

## August Newsletter

### Welcome New Members and Volunteers

A warm welcome to all our new members and volunteers and a very grateful note of appreciation to Fiona Sawyers, Nev Blyth and David Moncrieff for all their work in smoothing the introduction of our new members and volunteers to 1RPH.



### Committee News

#### Re-vamp 1RPH Constitution

Sparke Helmore, an ACT law firm, has offered pro bono to provide a draft Constitution in accordance with the ACT Government's Model Rules for Constitutions for not-for-profit organisations.

The Constitution are the rules for the organisation, and this redraft allows members to voice their opinions on what they want to see in the Constitution. Some concerns were raised at our recent meeting, particularly in relation to representation on the Committee of volunteer readers and presenters.

Members interested in being involved should contact the Committee Secretary Lois Cutts at [Secretary@radio1rph.org.au](mailto:Secretary@radio1rph.org.au).

#### Special Meeting 25 June 2022

At a Special Meeting on 25 June 2022, members voted for rolling two-year terms for Committee members; a restructure of the Committee to separate the operational side from the strategic management and the substitution (where appropriate) of the term "with a print disability" in place of print Handicapped.

The amendments dealing with the restructuring of the Committee left open how the new station arrangements would operate. These details need to be worked out, and a discussion on roles by those volunteers actively engaged in managing the station is suggested with recommendations to the Committee.

## Volunteer News

### Station hosts Morning Tea in support of Cancer

1RPH Patron Margaret Reid visited the station for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in support of Cancer research.

The Morning Tea was organised by volunteer Maryanne Gore who organised a magnificent array of delicious eats through her own energies and contributions.

The function raised \$308 and was an enjoyable social occasion for all who attended. The social event provided a rare opportunity for many volunteers to meet other volunteers from different shifts with whom they would not normally come in contact.



Photos: Jennifer Hand, Penne Lee, Fiona Sawyers and Pat Spaul, Maryanne Gore (Morning Tea Host, Volunteer presenter and reader and producer of The Land), Malcolm Walker (Technical Director), with Diane Gillam and Lorraine Litster

### Outside Broadcast – Volunteering ACT Expo

1RPH successfully broadcast from the Old Kingston Bus Depot when participating in this year's Volunteering ACT expo.

Sincere thanks to Nev Blyth and the team, Presenter Steve Ferguson, and Reader Lea McLean. Paul Cherry provided a fallback at the studio and Virginia and Kent Brown set up an eye-catching display which attracted many visitors to the 1RPH stall.

Many thanks also to our roving interviewers in eye-catching T-shirts Liam, Steve, and Virginia. Special thanks to all our front desk volunteers, Fiona, Virginia, Kent, Jenni, Elizabeth Pene, and Malcolm for engaging the visitors and attracting many volunteers. Thanks to Jenni Gibson for her initiative to be interviewed for Volunteering ACT social media.



## Recognising our Volunteers

### Amelia McKenzie

As Program Director taking responsibility for program quality, for promoting a congenial workplace and editing of the 2021 Annual Review.

### Jennifer Anne Wright

For her weekly program promoting *Life with Disabilities* which also earned her recognition as a *That's Life* magazine Volunteer of the Week which she used to promote Radio 1RPH.



Photo: Station President Sandra Purser and Volunteer Amelia McKenzie



Photo: Station President Sandra Purser and Volunteer Jennifer Anne Wright

## Special Mentions

### Dennis Callaghan

For more than 20 years dedicated service as a Volunteer reader at Radio 1RPH.

### Camilla Shaw

For many years of early morning presenting and in recognition of her own program *Gardening with Camilla*.

## Meet Madeline

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Introducing Madeline Tillack. Madeline is our intern from Canberra University. Madeline will be with us until the end of October. Madeline is studying for her master's degree and as part of that degree will prepare a Communications Plan under the supervision of Amelia McKenzie.

### Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF)

In early June, we received advice that our Application for CBF R1 2022/23 Development & Operations Grant was successful.

