

PHOENIX FM

“NEWSFLASH”



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Vice-Presidents Report

Welcome to this edition of Phoenix FM Newsflash. You will find much in this newsletter of interest about presenters, programmes and general news.

So where is our President?

Rumour has it that Brad Warren has been seen dashing at high speed between Eaglehawk Road and North Bendigo ... and all at the same time at that! We sincerely wish him well in all his new ventures.

We are with you, Brad, and we know you are 100% with us. In a future edition of Phoenix Newsflash we will bring you all the exciting news of Brad and Sheridan's new business.

Our newer, bigger signal

Have you noticed our stronger signal lately? Due to the technical brilliance and intrepid height-scaling achievements of our technical guru, Peter Williams, combined with invaluable assistance from Mr. Ian Williams, the Phoenix FM signal now reaches far beyond Greater Bendigo limits. In addition, our ability to stream around the world has given rise to a great deal of email feedback, (and even some telephone calls) from listeners as far away as England, Ireland, Turkey and Thailand.

A further clear indication of our increasing strength and public awareness lies in increased applications from potential new presenters over the last couple of months, plus increased community participation as shown by radio interviews and application for Community Service Announcements. We will be maintaining our present time-sharing arrangement under existing licensing conditions right through until December 31st. We believe that since our first transmission launch in January 2008 we have been on air now more than any other community radio station in Australia at this early stage in our development, a powerful testimony of the confidence placed in us both by our own Bendigo community and those in control of determining licensing conditions. We are quite clear that we are on the right track in our continued goal of providing access to the air waves by interested individuals and community groups. Just check out the limitless variety of our programming between six p.m. on Sunday evening and midday on Wednesday and you will easily be able to gauge how interesting, informative and broad is our response to the needs of our community.

Phoenix FM, naturally, exists through the passion, dedication and professionalism of our volunteers. A day never goes by without my personally feeling a keen sense of pride in our presenters and behind-the-scenes volunteers, the sum total of whose efforts keep this community radio station going.

From our President, Brad Warren and myself, sincere thanks to our Management and Programme Committees, to all our presenters here and yet to come, and to our valued sponsors who concretely appreciate what Phoenix FM stands for.

This newsletter is a key communication vehicle. Read and enjoy it and please ensure that as many other people as possible do the same. Feel very free to distribute it through your own networks.

Geoff Morris
Vice-President
Phoenix FM

Phoenix FM Celebrates a Year in Reservoir Road Studio

Time flies so quickly but a year has now passed since we took possession of our premises at 128 Reservoir Road, Kennington – aptly named by Peter Williams as “Our Home Among The Gum Trees”. The building is council owned and whilst it is slated for demolition at some time in the future we are hoping that we can hang on to it for a long time. For those who perhaps were not around when we first acquired the building the story is that the building is on the City of Greater Bendigo’s plan for demolition and in fact some work had already started – the plumbing and toilets had been removed and sent in a container to East Timor! However that was relatively easily fixed but we still only have limited plumbing facilities. Finding this building came in the nick of time as we had been enquiring for months about disused buildings around the town and had had a number of let downs so we were delighted when the City of Greater Bendigo advised us we could have this building at a rental that we could afford!

A year later the premises have well and truly become our home with a steady stream of presenters and members coming to the building as well as people who come to be guests on our programs



*Our Building
128 Reservoir Road*



*Our Office/Reception
Meeting Area*



Our Main Panel

Finance/Funding

Most if not all Community Radio Stations continually struggle with their cash flow. It is particularly hard for aspirant stations such as Phoenix FM who, whilst not on a full time permanent license are excluded from applying for the many grants available to Community Radio Stations. This means that our only source of funding is through fund raising and sponsorship so please support our sponsors, keep an eye out for new ones and support any of our fundraising projects. As you will see by the flyer in this Newsletter our next fundraiser is on Sunday 30 August. Many thanks to Peter Sheahan for organising this event.

Phoenix FM Meetings

Volunteers Meetings are held on the third Wednesday evening of every second month. The next meeting is on September 16 2009 @ 7.30pm. Members will receive a reminder email before this date.

Committee Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month – the next meetings are Wednesday 26 August and Wednesday 23 September @ 7.30pm. The date for our next AGM will be set over the next month or so.

Volunteer-Co-Ordinators Report

By Sam Harrison

Hey Guy and Girls,

As this is the first report that I have done as the Volunteers Co-Ordinator here at Phoenix FM I apologize if it is all over the place.

