OAM CM**

## **REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT Rosemary Follett**

I have been Vice President of the 1RPH Committee for the past year – a time of great challenges for the station in our efforts to bring the printed word to those with a print disability.

*During the year I was involved in activities aimed at improving our revenue situation. These included meeting with senior Beyond Bank executive (with Robert Altamore); discussion with ACT Government personnel about ensuring the station was included in all Government radio advertising campaigns; assisting with the station's fundraising drive including some media interviews and assistance as a volunteer at the Open Day.*

I have taken part in Committee meetings and have been very impressed by the expertise and dedication of other Committee members.

My personal circumstances changed quite early in the year and as a consequence I have spent more time away from Canberra than I had anticipated. I regret that this has meant my time for Committee work has been somewhat limited; and for the same reason I will not seek a further term as Vice President at the AGM.

*I will of course continue to volunteer with 1RPH as a reader; and to assist with other activities as much as I can.*

I would like to thank all other Committee Members, especially our President Sandra Purser, for their work for our community during the past year. The station is also very fortunate in having Jenni Rush as a capable and dedicated Manager.

**Rosemary Follett AO**

## **REPORT FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR Shirley Meade**

External factors have made it a rather difficult year for programming. Problems with the Mediapoint arrangements by which we receive book readings from other RPH stations to supplement our own productions have cut down on the number of out-of-house book readings drastically.

Book readings recently received from one particular source have changed format so that playing requires extra production work on our part. Fortunately, we had enough stock in hand to cover the gaps.

*Special Programs were produced for Christmas Day, Good Friday, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. Many thanks to readers and producers who contributed.*

The following new programs were broadcast during 2018/19:

- First Fleet (Chris Stephens)
- Unsolved Mysteries (Chris Stephens)
- The Comedy Collection (Pat Wearne)
- Question Everything (Pat Wearne)

Six "in-house" book readings were produced in the same period:

- Flight Behaviour (Dorothy Broom)
- The Spare Room (Jane Carmody)
- Notes from a Small Island (Dorothy Broom)
- Dickens in Europe (Pat Wearne)
- The Cornish Guest House (Lesma Wood)
- Daughter of the Territory (Sue Farrelly)

Thank you to Jenni, Andrew, Malcolm and our volunteer readers for their hard work and dedication during the year.

**Shirley Meade**



## **REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY Geoffrey McDougall**

Last year's AGM was held at the Raiders Belconnen Club in Holt on Saturday 24 November 2018.

Since last year's AGM the Committee has met on 13 occasions during the year, namely 10 December 2018, in 2019 on 21 January, 11 February, 1 and 18 March, 15 April, 24 May, 17 June, 3 and 22 July, 19 August, 16 September, and 21 October.

I also participated in other ad hoc meetings on 24 December 2018 and 12 October 2019.

Sandra, Robert and myself met with Senator Seselja to discuss federal government funding of 1RPH on

7 March 2019. Sandra and I met with James Manders and David Whitaker on Friday 5 April 2019 at which ideas to put the station on a more financially secure footing were discussed.

During the year a number of people spoke to the Committee including Matthew Watson, the Executive General Manager of Pegasus Riding for the Disabled. Mr Watson outlined how Pegasus filled the funding gap left when the ACT Government moved the funding that it had previously provided to Pegasus to the NDIS. The Committee also met with James Manders and Gordon Scott to discuss 1RPH's lease and whether there may be opportunities for the station to lever off its land assets.

*During the year there were a number of opportunities for members to meet with each other and with the Committee. On the late afternoon of Friday 7 December 2018 a christmas party was held at the station for volunteers, friends and committee members. The turn out was good with about 50 people in attendance.*

A fund raiser was held on Wednesday 1 May 2019 with Wendy Altamore leading the organisation for the event . It was held at the Royal Canberra Golf Club with 140 people in attendance with the Governor-General His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, CVO MC, the guest of honour who provided an insightful and entertaining speech. Many thousands of dollars was raised for the station including through a very successful silent auction.

*For the first time in many decades 1RPH ran a radiothon fund raiser over 10 days from 21 to 29 September 2019. As part of this the station held an Open Day on Saturday 28 September 2019. Thanks for all involved including Nev Blyth, and Sue and Alan Mitchell along with many others including publicity provided by Canberra ABC. Some \$41,000 was raised.*

Attendance by Committee members at Committee meetings since the last AGM was as follows

Sandra Purser	13
Robert Altamore	13
Rosemary Follett	12
Karen Mielton	8
Shirley Meade	9
Malcolm Walker	12
Jenni Rush	8
Geoffrey McDougall	13
Alan Mitchell	10
Michael Doyle	4 - til June 2019
David Moncrieff	10
David Whitaker	1 -from June 2019

**Geoffrey McDougall**

## REPORT FROM THE VOLUNTEERS' REPRESENTATIVE – David Moncrieff

I became volunteer representative after being elected to the board a year ago. In this role, I have received invaluable assistance from several people who volunteered to help me with a small working group, these include Gail Urbanski, Davina O'Dell and Phil Jacomb. In addition, I am grateful for the support shown by president Sandra Purser and the rest of the Radio1RPH committee. And the ubiquitous Nev Blyth has been a great assistance with introduction sessions for interested volunteers. Thanks to the broader volunteer community for your work and support keeping Radio1RPH functioning.

