



### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Australian Governor-General Visits Radio 1RPH

**On the 5<sup>th</sup> February Radio 1RPH was delighted to host His Excellency the Hon Governor-General David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, ahead of World Radio Day (13<sup>th</sup> February).**

On Friday, the Governor-General and Mrs Linda Hurley visited Radio 1RPH. Both took a turn in the booth and read media coverage celebrating local recipients recognised in the Australia Day Honours list.

Not only did they meet and have tea with various volunteers, Mrs Hurley also surprised volunteers by performing an original song thanking them for all the work done here at the station. Overall it was a great morning and we would once again want to give a big thank you for their generous support for our community radio station.



Pictured Governor-General and Mrs Hurley with Volunteers

Listen to the podcast of the Governor-General and Mrs Hurley's live reading [here](#) and check out the post on our [Facebook](#) page.

### Explore the Lunar New Year with 1RPH

Tune in to Radio 1RPH in February, as Kacey Lam explores the rich traditions, diverse values and bright festivities of the Lunar New Year in conversation with prominent members of Canberra's local community.

Find out more on 1RPH's [Facebook](#) page. Or listen as a [podcast](#).

### Help Raise Funds for Radio 1RPH with Hands Across Canberra

**Every \$1 you donate will become \$2 with matched funding available for the first \$5,000 raised by each of our charities.**

On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> our president Sandra along with the station manager David attended an introductory session to learn how [Hands Across Canberra](#) will help Radio 1RPH and other local non-for-profit community organizations raise funds. [Hands Across Canberra](#) invests in programs that strengthen the Canberra community. The campaign helps charities by matching donations made through individual fundraising with corporate donations.

With the official launch having taken place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, every charity and community service has up until Giving Day (9<sup>th</sup> March) to raise funds eligible to be matched. [Hands Across Canberra](#) will be providing Radio 1RPH with the necessary digital communication materials needed to run a successful social media campaign.

As it will take place almost entirely on social media, make sure to keep your eyes on 1RPH's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [website](#). We would love it if you shared these posts with your friends and family.





### Committee Update

Our Treasurer Karen recently shared with the committee the budget work-up for the current year. With the entitlement to economic stimulus payments confirmed for this financial year, the budget is currently a break-even one.

Additionally, the Committee is keen to pursue a goal of excellence and welcome an initiative of Amelia McKenzie and Rhod McDonald for the development of a training program to improve broadcasting standards, upskill volunteers and fill emerging gaps in our programming.

### What's up at the station?

Thank you to Arthur from Elite Carpentry and Patios for his work in helping restore the roof of Radio 1RPH to its former glory. He replaced a number of damaged tiles as well as sealed our ridge cap to prevent leakages.

Arthur also helped us to install automatic hand sanitisers around the station for your hygiene and convenience.

Furthermore, a new group of volunteers have joined 1RPH and you may have noticed some new faces around the station. Please make our new volunteers feel welcome!

### In dedication of Shirley Meade

The President, Committee and staff of 1RPH extend their sincere sympathy to the close personal friends of Shirley Meade who passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. Shirley could be regularly seen at 1RPH on Mondays and Fridays. She was a committed volunteer and will be sadly missed by her colleagues and those volunteers and members with whom she came in contact.

Shirley joined 1RPH in 1987 and in 34 years of service contributed much to the development of the station as it is today. Knowledgeable, widely read and travelled, she achieved an enviable reputation for RPH programming. Utilising her association with blindness organisations in America and local community focus groups she established the Community Round Up program. Her choice of books suitable for broadcasting was a notable feature with her role as program director.

To read the full tribute to Shirley Meade by Robert Altamore, click [here](#).

#### Shirley Meade memorial program

1RPH will broadcast a commemorative program in memory of Shirley. We will be grateful to receive any information and/or anecdotes, and if you would like to record a tribute please contact us at [admin@radio1rph.org.au](mailto:admin@radio1rph.org.au).

