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THE NEWSLETTER OF TANK FM
MACLEAY VALLEY COMMUNITY FM RADIO STATION INCORPORATED

President's Desk

Hello Tank FM Members and Friends,

Sometimes we ask ourselves, how did I get here? In these difficult times, it is a sentiment we are all familiar with in one way or another. I have such great admiration for our community.

Whether it be rebuilding lives after the devastating bushfires, keeping businesses afloat through these economic downturn conditions brought on by the complications of Covid19 and the flow on effects, or the extensive support teams that keep our communities together, what we do see is the unity of the Australian spirit. I read this week, Australia is one of the most united countries in the world, and isn't that the truth.

Well personally, I see myself in a place of honour, recently taking on the position of President for Tank FM. I might remind you, as is my annual tradition, that Tank FM is celebrating yet another birthday this month. Well out of its teens and starting to show some maturity, Tank FM turns 23 on September 29th.

We have certainly seen a lot of changes over the years, and it is to be remembered that all volunteers and committee members stand on the shoulders of all who have come before. Given that Tank FM, has been and continues to be driven by volunteers who give so generously of their time, our accomplishments are a source of pride for the whole community.

The studio complex is first class with its two studios, office space and car parking facilities. That is not to say that funding is an easy road. As a not-for-profit community station, fund chasing is always an ongoing matter requiring specialist attention.

Grant funding is very competitive in the market and the importance of both sponsorship and fund-raising measures cannot be understated. Special thanks go to the teams working on grant funding and fund-raising as well as our very valued sponsors.

These funding initiatives are our backbone and without them, we simply could not survive. I wish to pass on my deep sense of gratitude to all parties involved in funding the station.

For those who might consider becoming a Tank FM sponsor or joining our fund-raising team, your contributions would be very greatly appreciated as Tank FM needs funding for further essential technical initiatives as well as to further support ongoing running costs. Your creative ideas are very welcome.

We have a growing number of volunteers and are enjoying, despite the Covid19 restrictions and health and safety precautions, a resurgence of volunteers whether it be offers of assistance via our several committees (management, administration, finance,

sponsorship, programming, training, production, technical, fundraising, and promotions), or via Tank FM programme presenting, office work assistance, voice overs, presenter trainees and so forth. I am of the mind that the station is for everyone and if you wish to assist in any way, we will find a spot just for you. It is your station. The Fundraising Committee is at present in great need of volunteers if you can help.

The Covid19 pandemic certainly affected Tank FM just like all other businesses. It impacted us both financially and in our maintenance of broadcasting abilities. With thanks to our dedicated production, technical, programming and presenting teams, as well as supporters of our revenue stream, through the worst, we were able to maintain broadcasting.

First this was achieved remotely, then with a reduced number of presenters, then finally back to normal conditions, but with health and safety provisions. It is again the Australian spirit of running forward even under duress. Something that as residents of the Macleay and as Australians, only makes us stronger and more united.

Enjoy Tank FM, your station and thank you to all our members, sponsors, supporters and listeners.

Warm Regards
Lyn Leedham
Tank FM President

Secretary's Desk

Hello Tank FM Members and friends, old and new,

Well, 2020 has certainly been a year that I'm sure most of us would rather forget.

It's been a difficult year for everyone. The fight against the dreaded virus wreaked havoc in our community some months back with many businesses shutting down, tourism halted and worst of all, a severe shortage of loo paper!

But with true community spirit we've all for the most part managed to dust ourselves off, pick ourselves up and get on with our lives.

The Tank community was thrown into chaos initially as well. The studio doors were closed for well over a month with all of our local shows having to be put on hold until Covid restrictions were lifted. Thanks to Ross and Gary Delaforce and all of our technical team, Tank FM remained on-air remotely during this time allowing us to meet our all important community and sponsorship obligations.

Thanks also to our presenters who submitted their pre-recorded shows from home and also to those who recorded their uplifting 'cheerio messages' during that difficult time.

Of course a big thank you from all at the Tank community to our loyal sponsors past and present for your invaluable support throughout the year. For those still suffering we wish you a speedy recovery.

Despite all this year's setbacks the Tank keeps rolling on! (Pun intended)

Through the efforts and initiatives put in place by Management past and present along with the willing cooperation of all our volunteers, the Tank FM studios are operational again. Covid safe measures have been in place for sometime now and of course social distancing is being practised in the studios at all times. I'd like to make special mention of our cleaning committee under the guidance of coordinator Brenda Elkington for their tireless efforts in maintaining a safe hygiene regime in the studios.

I'm only relatively new to Tank FM and this is my first experience of being involved in community radio, having joined as a member, I then trained as a presenter early last year. I'm so glad I did. I'm discovering that Tank isn't just a radio station but also a vital community hub.

I've observed a very real sense of community throughout every aspect of this organization. The people here tend to look out for each other and so that same sentiment and basic driving force extends across the airwaves and out into the broader community.

Thanks to everyone at Tank FM and to all of our extended family for your continuing support and enthusiasm.