Our application was one of 129, requesting a total of \$8,467,924. In this round, 92 applications were supported with a combined total of \$4,297,514.

Radio1RPH has been offered a grant of \$117,920 + GST for Radio 1RPH Transmission and Operational Expenses (D&O – 01399)

This is comprised of

\$26,178.00 Transmission operational costs  
\$64,704 Salaries, technical support

\$21,296.00 Other Operational Costs  
\$3,000.00 Other Training activities  
\$1,742.00 Transmission equipment

\$1,000.00 Grant admin

\$117,920 TOTAL

This is the largest grant we have received through the CBF and is very welcome.

## Sponsors

### Southern Cross Club

The Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) donated more than \$1500 last financial year and has again nominated Radio1RPH as a recipient of its rewards program. We thank the club for its continued support and ask members of the CSCC to register with the club to nominate Radio1RPH as their preferred charity.

When you nominate a Community Group participating in the program and link it to your membership, the equivalent of 7.5 cents for every dollar you spend on food and beverages at Woden, Tuggeranong, Jamison, and Yacht Club is donated to Radio1RPH.

A group of Sunday evening readers and presenters enjoyed a social evening meal together at the Southern Cross Club in Jamison in mid-July and thus supported the station.

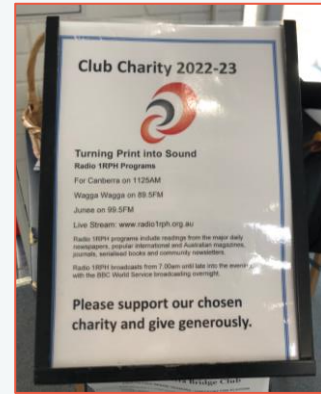
Follow the link below to register if you are already a member of CSCC to nominate 1RPH:

[https://cscckmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/mu0trx\\_p1rcyq4a/](https://cscckmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/mu0trx_p1rcyq4a/)



## The Canberra Bridge Club

The Canberra Bridge Club in Deakin has nominated Radio 1RPH as their Charity for 2022-23. Thank you to all who assisted with our contribution to their newsletter. This sponsorship comes with the added bonus of the opportunity to promote the station to a wider potential audience—an example of the sign in foyer at the Canberra Bridge Club.



## Announcements

### iPad Training

We will be conducting iPad training on Saturday afternoons – please advise Fiona if you are interested. The sessions are expected to take about 45 minutes to an hour.

### Coupling Huts

In May, Sight and Sound finalised repairs to the Coupling Huts at the base of the antennas.

The huts had been severely damaged through wildlife and weather, and the need for repair was identified in the tri-annual mast report. Funding was provided through a grant from the CBF.

## Members Notice

### Membership Renewal 2023

Members are reminded of the need to renew their 22-23 membership before the end of August in order to be able to vote at any special meeting or AGM.

If you wish to renew your membership, the preferred payment method is by electronic funds transfer. The fee is \$33 - details follow:

Account name: Print Handicapped Radio of the ACT  
BSB Number: 112-908 Account Number: 050124079  
Reference: Your surname

Please email [secretary@radio1rph.org.au](mailto:secretary@radio1rph.org.au) when you make an EFT payment so we can confirm when it is received. Unless you request an acknowledgement, none will be sent. Your record will be your bank statement. Our record will be our bank statement and your email.

Cheques will also be accepted.

## Important COVID-19 Update

### COVID has now resurfaced - 1RPH COVID Safety Precautions

Volunteers and Members are advised to restrict your visits to the Station for rostered and/or recording sessions only. If you can record at home, then you should do so. If you need recording equipment to assist you with recording at home or advice on how to do so, please get in touch with Roy Jeeves at the Station.

Our primary goal is to seek to protect you as much as possible but keep the Station on air. To assist us, you are requested to observe social distancing, wash your hands, and use the disinfectant provided. We also request that you wipe down any benches, light switches, and door handles at the beginning and/or end of your shifts. Tissues should be placed over the microphone socks. Materials for these purposes will be provided.

