

'EAR IT IS' 2EARFM NEWSLETTER - NOV/DEC 2010

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Welcome to another edition of *'Ear It Is'* 2EARFM's own newsletter. This will be the last newsletter for 2010 so all of us here at 2EARFM would like to wish each and every one of our members a **Safe and Happy Christmas** and a **Healthy New Year**. We hope that 2011 brings you all that you want it to.

NEW FOLK ON THE BLOCK:

Kate Ryan – Kate's Korner 10.00am Monday

Kate's programme includes the delightful and cute voices of the Moruya Primary School students ranging from Kindy to Year 6 and sometimes numbering between 4 and 10 students. The kids come in at 12:10p.m every Monday and Kate always plays some kiddie appropriate music for the age group and parents and grandparents and the school classes are listening in on most Mondays. The students share all the school news from dates of parent teacher interviews to sports events, munchie food available and performance dates etc. Before 12 and after 12:30 Kate gets into 80's and 90's music which agrees with her perception of her listener.



Roger Bailey – Jazz Connexions 2.00pm Wednesday

Keith Joliffe handed over the reigns of Jazz Connexions to a very capable Roger in September and we have not been disappointed. Jazz is a big part of our life in Eurobodalla and both Roger and Keith have been behind the scenes in organising the Moruya Jazz Festival for some time now. Keith will continue to make cameo appearances when Roger needs to be somewhere else but whoever sits in the Jazz seat, we will not be disappointed.

Marlies Jaksic - Marlies' Melodies – 12 noon Sunday

Marlies presents a bright and bubbly show with a touch of humour and impishness. We took

sometime in matching the timeslot with the right person for this beautiful Sunday programme. And we think we've got it right. Listen in to Marlies and you'll know what I mean. A fair bit of easy listening mixed with a few favourites from across the decades which will cause you to daydream back to that era.



CHRISTMAS WORD WATCH

Kel Richards, resident guru at ABC Radio puts us straight on some common Christmas words and tells things about Christmas that we may not have known. Here are just some of them.

'Advent' comes from the Latin source word meaning 'arrival' and is another name for the season leading up to Christmas. The word refers to the arrival of God on this planet, earth in the form of a human baby. This is why those little calendars with numbered flaps are called 'Advent Calendars'.

'Boxing Day' is the odd name for the 26th December and comes from the English tradition in which a box containing a gift was handed out to the servants or the needy. The tradition required that the village squire and his family, on the day after Christmas would box up the leftover Christmas food and goodies and distribute these among the village poor.

'Carol' came into English in the 14th Century from an old French word meaning 'joyful song', so bright that you could dance to it. Over more recent centuries it slowly became more specialized, and today songs that celebrate Christmas are called carols.

'Gift' –the habit of exchanging gifts at Christmas can be traced back to the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus and the gifts they gave were gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Gold symbolizes Jesus status as a king, and a descendant of kings.

Frankincense was a whitish-yellow aromatic resin that was used in anointing priests, so symbolizes Christ's priestly role.

Myrrh is a resin from a tree native to the Arabian deserts and parts of Africa. It was valued for its aromatic and medical properties and was offered to Jesus as a mild pain reliever when He was being crucified.

'Nativity' is a word that means 'birth'. It's used these days to mean the birth of Christ. The word came into English from old French back in the 12th Century (we can blame the French-speaking Normans for that) and behind the Old French' was a Latin word for birth from which we get the word 'native' – because native refers to your birth.



Another word from French is **'Noel'**, which is a word for Christmas, or can be traced back to the French word, 'nouvelles', meaning 'good news'.

Swaddle To swaddle is an old word meaning to wrap. So when the Bible says that the infant Jesus was placed in 'swaddling clothes' it just means that the baby was wrapped up for warmth and security in a long piece of cloth.

Xmas This is simply an abbreviation of Christmas using the Greek letter *chi* (which is written like an X), the first letter in the title 'Christ'.

Taken from Christmas Word Watch by ABC Word Watch Presenter Kel Richards. Beacon Communications 2006 Published by Matthias Media

ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE AGM-13 Nov 2010



Bill Nagle as Returning Officer congratulated those elected.

