

# PHOENIX FM

# “NEWSFLASH”



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have now been on air around the clock for four months with our full Community Broadcasting Licence. Our presenters, production people, (yes, the numbers, are increasing) and volunteers on reception are doing a superb job as part of this remarkable community access radio organisation.

### Some highlights:

**Phil Campbell** has produced a new and highly flexible method whereby presenters, overnight, can present programmes; thank you, Phil, for all your help and expertise.

Our receptionists numbers are increasing! Please read further in this email for details of our new Receptionists.

We have always striven to make the air waves accessible to people and interests of all ages, hence glad to report that the number of keen young people now involved in presenting afternoon **Youth Radio** programmes is increasing; a joy to hear. Congratulations to you all. (Sorry, I missed the chance to cast a vote this past Friday in the great Master Chef challenge!)

Last week, **Anne Conway** received an award for outstanding achievement within the Aboriginal Community. Anne; we are all immensely proud of you for this award and for all the very hard work you put in for Phoenix FM.

### Programme Ideas:

Got an idea for a programme? We'd love to hear from you, especially if you are a new member or presenter. Submit all ideas to [pcc@phoenixfm.org](mailto:pcc@phoenixfm.org) (that's our programme co-ordinating committee.)

### New and Renewed Membership:

If you are enjoying what you hear on 106.7 FM or on our [www.phoenixfm.org](http://www.phoenixfm.org) stream, why not become a member? It's not expensive to join and we would welcome your contribution with any

one of a number of enjoyable and worthwhile activities, presenting a programme being just one. If you are already a member, now is certainly the time to renew your membership. Thank you.

Phoenix FM is becoming more widely known by the day. Becoming a volunteer or sponsor recognises the value of true community access radio. Over seven million people listen to community radio, throughout Australia, each week. It is the largest media sector on radio in Australia. Come and join us and contribute to its growth and recognition.

**Geoff Morris**  
**President Central Victorian Community Broadcasters**  
**Phoenix FM.**

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## BIRTHDAYS



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

<b>June</b>	Evelyn Sheahan 14 <sup>th</sup> June Geoff Morris 15 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>July</b>	James Roberts 3 July Craig Whan 6 <sup>th</sup> July Alice Guidi 11 <sup>th</sup> July Lois Geisler 22 July Carlo Giampietro 27 July Kraig Krieger 29 <sup>th</sup> July Jenny Rainsford 17 August

If you wish to have your birthday included please send details to Anne Conway - [birubi@impulse.net.au](mailto:birubi@impulse.net.au)

## PHOENIX FM MEETINGS

**The next Volunteer Meetings** will be held on  
**September 9 @ 7.00pm at the studio - 128 Reservoir Road, Kennington.**  
Members will receive a reminder email before this date.

**Committee Meetings** are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The exception to this is in the month of July where the meeting will be held over till Wednesday 4 August

## PHOENIX SUCCESSFUL WITH FUNDING SUBMISSIONS

### **Community Broadcasting Foundation Limited Grants**

Phoenix FM has recently been successful in obtaining two grants from the Community Broadcasting Foundation Limited. We were successful in obtaining a grant for \$2600 to assist us with our Indigenous broadcasting and also a further \$2274 to enable us to buy computer equipment and software and other equipment which will greatly enhance our ability to do Outside Broadcasts whether or not we have access to a phone line.

Our thanks must go to the Community Broadcasting Foundation for having faith in Phoenix FM

## **AND HOT OF THE PRESS - GRANT JUST ANNOUNCED:**

### **Dept of Families, Health, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

2010 Volunteer Grant \$2,710.00 This money will be used to purchase various items to enhance the conditions and lives of our volunteers whilst they are working for Phoenix FM. Keep your eyes out "things" will start to appear very soon!

We now have "the bug" and there will be a lot of submission writing going on in the future. It is hard work writing submissions but wonderful when we succeed.

## **FUNDRAISING BBQ AT IGA LONG GULLY ON 25 SEPTEMBER**

AFL Grand Final Day will see our intrepid Phonexians once more cooking sausages and suchlike for the masses! Our previous sausage sizzles have been hugely successful and this one should be too. If you could volunteer to assist please contact Jenny Rainsford on [bjrains@bigpond.com](mailto:bjrains@bigpond.com).

## **COLIN JAMES SAYS THANKS**

Thanks to all those members and supporters from Phoenix for your attendance at my Swansong Concert last week in the Bendigo Bank Theatre. It was a great event with a nice crowd who all seemed to enjoy the night. Both Olive Bice and my brother Geoff who provided the backing did a wonderful job and Geoff, as an interviewer, could do Parkinson out of a job any day. He threw a few 'curly ones' at me, but I managed to duck them all (a skill I picked up from Peter Williams!).

