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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT.

And so we come to the end of another year in Community Radio. With the AGM just around the corner I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the presenters for their wonderful work throughout this time. The variety and quality of the programs is unsurpassed and you should be proud for the way you cater to the Orange and Districts community. I know that we at the Committee certainly are.

Special thanks go to the Committee for all the hard work they have put in throughout the year working behind the scenes; it is this dedication that sees our station go to air 24/7. TO recap, our new consol has been installed and certainly has had its teething problems, thanks to the Technical Committee for their persistence in ironing out the bugs (Not quite there yet). For those that are not aware, sponsorships and government grants are the mainstay of our financial survival and I would ask that everyone spread the word and recruit more sponsors (and it goes without saying we provide great service).

Membership is at a record high as are the friends of the station, and I would encourage all members, if the mood takes you, get involved, present a program, learn about the technical aspects of the station even nominate for the Committee and so on. We would love to see more people involved in the day to day running of the station. To give is divine!

In conclusion it has been an honour serving as President, I know the station has had its ups and downs, but I believe we are ending on a high note. Being involved with such a great team of people, committee members, presenters and members has made the position so much easier. It's been such a delight receiving emails from listeners complimenting us on our programs, be it the young presenters' and our more mature presenters'. Kudos to all!!

Look forward to seeing you all at our AGM.

Wolfgang Kittler

A Warm Welcome.

A big and hearty Winter welcome goes out to our newest members, Greg Rolles and Dave Currell, Sarah Cox, Toastmasters, Jeremy Buckingham, Lee Bradbury, Chris Kittler, Katrina Kittler, Lucas Martin, Danielle Martin and Chris Gue! Wow, what a roll up! Members numbers are up to 79 now, the highest number in OCB history! That's something to be proud of! Just imagine how many members we would have if every current member promised to themselves to bring ONE more member into our ranks as their contribution to the survival of FM107.5.....(ahhh, let me see.....158 members that would be actually, at a mere \$45 per year, the contribution of just THAT small promise would bring in \$7,860 and what an enormous weight that would take off the current fund raisers shoulders....come on! We can do it!!

The More Friends The Merrier.

And, speaking of FUNDRAISING.....our tally of Friends Of FM107.5 is 27, and at a mere \$15 per year is certainly within the financial reach of most people in our listening audience. There has been discussion amongst the COM that we should enlist new members to find at least one new "Friend" as part of their "initial training" responsibilities. A great way of ensuring that they understand, that without the funding generated through new Sponsorships/Memberships/Friends, that the Community Radio Station would just "Cease" to exist. And that's the reality of it.

And More On Fundraising.

Our hardworking Secretary, Susan Morris, who has recently secured (\$8,000.00+) worth of Government Funding for FM107.5(Transmission Operational Subsidy - towards our power bill and an Ethnic Grant) is also in the process of putting together a "200" Club as a fundraising event in the near future. It will be up to all of us that belong to the Community Radio Station, to ensure the tickets are sold. There will be a First, Second AND Third prize (\$\$) up for grabs, so wouldn't that be a nice "sweetener"!

A Little Human Touch.

After much discussion regarding our revered Sponsors and how we can better serve them it has been decided that our President, Wolfgang Kittler will be visiting them all personally to deliver both Certificates Of Appreciation and a small gift on all our behalf to thank them for their "Show Of Confidence" in FM107.5 *The Local Station*. And all agreed that we make regular visits every three months or so to make sure they are happy with the way their Sponsorship Packages are going and see if they would like any changes made to enhance sponsorship results if possible.

Warm And Fuzzy Feedback.

Have you been reading "On Air" the column that our much loved Journalist extraordinaire Denis Gregory puts together on our behalf every Saturday in The Central Western Daily? We have had some wonderful feedback from friends and community members after they have read the column, particularly the profiles on our presenters. So it just goes to show, it really does work...THANK YOU DENIS GREGORY!!

And also seen in the "Thumbs Up" column, on the "In Focus" page in the June 23-29 edition of Central West Photo News, a "Thumbs Up" to Community Radio Station 107.5FM for the great music they play every day..." And also seen in the Central West Photo News May 26-June 1st edition, a full copy of FM107.5's Program Guide in a feature article titled "Local Radio-Who-What-When-Where" There's no such thing as bad publicity as they say....

Wonderful Roll Up.

We had a wonderful roll up for the Members And Friends Meeting on the 21st May. Many things were discussed such as the fact that we are still trying to find a Secretary to replace Andrew McKenzie. Susan has taken the role on until the AGM in September.