At our last Volunteers meeting I was elected as the Volunteers Co-Ordinator.

Part of my duties is to give a voice to the, better 100 members we have involved with Phoenix, so if you are not able to attend our meeting you can always send your suggestions', comments etc to me and I can then take those to the bi-monthly for volunteers.

I know that people lead very busy lives these days be I can't emphasise highly enough the need for all members to attend the volunteers meeting when they are able, these meetings are not only for presenter but also for volunteers, as the presenters don't have all the answers, and we need more input from our members, like the robot from the movie Short Circuit we "need input! ".

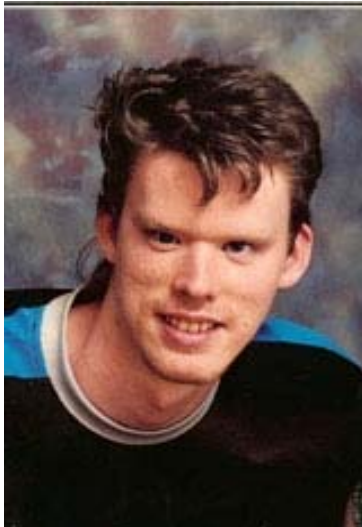
Another thing I am responsible for is to try and promote the need for all members to become involved in the gathering of sponsors, our current situation requires us to bring on board a larger number of sponsors than we currently have and your assistance is need to improve this situation.

Lastly, as I said before we don't have all the answers, we need to look at what social activities members would like to participate in to bring members together, your ideas are needed.

NEXT Volunteers Meeting is :

16th September 2009 @ 7.30pm in our studio premises at 128 Reservoir Road, Kennington

Meet our Presenters



Our Featured Presenter/Member for this edition of Phoenix Newsflash is Rian Howells.

Rian is the Webmaster for Phoenix FM and he tells us that he has a passion for music and listening to community radio, due in part to his visual impairment. Rian has a part time DJ and sound business and has almost completed the Diploma of IT at BRIT and has several Certificate 4's in websites and IT. Rian also studied Certificate 4 in Music Industry skills.

Rian enjoys updating and maintaining the website for Phoenix FM and is grateful for the opportunity and experience this has given him.

Rian also presents a fortnightly program (every second Sunday @ 6.00pm) along with Zac and Ben Harris.

Rian hopes to be able to pursue a career in IT and Web as well as continuing his role with Phoenix FM



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PROPOSED BROADCAST FROM “OUR PLACE

Whilst the technicalities have not been finalised (i.e. where can we plug in to a suitable phone line) there is a very strong possibility that Geoff Morris’ morning Talk Show will be presented from Our Place on the morning of Wednesday 16 September.

Our Place Community Assistance Centre was set up originally as a fire recovery centre to assist after the devastation of Black Saturday. However it very quickly become obvious that such a centre was needed by the wider Eaglehawk Community and “Our Place Community Assistance Centre” was born.

Phoenix FM has supported Our Place from its inception and in actual fact several of our Committee of Management and members have strong involvement with Our Place (Jenny Rainsford, Anne Conway, Ian Shelton) so doing a broadcast from Our Place seemed a natural progression.

Our Place is situated in the O’Briens Pharmacy building at 30 High Street Eaglehawk and all are welcome to drop in between 9.00 – 5.00 on weekdays and between 9.00am and 1.00pm on Saturdays. Each Friday morning a free community breakfast takes place in the car park behind the building – drop out from 7.30am onwards and have a great feed – all for free!

Phoenix FM “Comings and Goings”

We would like to welcome the following new members/presenters to our fold all of whom can now be heard on the airwaves – Dean Stanton, Jeiger Hynes, Fiona Long. Craig Whan has returned to the airwaves and can now be heard doing “Breakfast In Bendigo” every second Tuesday morning.

Farewells

Chris Foley has decided to leave Phoenix FM and we thank him for all the hard work he has done in assisting with training and presenting. Will Glover is taking a little break from broadcasting but we hope he will be back before too long. Simon Howard is also taking a break but hopes to come back to broadcasting next year.

Sick List

Colin James has recently been back in hospital – all at Phoenix wish him well in his recovery. Floreena Forbes is continuing to do very well, she has finished her treatment and looking very well and has even performed on several shows. She is going to have day surgery on her knee in September but this is nothing to do with her earlier illness. John Robertson has also fallen victim to the seasonal woes but is now on the mend.