My apologies to the few whose questions didn't get a response in the Q&A segment. We were running out of time at that stage and could have gone on for another hour or more, but we'll keep that for next time when I launch my autobiography later in the year. Yes, you ain't heard the last of me yet! Meanwhile, keep tuned into my shows on every second Wednesday when I do it with Bobbie between 12 and 2 (all country) and every Friday between 12.30 and 2.30 p.m. (presenting Your Choice... again with Bobbie).

Thanks again,  
**Cheers from Colin James**

**LIVE OUTSIDE BROADCAST - 24 JULY 2010**  
**Written By Geoff Morris Just After the Broadcast**

Today's outside broadcast, saw the fourth in a series of five outside broadcasts of Bendigo Pioneers Under 18s home matches, featuring, today, non-stop calling by the intrepid Jackson Saunders, whose love of football and ability to communicate it to listeners just gets better all the time. We also had the services, for special comments, of Pioneers player Sam Kerridge, whose comments were clear, informed and appropriate. I chipped in with scores and comments where I could. Technical guru Peter Williams set up this brilliant equipment for us this morning as our usual technician extraordinaire, Sam Harrison, was away. We undertook this series of outside broadcasts in response to a request from the Bendigo Pioneers Football Club are delighted to be able to do so, ably supported by Chris Bolton, anchoring in the studio. The broadcast comes through in excellent digital quality high fidelity sound and much appreciated by our listeners both local and on the stream. In addition, we love broadcasting football from the Queen Elizabeth Oval and look forward to our final Pioneers home game on **Friday night, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 6.45 p.m.;** fear not: we'll have the lights on!

**PHOENIX MAKES FRIENDS**

COMMUNITY radio station Phoenix FM recently played host to a delegation of nine administrators from Radio Thailand. The Delegation came to Bendigo with two Radio Australia staff to look at a regional ABC service and Phoenix FM to compare with Thai radio. Phoenix FM president Geoff Morris said the visit was a delight. "We were truly delighted to meet and share observations, experiences and approaches with such a warm, keen delegation, now friends, from Thailand " he said.

The opportunity afforded to contrast our highly regulated radio communications and broadcasting system with the quite unregulated system in Thailand proved extremely interesting and enlightening to us all.

"Our emphasis at Phoenix Fm on multicultural programming was greatly appreciated by our Thai visitors. "We sincerely hope the bonds of friendship formed during this welcome and special visit will remain and strengthen"

Phoenix Fm can be heard on it's new frequency 106.7 FM, and is listened to around the world on [www.phoenixfm.org](http://www.phoenixfm.org)

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The Thai Delegation meet with Phoenix FM Committee of Management Representatives



Bill Whitbread (not pictured) was slightly daunted with all this attention while he was doing his "Rock for Seniors Show" but he liked it and he got a pressie!



Peter Williams and a senior Thai Delegate

## COMMUNITY BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Phoenix FM has again nominated in five sections for this year's awards. You may remember that last year we received finalist status with two of our entries.

Entries Submitted This Year Were:

- Outstanding Youth Contribution - Sam Harrison
- Best New Program or Content Initiative - John Hall & Darren Wright
- Contribution to Indigenous Broadcasting - Koorie Grapevine
- Excellence in Spoken Word, News and Current Affairs Programming - Geoff Morris and Sam Harrison
- Troy Garner Excellence in Sports Programming - Jackson Saunders

The awards finalists will be announced on 29 September 2010 and the Awards themselves will be announced at the CBAA Conference Gala Dinner in Hobart on 23 October 2010

Please go to the CBAA Web-site for more information - [www.cbaa.org.au](http://www.cbaa.org.au)

Any presenters looking to nominate their programs for next year would do well to record their programs so that they have entries "on hand"

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNE CONWAY

Anne Conway was recently awarded the "Aboriginal Community Outstanding Achievement Award for NAIDOC 2010" at the Gala Awards and Cabaret Evening at Silks. This award is given to someone who achieves and contributes outside the confines of any paid work they may be doing. Anne has certainly put years of effort into various projects within her community. The award is sponsored by the Department of Justice and presented by Bendigo and District

Aboriginal Co-operative. Anne was a little overwhelmed but very pleased all the same. As the reasons for the award were read out, Anne's involvement with Phoenix FM was also mentioned and Anne feels that this went some way in her being the 2010 Award Recipient.

### SHUT THE DOOR! (PLEASE)

FM's Ian 'Pied' Pieper has forwarded the exciting news that Studio 2 now has a new door! All announcers have been warned that the new door does indeed have a soul, and should be treated very gently (Much like the Editor of Newsflash!)

The door will open to 90 degrees, where it is stopped by a fitting on the floor.

