

# PHOENIX FM

## “NEWSFLASH”



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### **President's Report**

Happy Easter to everyone! With daylight savings over and the nights drawing in I think it's safe to say goodbye to what has been a very trying Summer. Time to dust off the electric blanket and settle in for a cold (and hopefully wet) Winter.

I'm sure by now that everyone is aware of the further time allocation granted to us by the A.C.M.A. Another fantastic result for all of us here at Phoenix. Our time constraints remain the same as the last time share agreement. So from 6pm Sundays until noon on Wednesdays Bendigo will continue to have it's own community radio station which will cater for all tastes and styles. It's a fantastic job that we all do we should remain immensely proud of our achievements.

A big warm welcome goes out to our new presenters. I am sure that you will find our organisation most rewarding. Any ideas that you may have or any help you can offer us will be most appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to farewell Steve Charman. Steve has been with Phoenix since it's first test transmission presenting his highly enjoyable show "Acoustic Shock Syndrome". Steve will be presenting his show on 107.5 WMA FM. It is a new community frequency in the Castlemaine area. Our loss is their gain and on behalf of the committee I would like to thank Steve for his services and wish him all the best for the future. Keep in touch Steve.

Phoenix m continues to soar. Keep up the great work and spread the word!

*Brad Warren*  
*President*

### **Simon Dillon**

Popular night time Folk Music Presenter, Simon Dillon is off to Canberra in early April doing a three day broadcasting skills course which is on in the leadup to the National Folk Festival. It is great to see our Presenters so committed to broadcasting congratulations, Simon.

### **Best Wishes to Max Primmer**

Max Primmer (Rainbow Radio and Plan B with Val Hicks) has unfortunately taken a turn for the worse with his health and is currently in the Intensive Care Unit at Ballarat Base Hospital. Our best wishes and thoughts are with you Max.

## **PRESENTER PROFILE – JAMES ROBERTS**

In this edition of Newsflash we are proud to profile James Roberts. James presents overnight and late night programs on Phoenix FM and is always willing to help in other areas.

James Roberts



I present Crazy Talk/Word Berserk. I am an honours Student at La Trobe University Bendigo, in Philosophy and Religious Studies; Literature, Art and Film.

I am on Phoenix Fm because I believe in what Phoenix has to offer. No where else will you get the diversity of Gospel, Country music shows, Koori themed shows and Poetry and Experimental music? My father, Bryan did a show on 3CCC in the 1980's called the Keyboard Hour for a bout 8 years, until he died. That is partly why I joined Phoenix but mainly it's because of the diversity we offer people and also I really do feel that we are an important vehicle, an important voice for the Community at Large. My interests are Poetry, Literature, Music, Movies, Cultural Awareness and Philosophical pursuits.

My show is basically a Late Night Radio Show for Artists, Poets, Musicians and Creative Thinkers of all types to come and inform, enjoy, entertain and inspire each other. So join me and my guests from the local Artistic Community to be inspired, to be entertained and informed

## **PHOENIX FM BBQ Sunday 19 April 2009**

Phoenix FM Members, volunteers, presenters and interested people are invited to Phoenix FM's BBQ on Sunday 19 April.

Starting at 12.00 noon, the event will take place at our studio premises –  
**128 Reservoir Road, Kennington.**

**BYO Meat, implements, drinks and plates.**

There will be soft drinks available for sale on the day

This is a great opportunity to meet other Phoenix supporters in an informal situation and also look through our studio if you have not yet done so.

### **David Keith**

A very special thanks to David Keith for his tireless efforts in raising sponsorship sales for Phoenix FM – without Sponsorship we could not exist – thank you very much David.

### **Floreena Forbes**

Phoenix FM presenter (amongst other things) Floreena Forbes has completed her chemotherapy course which affected her in a particularly debilitating way. She is now about to commence her six week regime

of radiotherapy. We miss Floreena around the studio and hope it won't be too long before she is back with us .....in the meantime.....

## Friday 8th May 2009



## SEND FLOREENA PACKING

Many people will know Floreena Forbes well for her tireless efforts in raising money for all sorts of charities and also her stellar Country Music Career.

