



RADIO 1RPH

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The radio Reading Service

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.

OVERVIEW

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Who we are Radio 1RPH is a Community Radio broadcaster based in Canberra. We are an independent, not-for-profit organisation that provides a radio reading service to people with print disabilities as well as to the general listening public.

Our vision an efficient information and entertainment service that engages and empowers people with vision loss and reading difficulties.

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

Who our service is 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.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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What an amazing year! My first full financial year as president and it's been beyond anything I could have imagined. Who would have thought we would face down a once in a lifetime pandemic?

The corona virus subcommittee did a terrific job of keeping the station on air, and a big shout out to Sandra Clifford, Phil Jacomb, Malcolm Walker, Neville Blyth and Andy Lythgoe.

Our volunteers, two thirds of whom are aged over 65, all rallied. We limited live broadcasting from the station and many of our most vulnerable broadcast from home. A warm thank you to Jenni Rush who provided essential support for those volunteers.

We continued our daily newspaper reading service throughout, along with our regular RPH programs both local as well as from the RPHA network. We limited our evening live program to one hour with plans to revive the evening schedule at the beginning of the new financial year.

COVID-19 also coincided with many newspapers converting to online only. It meant our volunteer readers used iPad to deliver this valuable news service to our listeners.

I have worked with two Committees across the 12 months and I thank each and every member most sincerely for their support and dedication to the station and the community we serve.

Digital radio streaming in Canberra and environs should start early in the new financial year. All the equipment has been installed courtesy of the Federal Government, the linkages enabled and we are currently in a testing period. This is an important development for 1RPH and a milestone in its history.

Our thanks to Neville Blyth who has been monitoring this for us and who will represent the Station as Chair of the Canberra Community Digital Radio Company. The station will continue to broadcast simultaneously on 1125am in Canberra and on 89.5FM in Wagga Wagga and 99.5FM in Junee.

Early in the first quarter we were amazed with the results of our Radiothon – our first for many years raising more than \$40,000. It was a very rewarding and gratifying result for our roughly 130 dedicated volunteers.

We are an organisation which reaches out into the community with our broadcasting but in terms of feedback, it is very much a one-way street.

This huge cash injection, at a time of shrinking government grants, is a measure of the esteem in which the station is held. I know that it boosted our morale and we came away assured of the community's appreciation.

Long may it continue.

We also benefitted with grants from Hands Across Canberra providing us with much needed equipment to help those volunteers broadcasting from home. A grant provided under the Stronger Communities Program courtesy of the Hon Andrew Leigh MP assisted with new blinds for the station and upgrading the grounds.

1RPH exists because of an amazing band of volunteers who contribute to every facet of our enterprise - editorial, technical, administrative, broadcasting, reading, research, program preparation, fundraising – all supported by two paid staffers.

Four training programs were held during the year. Two by Alan Mitchell and two by Lex Marinos. Three under the auspices of the Community Media Training Organisation (CMTO) including Programming and Presenting by Lex Marinos and Committee Training by Alan Mitchell. Alan also delivered an editing course.

The station is a valuable community resource servicing the print disabled in the ACT and south-eastern New South Wales.

I am proud to present this annual report for 2019-20.



Sandra Purser

Sandra Purser, President

30 June 2020

SECRETARY'S REPORT

During 2019-20 the 1RPH Committee has met on 14 occasions, namely 3 and 22 July 2019, 19 August 2019, 16 September 2019, and 21 October 2019, 25 November 2019, 16 December 2019, 20 January 2020, 17 February 2020, 16 March 2020, 20 April 2020, 18 May 2020 and 15 June 2020. The last three Committee meetings, in view of the physical distancing requirements arising from the Covid 19 pandemic, were conducted by video conference. Committee meetings generally ran for two to three hours.

During the year a number of people spoke to the Committee including on 19 August 2019, 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 (prior to James joining the Committee) and Gordon Scott to discuss 1RPH's lease and whether there may be opportunities for the station to lever off its land assets.