The door will close under its own power, and, in its own time.

Ian advises that the door frame will be fitted with a rubber seal, shortly, when he can afford it, in time.

By the way, the glass is NOT dirty, and if it is, then maybe someone could volunteer to clean it!

### 'MISS M' MUSIC MISTRESS

Not content with being an Artist, Announcer, Musician, Poet, Phoenix FM Co-Volunteer Coordinator and a really good cook (I just added that last one in for something to say!), Angela 'Miss M' Morrissey has now added another responsibility to her list as Music Librarian.

'Miss M' will be cataloguing the numerous CD's as soon as she recovers from badly damaged vocal chords.

She will be implementing a system taking into account music genre, Artist and using a numerical system and has promised that it will not be complicated...except for those simple souls who are a couple of sausages short of a BBQ (such as the Editor of this newsletter!)

'Miss M' will also have a folder containing promotional material for all bands & performing artists. If you have any material you would like to add, please leave it in her pigeon hole. Just move the feathers!

And a friendly reminder to all those who do use the CD's from the library...please make sure you return the correct CD's to their respective cases, and put them back in the correct places, otherwise 'Miss M' will be sticking them into YOUR pigeon (?) hole!

### VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Volunteers meeting mainly concentrated on suggestions for social gatherings and fundraisers and these are some of the ideas arising from the meeting. The idea of setting up a special committee to organise these events was suggested by Geoff Morris after the meeting which I think is a great idea as there is so much detail and work associated with these events.

THESE EVENTS ALSO ACT AS GREAT PUBLICITY FOR PHEONIX.

1. Rian proposed a Performance fundraiser/social event where people can perform, DJ SET
2. Fund-raising idea from Phil Campbell: Silent/Dutch Auction tied in with performance fundraiser.
3. Ric proposed a major Christmas Raffle!
4. GEOFF MORRIS PROPOSED A RADIOTHON.
5. A Christmas party.
6. Fund raiser at the star cinema
7. More Sausage Sizzles after the success of the last one.
8. It was proposed a Membership Drive to encourage new membership not only for potential presenters but members who wish to contribute in other ways.
9. It was proposed that we could approach schools, Brit and the University for youth presenters and volunteers. Approaching the Media Studies at Bendigo Senior Secondary College..

The receptionist roster has been a success so far and the volunteer receptions were happy in what they were doing. There is a Reception Roster up in the building and the volunteers involved have their duty lists. We have new members: Lois and Bill Geisler as well who are doing extra cleaning as part of their duties.  
Rian Howells (co volunteer's coordinator)

## PHOENIX FM 'COMINGS & GOINGS'

A very warm welcome to the following new members: Rob Coulthard, Kalianna School, Matthew Hunt, Tracey Skate, Ken Jones, Gen Con Youth Group, Imogen Guidi, Michael Coates and Peter Pascoe.

Ellie Lehman is taking a break from Receptionist duties at the present time. We thank Ellie for the work she has done. Some new faces on Reception include Beryl Rokesky, Fiona Long, Ken Jones, Angela Morrissey and of course the long serving Chris Bolton.

Kraig Krieger is taking a break from presenting but will be back before too long we hope.

## PHOENIX FM MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE

**Phoenix FM Membership came due for renewal on 30 June 2010.**

Rates are:

Concession	\$15.00
Non-Concession	\$30.00
Life Members	\$10.00

A condition of presenting a program or doing other voluntary work for Phoenix FM is that you are a financial member. So if you have not yet renewed (and of course wish to do so) please pay as soon as you can. Times are hard for many people so if you have any trouble getting the money together just give Anne Conway a ring on 0418 579501 or email [birubi@impulse.net.au](mailto:birubi@impulse.net.au) and she'll work something out with you.

You can send cheque/cash/money order to Phoenix FM, PO Box 107, California Gully 3556, or you could pay directly into our bank account 633 000 130965312 or pay at Phoenix FM studios during office hours (you will be given a receipt).

## MEET OUR PRESENTERS RICHARD JONES



Those who listen to the Phoenix FM broadcasts of the TAC Cup (featuring the Bendigo Pioneers home games...often held at the new Bendigo suburb of Craigieburn!) will have heard the wonderful calling of Richard Jones.

The following is from the Phoenix FM page at [AustralianRulesFootball.com.au](http://www.australianrulesfootball.com.au)  
<http://www.australianrulesfootball.com.au/pages/PhoenixFM>

**Richard served as sports editor at the Bendigo Advertiser for 17 years (1979-1996) during 24 years service at the local daily paper.**

Radio experience during the late 1960s-early to mid-1970s with ABC in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, broadcasting international pro boxing (PNG had two fighters in the early 1970s ranked in Top Ten in the Commonwealth in their weight divisions) and Inter-territory rugby league .... Papua vs. New Guinea on the 9PA Port Moresby-9RB Rabaul, ABC network.