Also discussed Andrew's idea of changing the name of the station to ICE FM, which was not agreed to.

Also discussed was the decision to remove one of the turntables in the studio to make way for the new console. A unanimous decision was made to leave both turntables there if possible.

A call went out to ask for feedback on whether we needed to install a "Tape to CD" converter for presenters to use with their audio cassette collections. Most agreed that the quality of audio cassette tapes was pretty unreliable/unstable and that the sound quality was usually pretty poor, which would not be improved by converting to CD. So the decision has been made not to install the converter. Will consider an MP3 dock.

In keeping with National Volunteer Week, Certificates Of Appreciation were handed out to ALL our wonderful volunteers!

It was a wonderful afternoon, with a big and enthusiastic crowd of creative folk, with plenty of rowdy discussion and ideas put forth. The food provided by the COM members was aplenty and encouraged a good chin wag after the meeting, allowing everyone to catch up. When we were finally inched out "gently" by the next group that had booked the hall, the stars were coming out and it seemed such a shame to have to leave. It's nice to be surrounded by creative, positive people, all so focused on the same outcome. Nurturing and promoting FM107.5

Technical Goings On.

Arthur Lister, Euan Moffitt and the boys (David and Peter) from Master Antenna Systems here in Orange got to

work preparing the new wiring required in preparation for the new console installation.

They installed cable from dipole to receiver (20 metre run of RG6Quad Shield coax from the mast top to the equipment rack) Also replaced the balun at the aerial, fitted a secure foot mount to the bottom of the mast(it was unattached...)

On the weekend of 2nd and 3rd of July, history was created at the station with the installation of a brand new console! Programs were put on hold (still had CRN programs going to air) and many hands turned up to help with the historic work. Andrew McKenzie opened up the Station at 7.30am on the Saturday morning(Bless his soul..) and kept the ball rolling along by being the "Goffa" all day.

Dorothy Arnold flew in like the angel she is, on Saturday morning with a great big tub of sandwiches and refreshments to keep the team well fed (God bless her..) and Susan was the angel on the Sunday making sure no one went hungry or thirsty. I ventured in on the Saturday morning to get some historic photographs and witnessed all the hard work going on. Every single person there was busy doing SOMETHING! Allan Brown with his miners light on was based in the control room, Steve Centofanti was the "Brains" behind the operation and very proud to be creating the "Next Page" in the FM107.5 story that he helped start all those years ago, with just a couple of test broadcasts and a heart full of dreams and has been so involved with ever since. Damien Spanjer, great friend of Steve's and also with a long association with the Station was the other part of the "Brains" involved, the three of them working away at a hectic pace to get things complete. A couple of the younger presenters (Harley Stedman and Adam Roberts - Today's Hits and Keep'n It Simple shows on Monday nights) were there over the entire weekend watching the whole procedure (Who knows, perhaps they will set up their own little studio at home and become the next "Hamish and Andy"?!) To everyone involved in the weekend, a great BIG "Thank You" from the rest of us.

* The feed back regarding the quality of our sound going to air since the new wiring and the new console went in has been overwhelming! There has been a 100% improvement to the sound, so much so that the listener can pick up every little detail recorded in the music, right down to the brush strokes against the snare! So even our older music is new again! A wonderful result.

A decision was also made to keep the old console rather than selling it. It will make a very handy "Back-up" if we have any troubles with the new one down the track.

* Congratulations to Kevin Mason on being the FIRST PRESENTER to do a shift using the new console!

Say G'Day Night.

Our first "Say G'Day Night" was held at the Orange City Bowling Club on Tuesday 5th July. Around 19 enthusiastic volunteers/members and family braved the Wintery conditions to gather and share a wonderful few hours of food and friendship. The boys at Angelo's Bistro made us all feel very spoilt, the food was as warm and wonderful as the company! It was great to just sit down and chat amongst ourselves, something we don't do often enough. A big rowdy applause goes out to Bruce and Sue Powell, who travelled down from Mt Victoria for the night, only to discover that the Blue Mountains had experienced an horrific storm while they were here so they had to rush back and assess the damage and Bruce had to miss out on doing his wonderful show "Rock & Roll Rarities" on Wednesday afternoon. (And congratulations Bruce on the successful extension of your show to 3hours!) At least Bruce took home one of the prizes (a bottle of Cherry Liqueur from Borrodell Winery).