William Weatheritt on Who Wants to Be A Millionaire Hotseat

One of our younger presenters recently appeared on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire hotseat – William Weatheritt as a competitor. Alice Guidi was his support person (Alice also got to interact with Eddie McGuire).



William Weatheritt/Eddie McGuire/Alice Guidi

“After watching the return of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire in its new 'Hot Seat' format this year, I decided to audition online just to see how easy it'd be to get on. And for the chance at some money. About two weeks after narrowly scraping into the pool of potential contestants (I got 20/30 on an entry test at the audition), I was in the Hot Seat opposite Eddie McGuire. Most likely because I wasn't a middle-aged man with grey hair, which they said was the most common contestant demographic. So getting there was the easy.

Five episodes were filmed in the late-June day at the freeeeezing Channel Nine studios in Richmond, each with six contestants - so, out of the 30 contestants there on the day, only 5 would walk home with at least \$1000. Fantastic odds. And despite Millionaire staff constantly saying how much they wanted us to take home the big money, that's all that ended up happening: \$1000 to all five winners. Although we watched on the edge of our seats from the contestant holding room as a couple of girls *just* missed out on grabbing \$100,000 and \$250,000 cheques.

I was the second contestant in my episode, and I was behind a 'liposuction success story' lady who answered *far too many* questions. I finally got into the seat at about \$2000 and knew that I'd have to get myself out of there at the first opportunity in order to have any hope of getting back around when the good money was being played - and that little problem was on all of our minds. Anyway, so I got in the seat and Eddie says I can pass if I'd like - I couldn't, actually, so was amused at being able to correct him. And then somehow I correctly answered a question on the YMCA before passing the next one to a deaf woman who'd worked hard to get opposite Eddie. Because she was knocked out right away by my question, it was probably karma that resulted in me just missing out on a shot at \$20,000 when I made it back around the circuit..

Regardless of all that, the day was fun, and it was satisfying to finally get out there on the set rather than taking it easy in the audience - I've been a studio audience-aholic for a couple of years now, because I'm odd”

Birthdays

Phoenix FM wishes the following members a very happy birthday on their special day.

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| Tayla Bardsley | 15 August (sweet 16) | Rian Howells | 28 August |
| Floreena Forbes | 19 September | Jake Warren | 20 September |
| Anne Conway | 25 September | | |

Koori Grapevine



L/R Mitchell Old, Grace Owen, Anne Conway and Meagan Carter

Koorie Grapevine can be heard on Phoenix 89.5FM each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm, hosted by Anne Conway

Where possible Anne endeavours to have community guests on the show and this has proved particularly successful.

In July the Indigenous Homework Centre which runs out of Bendigo Senior Secondary College was the focus and three of the students (shown in photo to the left) plus teacher Heather Jones came in to talk about it all. Mitchell, Grace and Meagan were extremely positive about the benefits of attending the Homework Centre.

Anne spent some years working in the Aboriginal Education field so was particularly interested in this sphere.

Now Here's A Strange Tale



The Torres Strait Islands Flag

Many of our regular visitors to Phoenix FM may have noticed that there are (supposed to be) three flags on the windowsill in the reception area. The flags proudly displayed there are our Australian Flag, the Aboriginal Flag and occasionally the Torres Strait Islander Flag. In events which some of our presenters have likened to the X Files, firstly the Torres Strait Islander Flag seemed to develop a life of its own and kept turning up all over the studio premises only to be put back where it belonged. This happened several times over a number of weeks but eventually

it seemed it had gone for good so a new one was put in its place. This new flag only lasted a week or two before the new flag decided to leave us too! But wait – there is more! One of our waggish presenters decided to put a match-box sized effigy of the flag in its place! (Bill Whitbread we know where you live). Interestingly the little effigy never went anywhere! All very mysterious stuff don't you think – probably a far more mundane reason is the truth as to where the flag has gone but it makes interesting thinking about objects developing a personality and a life of their own. A new Torres Strait Islands flag has been put in there this week – we'll keep you informed on any future adventures.

On the subject of flags – The Australian Flag celebrates its 108th birthday on September 3.

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ANGELA MORRISEY

Angela has seven years experience teaching primary, secondary and adult students. She believes in the importance of her students learning the language by living it through their studies in an interactive and creative environment.



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| Total | \$50.00 | Total | \$35.00 | Total | \$210.00 |

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

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