I think the worst is behind us now and we can all walk an easier path toward a brighter future.

"Rock and Roll with Tank FM"

Best regards,
Brett Lee
Secretary

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Treasurer's Desk

Hello Tank FM Members and friends,

The global pandemic has of course impacted Tank FM, just as it has impacted all of us.

We have lost some sponsors, mostly those who advertise events, which they can't hold until the virus recedes and allows venues to re-open.

However, our sponsorship coordinator, Richard Kinny, has worked very hard and added quite a few new sponsorships, from businesses that have re-opened and are keen to reach our audience.

Below is a report showing our financial position at the end of September 2020.

Best regards,
Ian Yates
Treasurer

Profit and Loss

Macleay Valley Community FM Radio Station Inc

Date Range: Jan 01, 2020 to Sep 28, 2020

ACCOUNTS	Jan 01, 2020 to Sep 28, 2020
Income	
Bank interest	\$5.17
Direct Public Grants – Foundation and Trust Grants	\$12,617.00
Donations	\$100.00
Fundraising	\$732.95
Membership fees	\$874.55
Raffles	\$684.20
Recording Announcements	\$154.00
Sponsorship	\$34,079.40
Spot Announcements	\$2,310.98
Total Income	\$51,558.25
Gross Profit	\$51,558.25
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%

Treasurer's Desk (continued)

Operating Expenses	
Electricity	\$4,787.54
Insurance - Defamation	\$803.00
Insurance - Management Liability	\$829.40
Insurance - Public Liability & Volunteer Workers	\$3,238.35
Internet	\$679.92
Licence fees	\$3,992.65
Loan interest	\$833.07
Newsfeed fees	\$1,100.00
Office supplies	\$42.57
Postage & Delivery	\$237.10
Printing and Reproduction	\$1,504.74
Rent	\$11,151.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$176.00
Software subscriptions	\$944.43
Studio equipment	\$469.11
Telephone – Land Line	\$1,619.04
Water	\$37.18
Total Operating Expenses	\$32,445.10
Net Profit	\$19,113.15
As a percentage of Total Income	37.07%

Presenter's Stories

Rod Maher

Hi, I'm Rod Maher from Friday Afternoons Memory Makers drive time program and this is my story of what TANK radio means to me.

I worked constantly for more than 50 years of my life. All of a sudden it all came to an end when I retired. I thought my new life would be great, but after 6 months of nothing to do. I was so bored I had to find something to get involved with.

One day as I was driving down town, I heard on the radio that TANK FM was looking for new presenters. I decided I'd call in and see what it was all about. I have over 4,000 songs in my record collection. If I became a presenter it would give me the opportunity to play my music, not only for myself but for all the people who would listen to my show.

After a month of training, I was given my own show, and after a few weeks of playing my music the listeners started to phone in.

The first was a lady from South West Rocks. She wanted me to play, How Much Is That Doggy In The Window. I realised I needed to become more professional about the way I prepared and presented my show. I started to list all the songs I have. This was to make sure I play different music each week and also to make a mixture of music from the 20's to the 90's pop, rock and country.

Fortunately I like all kinds of music from Al Jolson, Doris Day and Dean Martin to the Beatles, Simply Red and the Mavericks. I have every Beatles song ever released plus a few that were only available in the UK before they became the Beatles.

Each week I spend 4 or 5 hours making a run sheet and finding the songs needed for my program. The sheet contains 3 pages - one for each hour, a list of songs in order, the CD and track number plus the year the song was released. During the show I add a few songs from the computer if my music runs short of the hour. I have a good knowledge of the singers and bands but I also look up info on my computer to help during the show.

So that's a little information about me and my life at TANK. I hope you find it interesting. Thanks to TANK I now have a life back.

Regards
Rod Maher

You can catch Rod presenting Memory Makers on Fridays 4-7 pm

Carolyn Van Egmond

Hello everyone, I am very pleased to have joined the Community radio station Tank FM to be part of the team of volunteers providing an important service to our listeners and broader community.

My husband and I moved to Kempsey from the Hunter region in January 2020 after I finished up at work and looking forward to making new friends and being more engaged in the Kempsey community.

My first CD I purchased in the mid 80's was Dire Straits, Making Movies. I still have the album in my collection. My tastes in music have moved on with the passage of time. I look forward to sharing my interest in music with the Tank FM listeners into the future. Enjoy the music!

Regards,
Carolyn Van Egmond



You can catch Carol presenting Afternoon Drive Time on Mondays 4-6 pm
and Pop to Rock on Tuesdays 6-9pm

Life Membership



CONGRATULATIONS LYN SAUL!

Recognizing her generosity and community spirit Macleay Valley Community Radio Inc, aka Tank FM, has awarded life membership to local Kempsey woman, Lyn Saul.

For many years Lyn has been seen setting up outside Woolworths or the Kempsey West Post Office selling raffle tickets and her handicrafts to help Community Radio, Tank FM and other local charities such as the Rescue Helicopter Service.