On 11 January 2020 the Committee, as a Committee, attending training, provided by Alan Mitchell (a Committee member) on radio station management. The course material was provided by the Community Media Training Organisation (CMTO). Committee members found this training very useful. The training was held at the Station over the course of a day.

The Station held its 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16 November 2019 at the Ainslie Football Club. Office holders were elected, unopposed, at the AGM. Rob Woolston once again acted as returning officer, for which the Station is very grateful. In addition, a number of Constitutional amendments were considered at the AGM principally the extension of Committee terms from one to three years. There was considerable lively debate about these amendments, both for and against, the proposed amendments. Whilst there was majority support for the amendments none were passed by the required three-quarters or more special majority and hence 1RPH's Constitution was left unamended.

On 15 February 2020, the 1RPH Committee convened an information session meeting at Ainslie Football Club, very ably chaired by Rhod McDonald. This meeting provided an opportunity for the Committee, 1RPH members, and members of the public to discuss a range of issues confronting the Station. About 40 people attended. A number of possible constitutional amendments (including those that didn't pass at the November 2019 AGM) were discussed. To aid the discussion it was clearly stated that no binding decisions would be made at this meeting. There was also an opportunity for those present to raise issues that weren't flagged for discussion by the Committee..

Members concluded the afternoon with drinks and canapes. The Station is very grateful to the Ainslie Football Club for providing the meeting room for both the AGM and the public meeting at no cost to 1RPH.

During the year there were a number of opportunities for members to meet with each other and with the Committee. In the late afternoon of Saturday, 7 December 2019 a Christmas party was held at the Station for volunteers, friends and committee members. The turnout was good with about 40 people in attendance. 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, Sandra Purser and Sue and Alan Mitchell along with many others including the publicity provided by Canberra ABC. More than \$41,000 was raised.

Attendance by Committee members at Committee meetings during the year 2019-20 was as follows noting that the 2019-20 financial year comprises two Committee that elected in November 2018 and that elected in November 2019. Unless otherwise stated Committee members listed below were Committee members of both the 2018 and 2019 committees.

Sandra Purser 14

Robert Altamore 14

Rosemary Follett 5 (retired at 2019 AGM)

James Manders 5 (elected 2019 AGM – resigned June 2020)

Karen Melton 8

Shirley Meade 2 (Program Director until 16 March 2020)

Amelia McKenzie 4 (appointed Program Director on 16 March 2020)

Malcolm Walker 14

Geoffrey McDougall 14

Alan Mitchell 10

Jillian Grant 3 (elected 2019 AGM, resigned 28 January 2020)

Stephanie Bostock 4 (appointed to the Committee on 17 February 2020)

David Moncrieff 6 (resigned 11 December 2019)

Phil Jacomb 3 (appointed to the Committee on 17 February 2020)

David Whitaker 1 (appointed to the Committee on 17 June 2019)

Geoffrey McDougall, Secretary
30 June 2020

It has been a busy year for Radio 1RPH, particularly from March – June during the Covid pandemic. I'd like to thank all those volunteers who worked hard during this time to keep the station on air, whether that was by continuing to read in the live programs or recording at the station, or by learning something new and recording their weekly programs from home. Without your hard work, it would not have been possible to keep the station on air during the pandemic isolation and social distancing period.

Community Engagement

We undertook a few community engagement activities during the year. In September, Lesma Wood and I visited the Bungendore CWA branch to talk about the station and to encourage them to listen. It was great to hear that a couple of their members did listen to 1RPH.

In our appeal week, I went and gave a presentation on the station to the ACT Seniors Canberra South branch. They were very interested in the station and our purpose and many contributed to a small donation at the end of my presentation.

On 10th October, we participated in the Mental Health Week Expo in Civic. This was a great opportunity to meet people from other community organisations and also to talk to the many people in Civic who came past. Thanks to Steve Ferguson, David Moncrieff, Sandra Purser and Julie Mitchell who assisted on the day.

In mid-November, I was pleased to represent the station, along with Pat Spaul, at the 10th Birthday celebrations for the Gungahlin CWA Branch. The Gungahlin Branch has made several donations across the years to 1RPH and it was great to be able to celebrate with them.