Unfortunately Floreena is currently under treatment for breast cancer but she is dealing with this blow in her usual "get on with it" manner. Some of Floreena's friends thought it would be lovely to be able to send Floreena on a holiday at the end of treatment – somewhere nice where she can be pampered as she starts to rebuild her health.

So come along to our **SEND FLOREENA PACKING SHOW** at Bendigo RSL in Havilah Road, Bendigo on Friday 8th May. Cost is \$10.00. Meals are available from venue. Various artists including David Delle-Vergin, Anne Conway, Olive Bice, Rob Daniels, Ernie Johns & Avalanche Band and many others. To Book ring Anne on 5442 2973

## Steve Charman, Jake Warren and Glenda Eddy

**Steve Charman** who had been presenting a great late night program has ceased presenting with Phoenix as from the end of March. Steve has grabbed the opportunity to present with a new community radio station in Castlemaine WMA FM which means he won't have to travel to present his shows. A huge thanks to Steve for all he has done for Phoenix and we hope his new venture goes very well for both him and WMA FM which broadcasts on 107.5mhz.

**Jake Warren** is another presenter that reluctantly we have to say goodbye to as a presenter – at least for the moment. Jake has been presenting every second Monday evening however his university study commitments and also his work commitments have become too pressing. Thanks Jake for all you have done for Phoenix FM, stay in touch and come back to the desk at some time in the future.

### Glenda Eddy

Founding Member and Secretary, Glenda Eddy has resigned from Phoenix FM. We wish her very well with her future endeavours and thank her for her hard work in helping getting Phoenix up and running.

## New Members/Presenters

A great bit welcome is extended to the following members who have joined Phoenix since our last Phoenix Newsflash went to print: Trent Bice and Warren Randall ( heard every second Wednesday 12.00 midnight to 3.00am), Damien Stevens and Chris Todd (Rainbow Radio), Megan and Mark Hecker, Diana Collier, Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services Inc. ( will be doing a multicultural show every second Monday evening), Sandra Haskin, Tayla Bardsley and Haydon Geary (Youth Radio on Mondays) and Will Glover (Rainbow Radio and Breakfast In Bendigo).

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Our "Summer Raffle" was drawn with great flourish by Chris Bolton on Geoff Morris' morning talk show on Wednesday 18

March 2009.

The prizes went to:

First Prize (Queen Size Comforter Set valued at \$220) won by **Bill Bice** of Maiden Gully

Second Prize (\$50.00 petrol voucher) won by **Ric Pilling** of Romsey

Third Prize (\$20.00 meal voucher from New Victoria Hotel) won by **Ric Pilling** of Romsey

A total of 326 tickets were sold and we thank those who supported Phoenix FM by purchasing tickets.



*Bill and Olive Bice with their prize*

## **PHOENIX FM PROGRAMMING**

Each week we put our programme for the week on our Web Site ([www.phoenixfm.org](http://www.phoenixfm.org)). Because we are only on air at this point in time from 6.00pm on Sundays until midday on Wednesday's it has been necessary for us to have a rotational program so that our many presenters do get the opportunity to present a program. Some spots, particularly in the 6.00pm till 12.00midnight timeslot are rotated each week between two presenters as are some of our other times. One timeslot we don't have a queue for (can't think why) is our midnight to dawn shows, however we do have an excellent team of overnight presenters such as Peter Sheahan, Ian Shelton, Trent Bice and Warren Randall, Jacques Soddell, James Roberts, Anne Conway, Bill Whitbread who manage to keep the times covered. If anyone would be interested in presenting in the "graveyard shift" please let us know. Actually it is a good time (if you don't have to go to work the next day) as the studio is peaceful and you can play whatever you wish to. We have been dividing the timeslot into two three hour segments (12.00 – 3.00am and then 3.00 – 6.00am) which seems to work a lot better.

Do take the opportunity to have a look at the programs on our web-site. If this is not possible for you please give us a ring and we may be able to post the programs to you. Our day-time phone number whilst on air is 5444 1129 or 0403 186 466

## **DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS OR A FRIEND WHO HAS A BUSINESS HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PHOENIX FM SPONSORSHIP**

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for all the details

**VOLUNTARY POSITION VACANT**

### **SPONSORSHIP CO-ORDINATOR.**

We are looking for someone to look after our Sponsorship Accounting.

Manual Accounting or computerised accounting packages can be used – whatever is more suitable to the individual.