Lyn hopes to be back again selling her handicrafts and raffle tickets as soon as it is safe to do so.

On hearing the news Lyn told long-term breakfast presenter, Mike Daly, she felt overjoyed in receiving the award.

Putting faces to voices



Mike Daly (left) and Brett Lee (right) presenters of the Rise & Shine Breakfast show six days a week

Management Team

LYN LEEDHAM PRESIDENT	VACANT VICE PRESIDENT	BRETT LEE SECRETARY	IAN YATES TREASURER
ANN CANT COMMITTEE	ERROL CALLAGHAN COMMITTEE	MIKE DALY COMMITTEE	BRENDA ELKINGTON COMMITTEE
TONY LEWIS COMMITTEE	ROD MAHER COMMITTEE	DAVID SOLAH COMMITTEE	RICHARD KINNY SPONSORSHIPS
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On Air Guide

September 28 2020
November 29 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0:00							
1:00							
2:00	Tank Digital Network followed by Overdrive (motoring show) at 5:30 00:00 - 06:00	Tank Digital Network followed by The Wire at 5:30 00:00 - 06:00	Tank Digital Network followed by The Wire at 5:30 00:00 - 06:00	Tank Digital Network followed by The Wire at 5:30 00:00 - 06:00	Tank Digital Network followed by The Wire at 5:30 00:00 - 06:00	Tank Digital Network followed by The Wire at 5:30 00:00 - 06:00	Tank Digital Network followed by Music & the Spoken Word at 5:30 00:00 - 06:00
3:00							
4:00							
5:00							
6:00							Real World Gardener followed by Qmmunity Network News at 6:30 then TDN 06:00 - 07:00
7:00							Wellbeing Health Show 07:00 - 08:00
8:00							Rise & Shine with Brett Lee 08:00 - 10:00
9:00							
10:00	Monday Melodies with John Russell 09:00 - 12:00	The Grey Area with Garry Grey 09:00 - 12:00	Welcome to My World with Ted Chivers 09:00 - 12:00	Rave On with Ted J Kale 09:00 - 12:00	Country Style with Brenda Elkington 09:00 - 12:00	Saturday with Mike Daly 09:00 - 12:00	Gospel with Ann Cant 10:00 - 13:00
11:00							
12:00							
13:00	Light on Legends with Lyn Leedham 12:00 - 15:00	The Music Mix with Errol Callaghan 12:00 - 15:00		Easy Listening with Ted Chivers 12:00 - 15:00			
14:00			Rock Revival with Warren Miller 12:00 - 16:00		Andrew's Kaleidoscope with Andrew Kerr 12:00 - 16:00	Can't Stop the Music with Lyn Leedham 12:00 - 16:00	Nice & Easy with John Russell 13:00 - 16:00
15:00	AMRAP Albums with Lyn Leedham 15:00 - 16:00						
16:00		Drive Time with Ann Cant 15:00 - 18:00		Sol's Selections with David Solah 15:00 - 18:00			
17:00	Monday Afternoon Drive Time with Carolyn Van Egmond 16:00 - 19:00		Rave On with Ted J Kale 16:00 - 18:00		Memory Makers with Rod Maher 16:00 - 19:00	Saturday Jumpstart with Matthew Delaforce & Blair Kardel 16:00 - 18:00	Ruby Lee's Country & RnR Show with Brenda Elkington 16:00 - 20:00
18:00			Macca's Mix Up with DJ Macca 18:00 - 20:00	Crossroads with Mal Honess 18:00 - 20:00			
19:00		Tuesday Pop to Rock with Carolyn Van Egmond 18:00 - 21:00		Three Chords and the Truth 20:00 - 21:00		Saturday Night Party Mix with DJ Rob 18:00 - 21:00	Concert Hour 20:00 - 21:00
20:00	A Big Valley with Shon Crotty 19:00 - 22:00		Vision Australia 20:00 - 21:00		Bush Tracks with Sam & Emily 19:00 - 22:00		
21:00		Pop Heads with Jane Arakawa and Roddy Lee 21:00 - 22:00	BBC Top of the Pops 21:00 - 22:00	Global Village 21:00 - 22:00		Hot Sweet & Jazzy 21:00 - 22:00	Heard it Through the Grapevine 21:00 - 22:00
22:00	Jazz Made in Australia with Paula Langlands 22:00 - 23:00	It's Time with William Brougham and Barry McKay 22:00 - 23:00	Under African Skies with David Barr 22:00 - 23:00	Dirt Music with Stuart Coupe 22:00 - 23:00	Indigenous News & Dads on the Air 22:00 - 23:00		Earth Matters & Lost in Science 22:00 - 23:00
23:00	Aussie Music Weekly 23:00 - 24:00	BBC Top of The Pops with Kim Robson 23:00 - 24:00	Tank Digital Network 23:00 - 24:00	Roots n Reggae 23:00 - 24:00	Zed Games & Jailbreak 23:00 - 24:00	Tecka's Rock & Blues Show 22:00 - 24:00	Tank Digital Network 23:00 - 24:00

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