And speaking of prizes....The "Door Prize", a bottle of "Sparkling Orange" from La Colline Wines was won by Doug and Lyn Spicer. 2nd draw prize went to Mac Percy, a bottle of "Cherry Liqueur" from Borrodell Winery. 3rd draw prize went to Susan and Peter Morris, a bottle of "Sauvignon Blanc 2010 vintage" from Borrodell Winery. And the major raffle went to Andrew Mckenzie, a beautiful sailing ship wine rack stocked with 3 gorgeous local wines, 1.Gold Medal(2010) Cabernet Sauvignon from Dindima Wines 2.Sauvignon Blanc(2010) from Borrodell Winery 3.Cabernet Sauvignon (2005) from Cargo Road Winery, so congratulations to all our winners!

*There has been talk of doing another night out together through the summer months, a BBQ somewhere perhaps? Any ideas are very welcome.

Amongst The Stars.

Following is a piece by one of our Presenters, Geoff Langdon (A Big Country Lunch on Fridays 12-3pm)

"Recently I had the privilege of talking to the 2010 Tamworth CMAA Female Artist of the Year, Catherine Britt on 107.5 FM. Not only is Catherine a very talented singer/songwriter, she is also a really delightful

young lady. She spoke so easily about her music, about her life experiences and about her love for country music. The Newcastle-born singer began her song writing and singing career at the age of 10. (Not a misprint!) She dropped in to our studio one chilly afternoon to promote her current album simply titled Catherine Britt. She sang two songs, live, from the album, "I Want You Back" and "Sweet Emmylou", the latter being a tribute to her friend Emmylou Harris who helped her enormously during her several years in Nashville. It was a special treat to talk to Catherine and she immediately makes you feel at ease. I look forward to talking with her again sometime in the future."

GEOFF LANGDON

*If any of our Presenters would like to share excerpts from their interviews with the stars, I'm sure all our readers would really appreciate it! Good on you Geoff!

Our Deepest Sympathy.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to our presenters Jim Black (Big Country Lunch-Mondays 2pm-5pm) and Trevor Connerty (Our Treasurer & Tuesdays) who have both lost their dear mums just recently. And also to Susan Morris (Our Secretary & Tuesday's In The Mix-9am-12pm) who recently lost a dear childhood friend. Our thoughts are with you.

Many Hands Make Light Work.

All who have visited the Station lately will notice the wonderful changes taking place within our CD Library! Thanks to the loving hands of Trevor Connerty, the CD's have been sorted into alphabetical/genre order. And with such a big job, there have been many other busy little hands involved as well, Susan Morris, Di Saddler, Gordon McMillan, Dorothy Arnold and I'm sure to have missed others, so a BIG thank you to everyone that pitched in, from the rest of us!

A Gentle Reminder.

It has come to the attention of the COM that there are still some outstanding membership fees due amongst our presenters. These fees were due on the 1st July. A reminder that memberships need to be paid in order for presenters to be entitled to be on air.

And on the subject of fees.....it appears we still have some presenters forgetting to pay the \$2 weekly fee towards covering the costs they incur during their time in the studio. It's only a little amount compared to the cost of having us there over 1/2/3 hours, so please be fair.

And finally, due to the constant need to clean up the coffee and tea making areas after others have left it in a very ordinary state, we are installing a new model of coffee and tea facilities. It's called "The Self Cleaning" Model. The SELF who makes the mess, CLEANS THE MESS UP. We only have a few diligent volunteers on the "Cleaning Roster" (Please feel free to add your name to the list...) so please be responsible.

Laugh Out Loud.

"A sign seen in a city coffee shop- "We LOVE kids! Please keep YOURS at YOUR table. Or we will give them two shots of caffeine and a new puppy..." signed MANAGEMENT.

Two guys were discussing family trends on sex, marriage and family values- Bill said "I didn't sleep with my wife before we were married, did you?" Larry replied "I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?"

A blonde calls the airline and asks "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from L.A to NY ?" The agent replies "Just a minute" "Thanks" says the blonde and hangs up.

"Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case carefully," the Divorce Court Judge said, "and I've decided to give your wife \$775.00 a week." "That's very fair Your Honour" the husband said, "and every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself..."

All jokes contributed by Bruce Powell (Our much loved "Rock & Roll Rarities" presenter. . .)

And Finally.

Please remember our "Newsletter" belongs to all the FM107.5 family and is the best way to keep in touch with everything that is happening at the station. So please feel welcome to contribute ANY little snippets about the station of interest, any positive feedback is valued and important, the newsletter can only be as exciting as WE make it. Thank you to all who contributed. And as the saying goes, "Better late than never..."

Until next time,

take care XX

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