



# 'EAR IT IS' 2EARFM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the September/October 2EARFM newsletter.

So much has happened at your radio station since the last newsletter I don't know where to start!

To begin with, the Common/Reception room has been repainted and now looks so fresh and inviting that it is a pleasure to walk in. The office is next on the agenda to be painted.

The supply and fitting of air conditioners for both the common room and the office is in progress.



Many 2EARFM presenters have taken advantage of some intensive training of late on most aspects of radio presenting including copyright regulations which was a very interesting subject to delve into! These training sessions have been presented by Alan Mitchell (one of our presenters) who is an accredited trainer for the Community Broadcast Association of Australia and conducts accredited broadcast training (Cert II to Cert IV) and also governance training for Boards. Alan is very kindly doing this training for us at no cost and there is more to come. If anyone is interested in becoming a Presenter on 2EARFM then please ring the station and enroll in the next full course to be rolled in late February.

We have also had to learn how to operate a new and very different computer system and programme to bring you the variety of shows that we present. This became necessary because our 'old faithful' computer became very ill and couldn't be revived!



Studio 'B' has been made operational to help out with the many things necessary to be done in the running of a radio station.

We are in the process of installing 2 new CD players. These are quite different from what we are used to as they are of professional quality. So it is necessary to be trained to operate them. This doesn't take long but it is very important that each presenter knows how to use them before presenting their programme. Presenters, if you have not yet had your training, please contact Sue Mitchell as soon as possible.

In regard to safety issues, a number of things have been brought into line with OH&S regulations - although there is still more to be done.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 from 2p.m. until 4p.m.

The venue is the CWA Hall in Queen Street, Moruya. Detailed letters have gone out with nomination forms, audit report 2008, Minutes of last AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 for position on the Management Committee. Nominations must be in by 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Please come along and take this opportunity to meet the 2EARFM presenters and other volunteers working hard to keep you connected to your community.

## WHAT'S IN A WORD

If Lawyers are *disbarred* and clergymen *defrocked*, doesn't it follow that electricians can be *delighted* and even music composers will *decompose*, musicians *denoted*, cowboys *deranged*, models *deposed* and drycleaners *depressed*?

Laundry workers could *decrease* and become *depressed* and Bed-makers will be *debunked*, players *debased*, landscapers *deflowered*.



Bulldozer operators *degraded*, organ donors *delivered*, software engineers *detested* and underwear companies *debriefed*.

On a more positive note, perhaps we can hope that politicians will be *devoted*!

(Submitted by Sandie Bye 'Spinnin' With Sandie' Tues 10a.m.)

## OFFICE HOURS

2EARFM official office hours are:  
Tuesday and Thursday 10a.m. - 3p.m.  
The office phone number is 44745445

## CHRISTMAS BASH!

Come and join us!

The 2EARFM Christmas Party is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the Moruya Golf Club from 12.30p.m. to 3p.m. Cost will be \$6. Come and join in the Christmas fun and frivolity. RSVP the secretary by 22<sup>nd</sup> November. **ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED!**

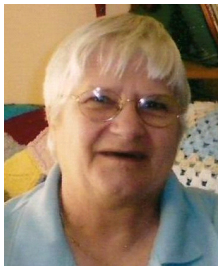


### PRESENTER PROFILE

Gina McFarlane 'Country Drive' Fri 1p.m.- 4p.m.

I migrated from England when I was 10 years old – a ten-pound-pom! and have always lived in country areas as my parents were farm workers both here and in England. I first arrived in this area in 2000 having moved from Penrith because of personal reasons. I had lived in Penrith since I was 14yrs old so it was a big change for me. Sadly, 6 months after being here, my 29-year-old son was killed in a light plane crash at Canberra Airport.

I have 2 daughters, 1 in Melbourne and one recently moved to Queensland; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



I have been the coordinator for the B/B toy Library for 7 years and do various voluntary work including working in the B/B Anglican church office on Monday mornings and running a group for over 50's - ATOP.

I am my mum's full time carer and she lives with me. This can be quite stressful at times but also very rewarding.

I started at 2EARFM in 2005 – very nervous and not knowing what to expect! However, once I settled in I loved it!

I absolutely love Country music (not western!) and my show consists of just that but I do enjoy occasionally filling in for 'easy listening' type shows. It is hard to explain the joy I feel when presenting my programme and receiving feedback from the listeners – the regulars become almost like personal friends after a while.

I have been a member of the management committee for over 2 years, love the challenges it brings and I hope to be re-elected.

I have been lucky enough to make many friends here at 2EARFM and hope to continue being part of this great community radio station for many years to come.

## PONDERISM

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes

### Summary of McNair Ingenuity research on listening patterns of Australian citizens.

#### Q. Who listens to Community Radio ?

A. 36% of non metro NSW people aged 15+ years listen to Community Radio

#### Q. How many hours per week do people listen to community radio?

A. 69% listen up to 10 hours, 15% 11-20 hours and 14% listen for 20+ hours.

#### Q. At what time of the day do people listen to Community Radio?

A. 40% breakfast, 50% mid morning, 47% in the afternoon and 24% in the evening

#### Q. What is the employment status of listeners?

A. 57% of listeners are either in full or part time employment, 10% were unemployed, 23% were retired or pensioners, 3% unemployed and 7% were students.