**If you are feeling unwell:** you should stay home. If you are rostered to read or present and feel unwell, you should advise Roy or your contact, either the presenter or your colleagues, as soon as possible. If you test positive, please notify us as soon as possible.

**If you have to isolate:** according to current ACT Government guidelines, tell the Station Coordinator; if you're a reader, tell your presenter on the shift (or vice versa); and if possible, contact your fellow volunteers to arrange a swap or replacement. Copy in all relevant contacts.

**Emergency:** If you are available and/or willing to fill in an emergency vacancy, please advise Roy Jeeves or your roster contact.

**Pre-recorded programs and book readings:** If you are unwell and unable to prepare your program or your chapter readings promptly, advise the program team so the necessary broadcasting adjustments can be made.

**Facemasks:** It is pleasing to note that volunteers have been adhering to the mandatory indoor face mask requirements that were reintroduced by the ACT Government in late December while at the Station. Please read the current rules relating to the safety required within the [ACT](#).

**Unvaccinated:** Should you be unvaccinated; we request that you advise Roy Jeeves and or the rosterers for the live reading programs in case any additional and or specific precautions for your safety is required.

## Vale Neville Kerr

Many of you will be saddened to hear of the death of Neville Kerr. Neville died peacefully in hospital overnight on 26-27 May, after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease. Neville was 82 years of age and is survived by his partner, Tricia.

Over many years, Neville was a major contributor to the work of Blind Citizens Australia, beginning in the days when it was the National Federation of Blind Citizens of Australia, and to the Radio for the Print Handicapped movement, particularly through his work with the establishment and ongoing functioning of 3RPH Melbourne.

Neville produced and presented more than 1100 editions of BCA's weekly radio program, then called Horizons, and was heavily involved with the recording and broadcast production of material from BCA conventions and other major events. In the late 1980s, Neville was a key member of the working party that successfully negotiated the MoU that provided for BCA's support of the broadcast licence application submitted to the then Australian Broadcasting Authority by the Association for the Blind.

Neville's involvement with the establishment of Melbourne's RPH service started in the 1970s, when the blind and vision impaired community first recognised the potential of Radio to meet the information needs of the Print handicapped community. He was heavily involved with establishing 3RPH's first studios in Prahran and became a regular program host and presenter. He continued this role every week until around 2005.

Neville also served on the Association for the Blind (now Vision Australia) board for around five years in the late 80s early 90s. He had a keen interest in music and was an accomplished carpenter.

Above all, Neville recognised that Radio could provide access to many forms of information for blind or vision impaired people. Neville's broadcasting style was well ahead of its time, with the provision of descriptive coverage of many major events, including the first illumination of the Melbourne Cricket Ground following the installation of lighting towers and the world-renowned Christmas window displays at the Myer store in Bourke Street Melbourne. Neville's foresight and innovation with this form of broadcasting led to the provision of Audio Description of Australian Television drama, broadcast by RPH, leading to the wider availability of Audio Description in live theatre, galleries, and other places of public interest. While always reluctant to put himself forward as a leader, Neville Kerr's contribution to improving the lives of blind or vision impaired Australians through innovative information provision is without peer.

Neville was recognised for this contribution in 2003 when he was the recipient of BCA's David Blyth Award. The Award citation reads:

"In recognition of his outstanding contribution as a pioneer in radio for the print handicapped broadcasting and programming; as an innovator in the use of radio to meet the information needs of blind people; and as the producer and host of over 1000 editions of BCA's national weekly radio program Horizons."

This week's episode of New Horizons, BCA's weekly radio program and podcast, will be dedicated to further reflections on Neville Kerr's life and work. Details about funeral arrangements can be obtained by calling BCA on 1800033660.

On behalf of BCA, I offer my deepest sympathies and gratitude to Neville's family and many friends.

Fiona Woods  
President  
Blind Citizens Australia



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