

NEWSLETTER December 2022

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Ainslie Football Club on Saturday 26 November 2022.

The following office-bearers were elected unopposed

President: Liam Jordan

Vice-President: Robert Altamore

Secretary: Llois Cutts

Committee Members: Sandra Purser, Ben Signor

Financial Statements for 2022 are available on the sign in desk at the station.

At a short meeting following the AGM James Daniels was appointed to the Committee as Treasurer.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the contribution of retiring members former Vice President Libor Pelecky, Treasurer Anthony Nichols and Steve Ferguson.

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.

An operational team headed by Amelia McKenzie Program Director and Malcolm Walker Technical Director has been formed and a proposal on roles by those volunteers actively engaged in managing the station has been recommended to the Committee for consideration by the new executive.

Re-vamp 1RPH Constitution

Sparke Helmore, an ACT law firm, has provided a first draft of a new 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. The draft is currently being assessed by the Committee and is available on request for comment by members. Once the Committee has agreed a final draft it will be circulated to all members. Following a period of consultation it is intended to put the draft to members for their acceptance at a special meeting in the first half of the calendar year.

The Canberra Bridge Club

The Canberra Bridge Club in Deakin has nominated Radio 1RPH as their Charity for 2022-23. One way that the club raises money for charity is through their Christmas raffle.

Tickets to participate in the raffle are available on the front sign in desk. One ticket for \$2 and 3 tickets for \$5. Prizes are a First Prize a Christmas hamper, 2nd a Christmas Cake, and 3rd Christmas Crackers.

Station hosts Morning Tea for members of Gungahlin CWA

Members were hosted to a wonderful morning tea of scones with jam and cream and other delicious food when the Gungahlin CWA visited on Monday 28 November.

President Kay presented the station's former President, Sandra Purser with a \$200 donation. Neville Blyth gave the ladies a presentation providing insight into how the station operated and hosted a demonstration in the studios.

The Gungahlin CWA will be hosting a craft stall on 10 December.





Christmas Programming

Thank you to all those who have offered to make a special pre-recorded Christmas program to go out on Christmas day, which is on a Sunday this year. These are welcome additions to a day when we have no live reading and instead fill the time with a variety of festive and entertaining listening.

Any program makers whose program usually broadcasts on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday please try to have your episodes ready the previous week so that Andy can load them in advance - he'll be enjoying some well deserved public holidays in the days after Christmas!

Operational Group

One of the changes that 1RPH members approved at the special members meeting in July 2022 was to separate the two operational roles of Technical Director and Programme Director from the Management Committee. The new Management Committee elected in November 2022 is now in the process of approving the terms of reference for the Operational Group.

In summary the Operational Group will be made up of volunteers responsible for day to day aspects of station activity, such as recruitment and intake of new volunteers, programming, technical operations, training and social functions. This is what happens now, so we are really just making it easier for us to work together cooperatively to support the volunteer community. The Group will support Station Manager as needed and report to the Management Committee regularly. The advantage of the new arrangement will be to free up the Management Committee leadership to focus on strategy and finances, including fund raising and grants.

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: The ACT Government is no longer mandating the wearing of face masks. Volunteers are welcome to continue to wear accept when broadcasting should they wish to do so. Please read the current rules relating to the safety required within the <u>ACT</u>.

Unvaccinated: Should you be unvaccinated; we request that you advise Roy Jeeves and or the rosters for the live reading programs in case any additional and or specific action needs to be taken.



New Manager

Yevette Ho will be joining our staff team Andrew Lythgoe and Roy Jeeves. Her background comprises of advertising & business management, media communications, criminology and security. She has previously managed, assist and provide consultations to a few businesses in a few industries including transformer oil recycling and security education.

Yevette has spent considerable amount of time in media and technical side of things including sound engineering for many live sound events and also some live stream ones. She was in in University of Canberra and Australia Catholic University as an AV/IT Technical Specialist from year 2002 till 2012. When the pandemic hit, she spend quite some time volunteering to educate and troubleshoot live stream broadcast for churches and NGOs both local and in South East Asia. Yevette was also in the security industry for approximately 18 years. Her portfolio include Security & Risk management consulting, CCTV, alarm monitoring, close protection, cash & valuables in transit, building & site security and etc.

Fixing bicycles and cheering kids on learning any type of skills is what she does on her spare time. If you should meet Yevette please take the time to welcome her, introduce yourselves and ask her about bicycles and what is the latest thing some kids (that are not hers) learned recently.

Vale ~ Missing them

Gerald Lynch

Long term members of the station will be sad to hear of the recent death of Gerald Lynch. Gerald was a volunteer reader and presenter, served on the Committee and was a former President. He was survived by this wife, Janet, children Jean and Guy and four grandchildren.

Theresa Rand *

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Theresa Rand last Saturday. Theresa was the producer of the program *From Another Time* presented by her husband Rod. Theresa and Rod are the face of 1RPH in our new brochure.

Christmas Party

Radio 1RPH would like to invite all our volunteers and members to our annual Christmas Party.

Date: Saturday 17 December

Time: Noon

Where: Radio 1RPH, 808 Barton Highway, Gungahlin

RSVP: by 11 December for catering purposes. There will be an RSVP sheet on the sign in desk at the station. Please write down your name if you're intending to come & let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements. If you won't be at the station before 11 December, please email admin@radio1rph.org.au & ask for your name & dietary require-

ments to be entered on the sign-in sheet.





Important Notice

The station will be ceasing the Melbourne weekend newspapers at the end of January 2023.

If you have a particular use for any of these papers and need help to find suitable content for replacement, please advise us before 15th January 2023. It is one of our major priority to always try and support our program makers with publications required as best we can.



MEMBER UPDATE

Parliament passes community radio Bill

Parliament passes licensing improvements for community broadcasters

A bill to support community broadcasting (the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Community Radio) Bill 2022) passed through the Parliament overnight.

The Bill will streamline licensing, provide greater certainty for stations, and enhance the sustainability of the community broadcasting sector.

Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland spoke to the Bill in parliament.

"These reforms are consistent with the government's commitment to support the sustainability of the community broadcasting sector and better reflect its important role in the diversity of Australia's media and broadcasting environment," she said.

Jon Bisset, CEO of Community Broadcasting Association of Australia has thanked the Minister for progressing the Bill in a busy Parliamentary period and thanked MPs for their strong bi-partisan support of the sector.

"On behalf of all community radio stations and community TV the CBAA thanks the Parliament for their strong acknowledgement of the contribution our sector makes to the cultural and social fabric of the nation.

"I also thank Parliament for bi-partisan support of this bill, which will make it easier for existing community radio stations to renew their licences, removing uncertainty by ensuring it is a non-competitive process.

"The Bill also allows the regulator (the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to be flexible in setting renewal deadlines and in providing advanced notice of broadcasting licence commencement dates," he said.

For more information on the Bill, read the CBAA's full media release.

To view highlights from the speeches to Parliament visit CBAA's Facebook page and YouTube channel.