

MEDIA RELEASE



Radio reading service broadcasts live from Wagga Show

Radio 1RPH, the Riverina's very own radio reading service, will be broadcasting live from this year's Wagga Wagga Show on September 13 and 14.

"This is a very exciting venture for us," RPH's President Robert Altamore said, "a small and enthusiastic team has been working on moving our live programming operations 160 kilometres from our Barton Highway studios to Wagga Wagga for two days."

Radio 1RPH broadcasts 24/7 on 89.5FM to Wagga Wagga, from a transmitter it shares with local community station 2AAA, to provide an information and print radio service.

Volunteers from Radio 1RPH are planning around 10 hours of live broadcasts from the show, starting with live readings from *The Daily Advertiser*, *The Canberra Times* and *The Australian* from just before 7 am on Friday September 13.

"As well as those readings, we'll be broadcasting extra programs featuring all the colour and movement of the show," Radio 1RPH's Wagga Wagga Coordinator Virginia Brown said.

"We are really excited to be getting out of the studio and into the community," Outside Broadcast Executive Producer David Moncrieff said.

"It's so important for us to meet our listeners and to spread the word about what we do. Technological advances mean we can broadcast from almost anywhere with relative ease."

Mr Altamore said Radio 1RPH was grateful to the Wagga Wagga Show Society for its support in facilitating the broadcast from just near the Hammond Hall.

"The show society has been extraordinary welcoming," Mr Altamore said, "

Radio 1RPH has been broadcasting to Wagga since 2009 and Junee since 2012. It started operating in the ACT in 1985.

Normally the regular Wagga/Junee weekday show comes from Radio 1RPH's Canberra HQ and is broadcast from 8 am on 89.5 FM in Wagga and 99.5 FM in Junee. It involves more than a dozen volunteers rostered to read from Wagga Wagga's *Daily Advertiser*.

Radio 1RPH is on the air 24/7 with specialised programs, readings from newspapers and magazines and relays of the BBC World Service designed to inform people who for whatever reason may not be able to read for themselves, or who simply want the mix of information presented.

It is part of the Australia-wide Radio Reading Network, which includes stations in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart and Darwin as well as in regional areas.

The programs from Wagga Wagga will be broadcast on 89.5FM in Wagga Wagga, 99.5FM in Junee, 1125AM and DAB+ in Canberra and region and on the Community Radio Plus app which is accessible anywhere in the world with an internet connection.

“We’re looking forward to meeting people who listen to our programs and to letting a whole new cohort know about the varied information programs available through our radio station,” Virginia Brown said, “just look for our pull up banners and say ‘Hello.’”

Further information about Radio1RPH is available from www.radio1rph.org.au

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