Bill Nagle continued by conducting Election from the floor of Office Bearers

- Tony Groube – President
- Kathy Shields - Vice President
- Sue Mitchell – Secretary
- Michael Bryant – Treasurer.

Bill Nagle was thanked and presented with a gift of appreciation by the President, Tony Groube.

The Public Officer: Sue Mitchell

2 EAR FM Membership Categories:

Individual	\$25	(one vote)
Family Membership	\$40	(one vote)
Organisation	\$ 50	(one vote)
Business	\$100	(one vote)

More than 75% of those present at the 16th October General Meeting held at Rose Street supported a proposal that Family Membership be entitled to one vote overruling a previous General meeting (November 2009) decision which entitled two votes. Two votes from Family Membership category were

accepted for the AGM on 13 November 2010 but in future Family Membership entitles one vote only. If you are in a Family Membership (have paid \$40) and you wish to have two votes then alas this will not be the case in the future UNLESS you wish to relieve yourself of \$10.



CHRISTMAS FUN STUFF

1. "I always have a white Christmas. I see the bills and turn white".
2. "We buy so many gifts we can't afford, I'm not sure if we are celebrating the birth of Christ or the birth of credit".
3. "It's terrible. You fight the crowds, stand in line and pay outrageous prices just to give a present to someone who says: 'You didn't have to do that!' ".
4. "You just feel closer to everybody at Christmas time – especially in the shopping centres!".
5. "This year we're spending Christmas the usual way – spending."
6. "I was in the 'Nothing Over \$5' shop buying presents for my in-laws when a depressing thing happened. My in-laws were in the shop – buying presents for me".
7. "Somebody rang up and told me that Father Christmas was a 'myth' That's funny; I always thought he was a 'mythter'".
8. "Times are changing! I told my kids they should write a letter to Santa with a wish list of presents they would like. I received the following responses:
 - 'Can't we just send Santa an SMS?'
 - 'Can't we just log onto e bay and make a few bids?'
 - But the scariest reply of all came from my youngest who said: 'What's a letter?'
9. "Why is it that no matter how carefully you put away last year's Christmas lights, they always come out of the box looking like a reggae musician's hairdo?"



PRESENTERS' PROFILE

Sylvia Bryant - 'Musical Journeys'

Monday 1p.m.to 4p.m.

The following are Sylvia's answers to the 12 standard questions given to presenters to help our members gain some insight to the people they listen to on 2EARFM.

1. If I were allowed one musical album on a holiday on a deserted island it would be "**Tenderness**" by Al Jarreau.
2. The most terrifying time in my life was **presenting a show for the first time and being live on air.** It took me many sleepless nights, lots of worries and many mistakes on air until I was comfortable. Many colleagues have been wonderful and very encouraging which has helped me tremendously in overcoming my initial fears.
3. **I got into radio by accident** as I never thought of becoming a Presenter. I was quite happy helping out with administration duties when one day Sue Mitchell suggested I should get involved. Of course I accepted the challenge never realising all it took.
4. My favourite food is **roast pork with apple sauce, mash and gravy.**
5. When I was a child I wanted to grow up to be **a good wife and mother.**
6. My hobbies are **painting and gardening.**
7. My first job was part-time to gain experience as a bilingual secretary at '**Chrysler Motors in Argentina**' where after some time I got a permanent secretarial position.
8. One of my greatest achievements has been **to gain independence** from a feeling of oppression and to be free. This, I should explain, has a lot to do with the political situation in my country of birth (Argentina) at the time I left 28 years ago, (a few days before the **Falklands War**).



9. My favourite parts of Australia **include 'The Ottway Ranges' in Victoria, the Blue Mountains, NSW, Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.** However, there are many more I would like to visit.

10. I spent my childhood in **Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

11. I have many favourite films but '**The Lord of the Rings**' and '**Harry Potter**' movies would be my most favourite as they impacted greatly on me because of their content, production and quality.

12. The TV programme I would avoid watching at all costs would be '**Q & A**' on ABC1 as I do not like the presenter and am not fond of politics either.