#### ***Key Duties***

- Sending out monthly statements to our sponsors
- Keeping accurate records of sponsors and the date to which they have paid their sponsorships
- Liaising with sponsors – answering queries regarding accounts etc.

Volunteer would be responsible to the Committee of Management and expected to attend meetings where possible and/or put in financial reports to the Committee of Management.

If interested – please contact the committee on [committee@phoenixfm.org](mailto:committee@phoenixfm.org)

### **Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to the following members/presenters who are celebrating a birthday in the month's of April and May. Please let me know your birthday so that you can be included. Contact me on [birubi@impulse.net.au](mailto:birubi@impulse.net.au)

<b>April</b>	Kim (Kimbo) Ritchie 4 April
	Colin James 29 April
<b>May</b>	Pat Bamford 19 May
	Mark Noulton 19 May

### **KIM RITCHIE**

Our Monday morning breakfast presenter Kim Ritchie (also known as Kimbo) will be performing at the Golden Hills Motel on Saturday 18 April from 7.30pm till late.

Kim is a great singer performing your country favourites and also popular rock'n'roll music.

If you can, consider going along and supporting Kim. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Meals are available from the venue from 6.00pm. For bookings for show or meals please ring 5443 1333

**BAMPA REUNION  
SUNDAY APRIL 26**

Colin James invites you to a reunion of band members, dance promoters and musicians from the entertainment era of the 60's to 80's when he was the owner/manager of Bendigo Artists' Management & Promotions Agency (known as BAMPAs). The agency has since been sold to Bendigo country music entertainer, Peter Sheahan.

The reunion will take place at the **Bendigo RSL Club, Havilah Road, Bendigo on SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009** commencing at 1 p.m., through to a time to be decided. Band for the day will be The Impalas, but other musos in attendance will be welcome to take the stage and do a guest spot. \$15 per head will get you in for the day and includes your afternoon tea and entertainment, but NOT your evening meal (which is available at the club). This invitation also extends to your family and friends, so feel free to ask anyone else you would like to bring along.

Tickets are now available through Colin by phoning him at 5443 5560 or sending an email to [coljames@bigpond.com.au](mailto:coljames@bigpond.com.au)

## **ERNIE JOHNS AND AVALANCHE BAND**

Ernie and his band Avalanche are great supporters of Phoenix FM and only a couple of months ago donated \$700.00 they had raised in support of Phoenix.

Ernie and the band are having a Mother's Day Country Music Hoedown on **Sunday 10 May** at the Golden Hills Motel, Marong Road, Bendigo. Guest artist is Ray Stuchbery.

The night kicks off at 6.30pm and goes till 10.30pm admission is only \$5.00 and meals are available from the venue from 6.00pm. To book please ring 5443 1333

## **HAVE A GREAT AFTERNOON OUT AND SUPPORT PHOENIX FM AT THE SAME TIME**



Graeme & John Howie & Anne Conway

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009**

Gold Guitar Winning country band "The Howie Brothers" will be performing along with Anne Conway at Bendigo RSL Club on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

Show goes from 2.00pm till 5.00pm

\$10.00 per head

**For bookings please ring Anne on 5442 2973**

**Proceeds will assist Phoenix FM**

**STREAMING ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

Phoenix FM streams on the World Wide Web – the first Community Radio Station in Bendigo to do this. During the month of February 2009 we received 10,209 hits and in March 2009 we received 10,446 – **AMAZING.**

Colin James received a phone call from a listener whilst on air – nothing odd about that – but the call came from Ireland!

### HOW TO CONTACT PHOENIX FM

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

<b>Ordinary Membership</b>		<b>Concession Membership</b>		<b>Life Membership</b>	
Joining Fee	\$20.00	Joining Fee	\$20.00	Joining Fee	\$200.00
Annual Fee	\$30.00	Annual Fee	\$15.00	Annual Fee	\$ 10.00
Total	\$50.00	Total	\$35.00	Total	\$210.00

***ANY MEMBERSHIP PAID NOW IS ONLY PRO-RATA TILL END OF JUNE 2009***

**If you have any information you would like included in the next Phoenix Newsflash please contact the Editor – Anne Conway [birubi@impulse.net.au](mailto:birubi@impulse.net.au) or 0418 579501**

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