Community Broadcasting Association of Australia Conference

I was fortunate to be able to attend the CBAA annual conference in Melbourne in late October 2019.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

This was a great opportunity to meet not only fellow RPH station volunteers and staff, but also to meet community radio volunteers and staff from across the country. I also had the opportunity to visit the Vision Australia Radio Studios in Kooyong and catch up with some of their volunteers and their manager, Conrad Browne. The conference consisted of many different presentations on everything from fundraising to digital radio.

Fundraising

In addition to our very successful appeal (my thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard to make the appeal a success), we also participated in the following fundraising events: Charity of the Month for October at Grill'd Canberra City; Charity of the month for September at The Knox in Watson and Charity for the quarter at the Marketplace Gungahlin for Oct-Dec. The support that these businesses provide for charities in Canberra is fantastic and it was a great opportunity for us to be part of their charity fundraising.

Sponsorship

We gained one bronze sponsorship this year from the First Church of Christ Scientist Canberra. We continued with three program sponsorships during the year, for Insight for Living, Communication Radio and Messages of Hope.

As this is my final report as Station Manager, I'd like to thank all of our volunteers for their enthusiasm, friendship, support and valuable work here at Radio 1RPH. I'd especially like to thank those I have worked closely with over the last 6 years, Shirley Meade, Lorraine Litster, Nev Blyth, Malcolm Walker and Christine Daniell. I'd also like to thank Andrew Lythgoe for all his work in ensuring that our programs go to air and for his support of my work.

Jenni Rush, Station Manager

30 June 2020

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE TRAINING AT 1RPH

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I was privileged to conduct "Governance" Training at the station on behalf of the Community Media Training Organisation (CMTO) on Saturday 11 January 2020. The CMTO is a Registered Training Organisation that conducts broadcast training over three general areas relevant to Community Broadcasting:

- Broadcasting,
- Technical, and
- Management.

This six-hour course from the Management stream was a non-accredited "Pathways Course" intended to impart skills, but without the need for formal assessment. CMTO courses are designed to reflect the "best practice" in the community broadcast sector. It was specifically designed to help members of the Management Committee of a Community Broadcast Station to:

- monitor the station's operations appropriately and effectively,
- understand the difference between governance and management and how to work,
- deal effectively with employees and volunteer workers,
- ensure that our station complies with all legal and constitutional requirements, as well as the Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice,
- participate effectively in Board meetings,
- ensure that effective policies and procedures are in place,
- deal appropriately with problems that require action by the Board, and
- understand how to manage finances.

We were reminded that the responsibilities of the Management Committee are to:

- keep the station legally compliant,
- oversee the long- term development of the station,
- represent the station to the rest of the community,
- raise and manage funds,
- ensure that the station's interests are the first priority in decision making, and
- hire staff and oversee performance evaluation of the Station Manager.

Thank you, Sandra, for providing refreshments at morning and afternoon tea and ensuring all participants enjoyed a healthy lunch. The course provided a good introduction to new members of the Management Committee as well as refresher for those that have served on the Committee for some time. It also provided members of the Management Committee with an opportunity to interact with each other and to get to know each other better, so that we could work together more effectively in what has turned out to be a challenging year.

Alan Mitchell,
Board Member and CMTO Trainer
11 January 2020



TECHNICAL REPORT

The technical department of radio one RPH is manned by three volunteers including myself. Our work consists of the rectification of technical faults and the planning and installation of new equipment. Our equipment can be divided into studio equipment, IT equipment, transmission equipment, antenna system and emergency power plant. In addition to our system in Canberra, we maintain equipment sited in Wagga Wagga which delivers our program to the NSW towns of Wagga Wagga and Junee. Work required during the past financial year is outlined below:

New IT equipment was installed to improve Network Security and increase Data Storage capacity. This included connection to the NBN and the installation of a new network switch and NAS.

The transmission equipment for digital broadcasting was installed. We are now broadcasting in the digital band on a test basis. We are simulcasting our existing AM program on the digital band.