One of the immediate challenges has been the lack of a defined role for the Volunteers' Representative. *I have sought to identify ways that I could best serve the organisation, in respect of supporting and mentoring presenters and readers, particularly new members; assessing and addressing cultural issues and broadcasting standards.* The Volunteering and ACT workshop for volunteer managers was particularly helpful. A long term goal is to introduce refresher training for all volunteers. This will have two main aims, building broadcast, reading and production skills, and building a respectful culture and reinforcing the protocols under which we operate.

My observation in the past year is that while 1RPH has a dedicated cohort of volunteers, many come in, do their bit and disappear without ever really engaging with the organisation beyond this. We need strategies that ensure our volunteers understand their role, regardless of what it is, and the value they add. The challenge for us has been that we have only a finite number of live and recorded on-air roles and finding meaningful ways to engage the people interested in volunteering needs to be an organisational priority. We are working towards building capacity to bring some roles once done by volunteers back into

the hands of volunteers, notably the weekday rostering, and building a spirit of engagement.

With what has been an ageing volunteer demographic we face significant risks from managing succession issues in a host of positions. The volunteer working group is developing strategies to meet these and other challenges. An initial dinner gathering open to all volunteers attracted around 25 volunteers and partners to the Gungahlin club and further gatherings are planned throughout 2020.

*We have continued to recruit and train presenters and readers with a number making on-air and reading debuts during the year. We have not cancelled a live broadcast due to the absence of relief, even at short notice.*

Some statistics: at the end of October, we had 80 Twitter followers, 289 Facebook followers and the top post subject was the Mental Health Expo post, with 108 hits. In the past three months, we had 3,980 pod cast downloads. *The busiest day in the period was 29 August, with 151 downloads, with the Canberra Shapers interview with Susan Helyer from ACTCOSS, the most in demand with 10 downloads on that day, followed by the day's Canberra Times reading, on 8 (the Canberra Times is the most regularly downloaded, with between 8 and 12 downloads on any day. Cosmos and Outback are two other sought-after podcasts.*

Finally, on behalf of volunteers, *I want to acknowledge the efforts of Jenni Rush who has been a valuable conduit between the cohort and me. More than this, feedback from volunteers recognises her efforts to make life easier for them, from setting up the iPads for Wagga Wagga readers to the onerous task of ensuring that roster vacancies are filled.* A key priority for next year's Volunteers'

**David Moncrieff**

## REPORT FROM THE TREASURER - Karen Melton

I have pleasure in submitting the Audited Financial Report for Print Handicapped Radio of ACT Incorporated (Radio 1RPH), for the year ended 30th June 2019.

Our Auditor, Vincents Audit Pty Ltd, has prepared the Association's Financial Report for 2019, based on the information supplied by Radio 1RPH. In the opinion of the Auditors, the Financial Report presents a true and fair view of Radio 1RPH's financial position, and complies with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act). The financial result for 2019 is summarised in the following tables (full report attached).

### OPERATING STATEMENT                      2019      2018      Movement \$

Income			
Grant & transmission cost subsidy - CBF	71,284	85,231	-13,947
Grant - CBAA	27,600	0	27,600
Grant - NDIS (formerly Disability ACT)	0	19,670	-19,670
Membership fees	2,441	2,856	-415
Donations and bequests	22,285	14,498	7,787
Sponsorships and campaigns	29,603	30,020	-417
Interest earned	3,609	3,892	-283
Events and sundry income	14,770	1,560	13,210
Total Income	171,592	157,727	13,865

### Expenditure

ACT Broadcasting costs (includes Electricity)	19,890	25,096	-5,206
Wagga Wagga Broadcasting costs	5,561	10,464	-4,903
Insurance	13,696	13,009	687
Salaries and wages	88,409	88,934	-525
Depreciation on building and equipment	9,838	9,931	-93
Administration costs	19,508	19,971	-463
Consultancy	0	4,151	-4,151
Station events	10,466	328	10,138
Total Expenses	167,368	171,884	-4,516
Net operating result (surplus/(deficit))	4,224	-14,157	18,381

### Operating result commentary

For the year ended 30th June 2019, income totalled \$171,592 and expenses totalled \$167,368, resulting in a net operating surplus of \$4,224.

As can be seen in the summary table above, when compared to the previous year operating deficit of \$14,157, income decreased by \$13,865 and expenditure decreased by \$4,516. The surplus was only achieved by the inclusion of \$27,600 in one off revenue relating to the grant of Digital Radio equipment by Community

Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA). The grant was of equipment only, and had no cash impact. The operating result without the inclusion of the grant revenue would have been an operating deficit of \$23,376.