THE YEAR 2010 IN REVIEW



A number of former members and presenters have returned to the fold and we welcome them back.

We did an '**outside broadcast**' from **Moruya Show** and made appearances at **Moruya Hospital's Fun Day, Narooma Oyster Festival, Moruya Country Markets** and the recent **Eurobodalla Show Society Fun Day.**

The highlight of the year was our very successful **Radiothon 2010** which ran from **29 July - 01 August.** The final total was in excess of **\$14,000.** Community support was outstanding, both membership and sponsorship increased and we enjoyed live performance artists at the station. Many heartfelt thanks go to those connected to the station who gave their time and great effort to make the **Radiothon** the success that it was. The new **Management Committee** is dedicated to use the **Radiothon** funds to obtain optimal results for the hard-earned dollars donated to us.

A severe wind storm in **September** caused huge problems and kept us from normal transmission from 4th - 23rd Sept. A 4-day blackout and damage to our main transmitter resulted in urgent repairs costing **\$1,600,** including the purchase of a lower-power back-up transmitter.

PAM'S PATCH

By now you would be harvesting the **strawberries and beans** that were planted a few months ago. Tongue of fire was the bean I planted and this is a lovely flat fat bean with red streaks down it. To cook lightly blanch them, and cover with basil, garlic and tomato sauce and simmer a little longer. It is a delicious meal almost in itself.

Now is the time to finish mulching and planting out. Check that the **potatoes** are completely covered to stop greening. Succession planting especially of **beans, tomatoes and corn**

should also be the go to ensure continuous cropping and to avoid a glut of any particular type.



A different leguminous plant to plant now, that may produce edible nodules on the roots, is the **peanut** family. These are best eaten raw and soft, but serve equally as well as a green manure crop if dug in.

Watermelons need to be in now if they are to ripen in time. By pinching out the runners when they are 1.5m will encourage laterals to grow. The young vine runners may need to be pegged down to prevent blowing around and being damaged.

Pumpkins, squash, marrows and zucchini can be planted out while sowing **beans, beetroot, broccoli, cabbages, carrots, cauliflowers, endive, herbs, kohlrabi, lettuce (loose leaf) parsley, parsnips, peas, radishes, silverbeet** and remember to dust those that will be devoured by the caterpillars and slugs.

The **Brassica** family will be doing battle with the white cabbage moth so choose an alternative that is more quickly grown such as **Kale. Brussels sprouts** should go in now and need a lot of space and take quite a long time to form good-sized sprouts.

Best wishes for the coming festive season and do ensure your garden is fire safe and all your plants receive a good feed too.

Pam Hamory 'Interaction'
4:00pm Thursdays



CHRISTMAS EVE EVENTS

The **Smith Family** charity began in **Sydney on Christmas Eve 1922.**

It was founded in Sydney by 5 businessmen who wanted to help disadvantaged children. On a visit to an orphanage they distributed gifts and lollies. When asked for their names, one of the men replied: "**Er...Smith**", to preserve their anonymity, and indicated that the other businessmen were also called **Smith**. And so **The Smith Family** charity was born and has been helping those less fortunate ever since.

2SM (SM standing for St Marks) radio station opened in **Sydney on Christmas Eve 1931.**

CHRISTMAS DAY EVENT

Christmas Truce occurred between British and German troops during WWI - **1914**. The soldiers mingled together and swapped presents but at midnight the truce ended and fighting resumed. *This event inspired **Paul McCartney's** 1983 hit '**Pipes of Peace**'.



BOXING DAY EVENTS

'**The Story of the Kelly Gang**', Australia's first full-length feature film, premiered in **Melbourne, 1906.**

Sydney-Hobart yacht race was raced for the first time in **1945.**

Mikhail Gorbachev announced his resignation as **Soviet President** in **1991.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS

Big Ben first chimed in London - **1923.**

Pavlova dessert was created by chef Bert Sachse, in honour of ballerina, **Anna Pavlova, 1935.**

Analogue mobile phone network in Australia shut down at midnight, **1999.**

Asbestos was banned in **Australia, 2003.**



Children's Funny Ideas About Angels

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.
Mitchell, 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. Henry, 8