One of our volunteers qualified as a certified cable tester recently and has been testing all power cables in order to certify them for safety. This is an ongoing project which should be completed this year. When this work was carried out in the control room it required a 5 hours outage from 9pm to 2 am. A second outage will be required to complete the task.

It has been necessary to attend the Wagga site on several occasions this year due to technical problems at that location. An interference problem caused to equipment on the tower by our transmitter antenna has been rectified by the antenna being moved by the Council technician to a new location on the tower.

Due to the COVID lockdown, we have had to make special arrangements to reduce the number of volunteers at the station. As a solution to this difficulty, we have purchased remote recording equipment so that some readers and producers can work from home.

M M. Walker, Technical Director
30 June 2020

CANBERRA COMMUNITY DIGITAL RADIO BROADCAST

Radio 1RPH made a major technical step forward this year as we went on-air with digital broadcasting. The 1RPH signal can now be located on any DAB+ capable radio or receiver display (after retuning if necessary). The service is presently in a testing phase, during which encoding and transmission issues can be addressed and the service optimised. At a later stage program details and other content metadata will be displayed on receivers.

This achievement was led by our much-respected Technical team, Malcolm Walker and Nev Blyth, working as part of a cooperative network of Canberra community radio stations in a project funded by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA).



The Community Digital Radio Project

The Community Digital Radio Project, managed by the CBAA and funded by the Federal Government, provided Canberra community radio stations (1RPH, 1CMS, 1WAY, 2XX and ArtSound) with all necessary equipment for the encoding and relaying of our broadcast content.

While conventional broadcasting requires stations to maintain their own transmitting infrastructure (transmitters, antennas and so forth), the digital service combines encoded audio streams from a number of broadcasters into a common multiplexed stream before radio transmission from a single, central location (Black Mountain).

The equipment provided includes:

- Analog audio encoders (two, for redundancy)
- Content exchange codec
- Optical data modem
- Telstra private network optical data installation and connection



Promotion

While the service remains in the testing phase, 1RPH will not undertake promotion and marketing, but our member and volunteers have been given a brief precis of the service and a request for listening feedback. We are looking forward to the opportunity to strongly promote the digital service among our listenership and the wider community. Radio 1RPH and community broadcasting in Canberra stands to benefit from a presence alongside the commercial stations on the digital spectrum. Additional listenership will likely be gained by discovery, as people find our service and information on their receivers' display. Importantly, we must work to maintain and improve the quality of our service in the digital world to ensure that the first listening experience is a pleasant one.

Future activities

Monitoring and feedback on the service is important and the technical team have already been working directly with the broadcast engineer to address some early glitches. Work is proceeding to optimise our audio encoding arrangements for the spoken word and it is hoped that the already excellent sounding audio will improve even further.

For the present, it is anticipated that the service will be offered as a parallel, complementary offering alongside our AM/FM, internet stream and on-demand (podcast) products. In the further future however, with the expansion of DAB+ to the regions, it is envisioned that the discontinuation of the AM service may be possible, with the incumbent cost savings that this would realise. Radio 1RPH is fortunate to have had the commitment and expertise of its technical team to drive the digital broadcast project and we look forward to further technology achievements in the coming year.

Nev Blyth, Technical support

30 June 2020

PROGRAM REPORT

This was a year of change as Shirley Meade, 1RPH's long-time Program Director, gradually handed over programming tasks to a newly established Program Team led by Amelia McKenzie and Sandra Clifford. Shirley remains the station's Program Advisor.

In the many years of Shirley's involvement with 1RPH she built the station's profile for high-quality programming, ably supported by Lorraine Litster, John Howard, station manager Jenni Rush and many willing volunteer readers. All at 1RPH are deeply indebted to Shirley for her dedication and guidance over the years.

Strategic Directions

The Program team assists the station to achieve Goals 1 and 3 of the Strategic Directions:

- Goal 1: Actively promote greater community engagement and diversity in programming. Diversity in programming was a particular goal for the Program team with several new programs introduced:

Canberra Shapers (Jenelle Provost), a series of interviews with ACT personalities and community representatives; Heartwarming (Sandra Clifford), a series of readings recorded at home and broadcast during lockdown, designed to engage and uplift those isolated by COVID-19; London Review of Books (Amelia McKenzie) began in December 2019. Special programs were again produced for Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day.