Income increased overall by \$13,865 including (major items):

- \$27,600 for Digital Radio Equipment grant (one off)
- \$7,787 for donations and bequests.
- \$13,210 for station events (including fund raising dinner).
- Increases offset by decreases in:
  - o CBF grant/subsidies \$13,947
  - o NDIS grant \$19,670

Expenditure decreased overall by \$4,516 including (major items):

- \$5,206 for transmission costs, mainly associated with the biennial ACT transmission tower inspection cost.
- \$4,903 for Wagga Wagga broadcasting costs mainly associated with lower equipment repair costs and electricity arrears payments in prior year.
- \$4,151 for consultancy costs mainly associated with one off strategic planning activity in prior year.
- Decreases offset by increases in:
  - o \$10,138 for additional Station event costs compared to prior year.

BALANCE SHEET	2019	2018	Movement \$
Assets			
Cash at bank	268,608	300,794	-32,186
Receivables and prepayments	51,147	6,778	44,369
Building and Equipment (written down value)	109,202	84,572	24,630
Total Assets	428,957	392,144	36,813

#### Liabilities

Income in advance	36,685	0	36,685
GST Payable	1,478	-2,624	4,102
Supplier payables	4,154	9,751	-5,597
Salary related payables and provisions	15,662	18,263	-2,601
Total Liabilities	57,979	25,390	32,589
Net Assets (Member Equity)	370,978	366,754	4,224

## Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position) commentary

As at 30th June 2019, net assets totalled \$370,978. This comprised mostly cash at bank (all funds held in investment accounts with St George Bank) of \$268,608, receivables of \$51,147 and Building and Equipment assets (written down value) of \$109,202, offset by Liabilities of \$57,979.

Compared to the previous financial year, there has been a small increase in net assets under management which reflects the operating deficit of \$4,224. Cash at bank decreased by \$36,685 reflecting the cash operating deficit currently run by the Association.

The cash reserves held as at 30th June 2019 are also sufficient to cover expected replacement of key Equipment necessary for transmission operation, as well as to pay for liabilities (debts owed) at balance date.

Cash reserves provide the necessary foundation for the continued operation of Radio 1RPH into the future. Whilst total cash held currently exceeds the value of liabilities and the written down value of Equipment, the current estimated replacement cost of all assets under management (including the Radio 1 RPH Building) exceeds \$900,000. Taking this into account, it is important to continue to grow cash reserves to support future operations.

### **Ongoing Budget Management**

The Association's financial viability continues to be challenged as a result of declining grant funding. The CBF grant over time has become a part subsidy of a proportion of salary and transmission costs. Administration overheads are not directly included in the subsidy calculation, which results in a funding shortfall. The Committee will need to continue to apply for other grants, as well as, actively seeking donations to maintain operations at their current level. Operational costs will also need to be monitored carefully and changes made where possible, through the take up of technological efficiencies etc.

### **Acknowledgement and thanks**

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of our Station Manager Jenni Rush, who continues to manage the Station day to day with regard to the tight budget environment. Thank you to Jenni, for all of the hard work and valuable assistance in finalising the accounts for 2019. Thank you also to the current Committee for your ongoing efforts to strengthen the Association's financial position and therefore continued operations of Radio 1RPH into the future.

**Karen Melton**

## **RADIO 1PR GROWS TO MEET COMMUNITY GROWTH**

### **1985 Our first broadcast from humble beginnings**

In April, with a few volunteers, we broadcasted a limited range of programs from a small house in the inner-north Canberra suburb of Ainslie

### **1987 Radio 1RPH moves location**

In March the station established itself in its present location on a five acre block in the north Canberra suburb of Gungahlin. This move was assisted greatly by the Canberra Institute of Technology (TAFE), whose building trades students built the twenty square purpose-designed building which continues today to serve as offices and studios. The vision and leadership of the Rev Dr Ivor Vivian in these early days contributed positively to establishing Radio 1RPH. The new premises were officially opened by our patron, The Hon. Margaret Reid AO.

### **1994 Our coverage expands**

With support from the Commonwealth we were able to build two masts and install our own transmitters. We also moved from 1620AM to our current position of 1125AM on the dial and increased our power from 500 to 2000 watts.

### **2008 Media of the Year Award**

On the 19th of September, the PRIA (Public Relations Institute of Australia) awarded Radio 1RPH its Chief Minister PRIA (ACT Division) Community Media of the Year Award.

The award was presented to Radio 1RPH President Jean Bennett.

### **2009 Broadcasts to Wagga Wagga begin**

The 9th of May marked our first broadcast into the NSW city of Wagga Wagga, the largest inland city in NSW situated 140km west of Canberra. Programs are relayed to Wagga Wagga directly from our Canberra studios.

### **2012 Broadcasts to Junee begin**

On the 21st of September we began [broadcasting to Junee](#), a town 43km north of Wagga Wagga and 222km west of Canberra. Town resident June Bennett was a major driver behind bringing our service to Junee.

### **2017 Podcasting begins**

In July Radio 1RPH began podcasting a couple of its popular programs and interviews. The response has been very enthusiastic and we will now be increasing our Podcast Library in line with listener demand.



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