#### Q. What is the age grouping of listeners to Community Radio?

A. 16% are 15-24, 22% are 25-39, 27% are 40-54 and 35% are 55+ years old. **Alternatively 62% of listeners are 40+ years old..**

#### Q. What are the reasons given for listening to Community Radio?

A. 72% stated they listen for local information and local news. 54% stated they listened to specialist music programs or because Community Radio stations play and support local artists.

#### Q. How was the above information obtained?

A. In 2008 the company, McNair Ingenuity Research Pty. Ltd. were commissioned to conduct a telephone survey of 5000 people spread across Australia. The above answers were obtained from that study. A survey was conducted in 2006 which showed that 30% of people listen to Community Radio, so in two years, listeners to Community Radio have increased from 30 to 36%.

NEW AERIAL

If you are listening to 2EARFM further down South, you should be hearing us much clearer now. A new aerial has been installed at Narooma to improve the reception in that area. Hence the new call signal – 102.9 as well as 107.5. This is just one of the many things that are happening at 2EARFM to improve your community radio station. Of course, supplying things like this costs a lot of money but as a not-for-profit organisation we must invest any ‘profit’ back into the station.

People in NSW are living longer lives than at any other time in history. While an ageing population poses challenges, it also presents a range of opportunities and benefits to older people and to the community as a whole. The challenge for government and the broader community is to make sure that as people live longer, they continue to lead healthy, happy and fulfilling lives.

**Are you into caravanning, camping and driving holidays?**

Don't miss the South Coast Caravan, Camping and Holiday Expo from 6 to 8 November 2009 at Mackay Park in Batemans Bay. The South Coast Expo offers holiday visitors latest caravans, homes, trailers, wheelers, campervans, 5th wheelers, camping equipment and tents, 4WD products and accessories, holiday destinations and tourist parks, and more, and buy at great prices. Now with the abolition of stamp duty on caravans, camper trailers and 5th wheelers in NSW, it has never been a better time to buy these products and gear up for the summer holidays, Caravan and camping tourism is the fastest growing domestic tourism sector in Australia and one that is leading the resurgence for tourism across the nation.



EXERCISE

I have flabby thighs but fortunately my stomach covers them.

EASY FRUIT CAKE

1C S.R. flour  
1C coconut  
1C dried fruit of choice  
1C brown sugar  
1C milk  
Mix all together; place in greased cake tin.  
Bake in moderate oven for 45 minutes.  
Very easy and delicious.

OCTOBER GARDENING – Grow the 3 Sisters

In the 1500s, when they were colonising the Americas, Europeans found that many of the Indian tribes grew three native vegetables - corn, climbing beans and squash – together, and harvested them to provide the basis of a healthy diet. The Indians called these plants the "Three Sisters' and, while there are many Indian legends about the name, science has shown that these three plants, as well as being nutritious, do help each other to grow. How? Well, for a start, upright corn stalks provide support for climbing beans. And beans, being legumes, use the bacteria on their roots to convert nitrogen from the atmosphere into plant food, thereby fertilising the hungry corn and the squash. Squash does its part by sprawling over the ground and shading the soil, forming a natural mulch that keeps the roots cool and helps hold moisture in the soil. If you grow your own "Three Sisters' garden you'll be maintaining a link to those native American gardeners who first began tilling the soil thousands of years ago.



FROM THE TECH TEAM

New cabinets to house the new CD Players, Mini Disk Recorders and Computer Monitor in Studio A are almost finished.

Updated pre-recorded Station IDs and Sponsorship Announcements have taken a great deal of time to prepare. We are now ready to update the Station Promos. Presenters should contact the Production Team to update Station Promos for their particular shows.

I have had feed back from the community that the professionalism at the station is going forward and it seems to be reflecting the community at large. I can only applaud the present committee for it's commitment to training, attitude and courage to have a go.

**Tony Wood. 'The Early Bird' Tues 7a.m.**

## A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

This is our current list of sponsors. Please support them as without them 2EARFM wouldn't be here!

### PONDERISM

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

### GOOD LUCK!

Recently we had to say goodbye to one of our lovely presenters. After years of being a part of 2EARFM, Olga Flanjak, who used to present 'Olga's Ensemble of Music' at 2p.m. on Monday

afternoons, has moved from the area. We shall certainly miss you, Olga, and wish you well in the future.



This hug is especially for you from all your friends at 2EARFM.

### SOME TRIVIA

In Athens, Greece, a driver's license can be lifted by the law if the driver is deemed either 'poorly dressed' or 'unbathed'.

#### Arachibutyrophobia

is a fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth.

### IN MEMORIUM

Patsy Cline's plane crashed in 1963 on her way back to Nashville, after performing a benefit concert for the widow of disc jockey Jack Call who'd recently died in a car crash. To add to the tragedy, Country star Jack Anglin was killed in a car crash on the way to her funeral.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

MUST BE IN BY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

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