- Goal 3: Deliver programs responsive and relevant to the target audience taking account of new developments in technology

During the year the following books were read and produced by 1RPH volunteers:

- Becoming by Michelle Obama, read by Dorothy Broom
- Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty read by Sue Farrelly
- The Drop by Mick Herron read by Chris Stephens
- Batavia by Peter FitzSimons read by Chris Stephens
- Notes from a Small Island by Bill Bryson read by Dorothy Broom
- Dickens in Europe by Rosalind Vallance read by Pat Wearne
- Life Story by Mike Gunton and Rupert Barrington read by Geoff Burchfield

With the formation of the new Program Team in the New Year, existing program logs and daily schedules were completed online, and a program proposal form was introduced. Volunteers were encouraged to bring forward new programming ideas and expressions of interest were sought for book reading, editing and producing. By the end of the financial year four books had been selected and assigned to new volunteer readers, sharing skills and increasing the pool of regular readers.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the commencement of the ACT lockdown saw urgent changes made to 1RPH's live newspaper reading sessions, reducing numbers in the studio to comply with government directives. The station maintained its vital daily newspaper readings throughout lockdown.

Meanwhile, there was a rapid uptake of new technology to enable 1RPH's many pre-recorded programs to be created by volunteers working remotely. Twelve volunteer readers - approximately half the station's reader numbers - began recording programs at home using home PCs or mobile devices. The station was fortunate to receive an ACT Government Chief Minister's Crisis grant enabling the purchase of home recording equipment, so that a high standard of quality was maintained.

In all, eight regular programs were recorded at home:

- The Guardian Online (Lynelle Connolly, Jenny Wright)
- Think About It (Dorothy Broom) From the Columns (Peter Lawler)
- New Idea (Sandra Clifford)
- English Woman's Weekly (Julie Mitchell, Bernadette Campbell)
- Australian Women's Weekly (Sue Mitchell)
- The Land (Michael Doyle, Llois Cutts, Maryanne Gore)
- Heartwarming (Sandra Clifford)

Our thanks to all station staff and volunteers for responding so well to these unexpected challenges.

- Impact of 1RPH Programming

1RPH makes a significant contribution to the wider RPH community in Australia with the re-broadcast of the following 1RPH-produced programs on the wider RPH network:

- Muse (read by Catherine Walsh)
- Unearthed (read by Geoff Burchfield)
- Accent on Asia (Bec Webb-Johnson)
- Aviation Digest (Lorraine Litster)
- Bush Poetry (Ron Bull)
- Choice Magazine (Steve Ferguson)
- Griffith Review (Suzanne Blackall)
- Heritage (Christine Daniel)
- Food and Wine (Jan Hure)

Amelia McKenzie, Program Director
Sandra Clifford, Program Manager



Wagga Wagga Team - presenters and readers who provide weekday readings to listeners in Wagga Wagga and Junee

VOLUNTEERS REPORT

David Moncrieff, Volunteer Representative July – December 2019

The year began with a determination to enhance and reinforce the esprit de corps of the volunteer cohort. The pattern of engagement with the station for many volunteers had been for individuals and small teams to visit the radio station, do their program and leave, without a significant wider community involvement. A small working group devised a number of strategies to address this. The condition of the radio station premises was of concern, with a need for a deep clean. A working bee was arranged to address this, detailed working briefs identified tasks for teams to: remove out-dated and unused equipment and furniture and to tidy the building exterior and grounds.

The working group undertook a number of preliminary tasks to prepare for a team of volunteers to spend a Saturday morning working internally and externally. Around 25 volunteers took part for all or part of the Saturday morning, working in teams with dedicated tasks to accomplish. The building's internal and external walls were washed. The kitchen and work areas were tidied and cleaned and the grass around the building mowed. The work elicited compliments from a significant number of volunteers, outnumbering a few who expressed discomfort by change.

