

Donor appreciation

A very big thank you to all volunteers, members and listeners who supported us in this year's Hands Across Canberra Giving Day. We not only raised \$14,000; we were also awarded a \$1000 unique small business award!

Well done everyone.

Some additional unanticipated support this year has come from Gungahlin Lions Club and the MG Car Club. We thank those organisations for their donations.

Wagga Wagga broadcasting group coffee morning

Wagga Wagga broadcasting group ran a coffee morning where the President was able to present Jan Hure with her Volunteer Award for 2020-21. Congratulations Jan – a dedicated and loved member of Radio 1RPH. Jan not only runs the Wagga broadcasts but also has two other shows: *Healthy Eating* which can be heard on Tuesdays at 8.45am and is repeated on Wednesdays at 9am; and *Food and Wine* which can be heard on Thursdays at 10am and is repeated at 4.30pm.



Pictured above: Jan enjoying a cup of coffee with Bob Sobey, a member of the Wagga Wagga broadcasting group

Jenny Wright – Volunteer of the Year

One of our volunteers, Jenny Wright, was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the magazine 'That's Life'. Jenny presents a program, produced by Sandra Clifford, called *Living with Disabilities*. The article attracted so much attention that our colleagues in Cairns have sought contact with Jenny and expressed interest in broadcasting her program. Cairns FM 89.1 is one of the 40 community radio stations to start broadcasting RPH programs.

Volunteer Expo – 21 May

1RPH will participate in ACT Volunteering's Annual Expo on 21 May. We will be presenting our normal live reading program for that morning from the Expo at the Old Bus Depot Markets in Kingston. This will be our second Outside Broadcast. The organiser is Nev Blyth and planning is well underway.

Volunteers – we need your assistance

Rhod McDonald, your former volunteer representative, was successful in obtaining a grant of \$1,250 from the ACT Government to assist our volunteers. We need to know what you would like the money spent on. The list of things which can be bought is extensive, as also is the list of things which the money cannot be spent on. We are looking for a couple of volunteer representatives to go through the list and prepare a short list for all volunteers to consider. This money needs to be spent this financial year. Interested volunteers should contact the Station Co-ordinator, Roy Jeeves on 6241 4076 or coordinator@radio1rph.org.au.

Wonderful volunteers

Here is another of our bevy of wonderful volunteers Margy Burn cleaning up after weeding the garden bed. Margy is assisted by 1RPH Station Co-ordinator Roy Jeeves who does much energetic mowing around the place. Thanks to Margy and all those wonderful volunteers who assist us to look after our facilities.

Pictured below: Margy Burn after weeding the garden



Pictured below: Roy Jeeves, whose enthusiastic mowing has kept the grounds neat and tidy, but broken our lawnmower! Perhaps time for a new one!



Biggest Morning Tea

Coming out of COVID, 1RPH is focussed on community engagement. We will kick this off on 19 May with the Biggest Morning Tea, organised by Maryanne Gore, in support of people affected by cancer. The morning tea will take place at the station from 9am until 11.30am. All welcome. RSVP to Maryanne Gore at maryannegore@yahoo.com.au by 17 May.

Committee news

The Committee is seeking to develop a closer relationship with 2RPH, which is based in Sydney and also holds licences for Newcastle and Wollongong. This year the Committee changed its financial system and 2RPH has been assisting with our bookkeeping.

The Committee will hold a meeting at the Ainslie Football Club on Saturday 25 June 2022. The Committee will seek members' support for rolling two or three year terms for Committee membership, as well as a change of name for the incorporated association that is Print Handicapped Radio of the ACT Inc to Radio Reading Service ACT Inc.

The meeting will also discuss recent reports of the increasing cost of newspapers and other challenges facing 1RPH. Volunteers are invited to attend, but you will also need to be a member to have voting rights.

Congratulations program team

Our recent Anzac Day broadcast by Broderick Mathews' of *That was the news*, taken from *The Canberra Times* of 25 April 1947, has attracted many favourable comments. The material came from the National Library's Trove database and is now available as a podcast.

Many thanks to Roy and Andy for responding to our listeners' many varied comments, requests and feedback. They are the frontline!