Eventually the ABC handed over all their broadcasting facilities .... not only transmitters, equipment, studios and all the equipment therein but whole buildings to PNG as first self-government, and then Independence, were declared in 1974 and 1975. The ABC did this as a gift to PNG and the brand new National Broadcasting Commission.

So with the ABC handing over, Richard broadcast sport and hosted the Saturday

night 6.30 -7.00 pm Sports Roundup program for the NBC from 1974 to 1976.No Aussie Rules broadcasting in Port Moresby at that time. The sport wasn't big enough. Not then anyway (but times are changing now!)

Rugby League is PNG's national sport --- they've even played the Aussie touring team, the Kangaroos, from time to time.

Here in Bendigo, Richard broadcast Bendigo Football League and inter-league footy for 3CCC-FM, Triple C and the Fresh from the late 1980s to 2007. He was also part of the midweek and Friday lunchtime footy panels and the Saturday morning BFL preview program, which for many years was hosted by Geoff Morris.

Richard Jones can be heard on Phoenix FM each Wednesday on Morning Talk with Geoff and Sam at 11.30am

*If you would like to be profiled on one of our upcoming Newsletters, please email your details to Kraig Krieger ([workstation@australianrulesfootball.com.au](mailto:workstation@australianrulesfootball.com.au)) along with a picture if possible.*

## RECEPTIONISTS REQUIRED AT THE PHOENIX NEST

Some vacant time slots for reception at Phoenix FM have become available. If you would like to volunteer to do reception - even just for an hour - then please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinators - Angela Morrissey and Rian Howells on [volcor@phoenixfm.org](mailto:volcor@phoenixfm.org). Please note that you MUST be a paid up member of Phoenix FM to do any voluntary work

### The duties of the receptionist can include:

- Answering phones and giving phone messages to the presenters
- Filing and completing duties as set by the committee that are put in the duties tray
- Updating the Community Announcements and omitting the ones that are out of date.
- Ensuring the CD shelves are tidy and dust free
- Reminding presenters and guests to sign in and out
- Welcoming guests and members in a warm and friendly manner
- Keeping the front desk areas tidy and neat

### The following tasks are purely voluntary:

- Maintaining the cleanliness of the station and keeping it in an orderly state.
  - Dusting and vacuuming
- Cleaning the kitchen and ensuring everything is clean and sealed
  - Emptying bins at the end of the duty time
- Cleaning the toilet area and ensuring our cleaning room is tidy as well
  - Sweeping the floor and mopping it
  - Spray and wiping tables, benches etc

As stated the cleaning duties are purely VOLUNTARY. You do not have to do cleaning duties if you don't want to. But any duty that is done by the volunteer receptionist is very much appreciated and the station thanks all our receptionists - both past and present.

## HOW TO CONTACT PHOENIX FM

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[feedback@phoenixfm.org](mailto:feedback@phoenixfm.org)

Web: <http://www.phoenixfm.org>

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Ordinary Membership		Concession Membership		Life Membership	
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

If you have any information you would like included in the next Phoenix Newsflash please contact the Editor - Kraig Krieger ([workstation@australianrulesfootball.com.au](mailto:workstation@australianrulesfootball.com.au))

## PHOENIX FM – MAJOR SUPPORTERS

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**If you do please mention that you heard about them from Phoenix FM**

If you do visit one of our sponsors please try to make sure that you mention that you heard about them on Phoenix FM. – we must look after them – they are keeping us on air! The following are our sponsors as at end of July

Bendigo Community Telco – Bendigo Audio Visual - Bendigo Lakeside Autos – Breen Street Autos – Curves of Bendigo and Kangaroo Flat – Elmore Oil Pty. Ltd. - Epsom Palms Caravan World – Fusion Physiotherapy – Look Video Surveillance – Mark Weragoda Signs – Midland Irrigatin - Penny's Pizza Perfection – Phoenix Plumbing and Solar Hot Water – Ruffell Family Jewellers – Strathdale Pharmacy - Strath Chicken and Seafood – Strathfieldsaye Engineering - Strath Village Shopping Centre – The Basement Bar – The Scottish Banner – Dr. Jim Thomson – Tweed Sutherland & Co. Pty. Ltd. – Victorian Laser and Skin Care Clinic

If you or a friend or relative have a business please give consideration to becoming a Phoenix FM Sponsor – at only \$25.00 per week it is excellent value for money.

### **BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!!!**

*As an additional service to our sponsors we are offering all our sponsors a free link on our website if they so desire. This is a great opportunity for increased exposure for our sponsors.*