Additional initiatives to encourage socialising between volunteers included an initial dinner gathering at the Gungahlin Club attracted around 25 volunteers and their partners and an informal Christmas drinks and snacks function at Radio1RPH attracted around 40 from the volunteer cohort.

Thanks go to the working group, Gail Urbanski, Davina O'Dell and Phil Jacomb, for their sterling efforts in planning work to bring together a good proportion of the volunteer and supporter group.



Finally, the station manager, Jenni Rush, and Andrew Lythgoe for their ongoing concern to ensure that the station continues to function effectively and ensure that sudden gaps are plugged.

Phil Jacomb, Volunteer Representative May - June 2020

The station has moved to slightly less stringent Covid lockdown procedures, now allowing up to 8 persons at a time if all spacing and hygiene and other requirements are met. There has been a small number of people who have taken the opportunity to come and record as a result which has proven to be successful. There has been a gradual uptick in volunteers enquiring whether they can return, however It has been noticeable that there are still a significant number of volunteers who prefer to stay away from the station.

An omnibus message has been drafted for release to the volunteer group asking for assistance with a number of initiatives including extra readers for an extended evening session and for book readers, particularly of children's books (the programme team will have their own report on this), a call for editors and producers and also a call for volunteers to assist the VR.

Arrangement are under way to begin auditions for the individuals who came to an introductory session just prior to lockdown. Faith Chegwyn will conduct the auditions that will be recorded. These are expected to begin on the last Saturday of June. Arrangements have been made to ensure the station's lockdown restrictions are met.

Instructions on iPad use has been drafted and circulated to the programme team for comment. It is anticipated that once these are agreed an 'early uptake' of iPad use by some morning readers. Use will commence with the Canberra Times but the process will accelerate once paper copies of the Australian are stopped and the publishers require the station to use digital material. How we train our current readers and presenters in iPad use for live readings will require further discussion and planning.



RADIO REMEMBERS

RADIO 1RPH REMEMBERS

Radio 1RPH records our appreciation of Brian Miller OAM who died in June 2020. Brian was the voice of Radio 1RPH from 1987 for over 15 years hosting live the morning programs, titled "The Miller Mix" from 9 am to 12 noon. He conducted interviews with many live guests, put many of our readers live to air for their programs and produced his own programs including the musical program "Knee Deep In Nostalgia." Many of our volunteers recalled his professionalism, helpfulness, and friendliness. Many listeners who phoned the station expressed appreciation for his companionship through radio. Brian received the Award of a Medal in the Order of Australia in 1993. His contribution to Radio 1RPH was one element of a full life.

We also remember with affection Laurie Grovnor. Laurie was an enthusiastically listener to Radio 1RPH and served on the Committee as Vice-President Print Handicapped. Laurie also produced a series of programs for Radio 1RPH "Surviving and Thriving" with interviews with people with disabilities and tips for living an active life. Her Radio 1RPH involvement was part of her deep commitment to people with disabilities especially people in rural areas.

We remember Brian and Laurie and gratefully acknowledge their contribution to radio 1RPH and our service to people who are print handicapped.



RADIO 1RPH APPEAL 2019

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Radio 1RPH held its inaugural fundraising appeal across the week spanning 21 – 29 September 2019. The appeal (initially conceived as a Radiothon) was primarily a fundraising initiative, but was also leveraged as a platform for increasing the station's public and business profile, to provide new and novel avenues for volunteer contribution and to strengthen volunteer friendships and relationships.

In all these activities, I am pleased to say we succeeded handsomely, with pledged financial income exceeding \$41,000, several prime-time ABC media programs and a wide range of volunteer engagement.

Key activities

Appeal 2019 comprised the following key activities, along with numerous other contributions by volunteers and supporters.

- Special programs produced and broadcast during our usual early afternoon BBC timeslot.
- High profile interviews and appeal vocals from supporting political and community figures, including the Governor General
- Personal appeal scripting – both live and recorded
- 'Coreflute' signs placed along main traffic routes (advertising both the Appeal and Open Day)
- Narratives from the Board and patron about what the station means to them
- An Open Day (28 September), providing:
 - Station tours
 - Jumble sale
 - Sausage sizzle
 - Chinese Lion Dance Troup blessing



Management aspects

Financial contributions were mainly handled by a dedicated system integrated within the station's website, allowing direct credit card payments and issue of receipts. Donations were also taken by phone, mail and directly in cash. Appeal activities were managed by coordinators, with guidance from the appeal committee – in particular Alan and Sue Mitchell, who brought invaluable experience from their previous appeal successes for their other community station interests. Discussions with sister station 4RPH in Brisbane (Scott Black) also proved inspiring and extremely helpful.

Open day

Held on the International Day for Universal Access to Information, the open day was the central activity around the appeal. While modestly attended by the public, the day did attract some strong donations and provided some enjoyable engagement between our volunteers and the community. Michael Doyle and Kacey Lam must be recognised for their sterling contributions.

Concluding

Appeal 2019 demonstrated the clear and unequivocal depth of support that Radio 1RPH has among the Canberra community. Profound generosity and words of support were humbling for all who had worked hard to ensure the success of this initiative. Key mentions and massive thanks must be extended to all who contributed and without whom this event would have never happened.

Nev. Blyth

Radio 1RPH 7 July 2020



SUNDOWNER 2019

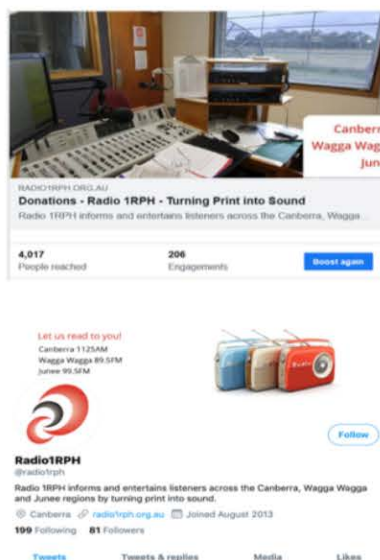


SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Our presence on social media continues to grow. We mainly focus on Facebook and try to provide new posts 3-4 times a month. Our Facebook followers grew from 230 at 1 July 2019 to 306 at the end of June 2020. Our page likes also grew from 220 at the start of July 2019 to 256 at the end of June 2020.

Our most successful posts during this past year, were those which focused on our appeal. Our most successful post, on 21 September 2019, announcing the Appeal had kicked off, reached 4,017 people. On average, we reach between 50 -100 each time we post on Facebook.

Our posts on social media are generally about upcoming events or pictures of the station. It would be great to grow that content and feature some of our members and volunteers.



GRANTS RECEIVED 19/20

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Community Broadcasting Foundation Development and Operations Grant

Amount received- \$73,370.00 ex gst (\$23,370 for Transmission Costs and \$50,000 for Operational costs)

- The transmission grant assisted with the payment of transmission expenses including Electricity and Site Rental fees in Wagga; Servicing of the Generator, Electricity expenses in Canberra and Travel to Wagga for maintenance issues.
- The operational grant assisted in covering the salaries of the station staff.

Community Broadcasting Foundation Content Grant

Amount Received - \$419.00 ex gst

- This grant was provided to fund the purchase of equipment (portable recorders and microphones) for use by the Canberra Shapers program. This program, produced by Jenelle Provost, features interviews with high profile people living in Canberra. During the financial year, Jenelle interviewed:
 - Michelle Ainsworth
 - Mark Crossweller
 - Ian Chubb
 - Jon Stanhope
 - His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd) Governor-General

Stronger Communities Programme Grant

Amount received: \$8,923 ex gst

- This Grant was received with the support of the Hon Andrew Leigh, Member for Fenner. It enabled us on a dollar for dollar basis to install new blinds in the station, build two accessible paths; replace the car park lighting and also repair the carpark and remove the potholes. We were also able to have some earthworks done at the gate to ensure better water flow off the roadway.

Covid-19 Rapid Response grant

Amount received: \$1900 inc gst

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