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CLIPPINGS

From the manager's desk

When you read this newsletter, our 2010-2011 Financial Year will be over and our books may reveal that we may have just scraped over the line – only the success or otherwise of our annual appeal will tell. At the time of going to print we had raised \$5330.00.

As everyone is aware, the last two years have been difficult on the income front, along with higher basic costs to meet. It has been a wake up call to us that we have to broaden and increase our income base.

I am hopeful that we will share in extra "Grant Income" from the Community Broadcasting Foundation over the next three years, with an additional \$3 million announced in the Federal Budget.

We are going to trial some new approaches, seeking, for example, 100 new members (which would bring us \$2000

additional income). We are also going to form a partnership agreement with another community radio station to sell our air-time to sponsors. This will see their sales people (on commission) meet an income budget for our station of \$35,000 (for 2011-2012).

On June 26, 2012, we will mark thirty years of this station on the air. With everyone's ideas and help, we hope there will be another thirty years of service to the Tasmanian community.

May 12, 2012 will also mark ten years for me as station manager, and July 2012 my 65th birthday.

This is why I have notified the Management Committee of my intention to retire on the 29th June 2012. In the meantime, however, let's all put our shoulders to the wheel.

Philip French

President's piece

Welcome, once again, to another edition of our newsletter.

Another Financial Year has come and gone. We have faced some challenges so far, mainly financial challenges, which we must overcome to secure the future smooth running of our radio station.

Fundraising is the key in helping to achieve our goals.

From this month, we will be trying to attract corporate sponsors, which would be a huge advantage to our success into the future. Increases in expenses, mainly electricity, mean our budget is always stretched.

Also, our branching out with our new transmitters for the north of the state means higher running expenses into the future. Challenging times ahead.

July is also a month of many shift vacancies due to presenters and readers being away during winter. Margaret is addressing this issue on a day-to-day basis. Any assistance would be welcome to ease the pressure on Philip and Mel.

Mast repairs were successfully completed at Sandford, with many thanks due to Jim Parish, who was on site for the duration.

Many thanks also to Belinda Kendall-White for preparing this newsletter and for her tireless work in fundraising.

*Debbie Le Grande
Vice President.*



Checking the mast at Sandford is vertical after replacing several sets of guy wires

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Meet a volunteer

Annie Quarmby's profile

Hello, I'm Annie Quarmby, and here is a little précis about me. I came out to Tasmania in 1962 as a "Ten Pound Pom".

I was living in London at the time and could not resist sailing across the world for next to nothing. I came to Tasmania because my brother was then teaching at the then Hobart High School. So I relinquished my passport to Immigration on the condition I could reclaim it after two years.

I had every intention of returning to England, even though they hoped that I and many others would stay! It was a wonderful voyage, calling in at Gibraltar, Naples, Aden, through the Suez Canal, Bombay (as it was called then), Penang, Perth and finally Melbourne.

I worked in the Education Department Head Office for a time then headed off to the mainland for a big exploration, travelling up to Sydney then Brisbane picking up jobs here and there. I had met a delightfully eccentric man down in Hobart and eventually was lured back to Tasmania and to



cut a long story short married him, lived in Ferntree, and brought up four children, but not before we were burnt out in the 1967 bushfires, and had a few trips all over the mainland together and later with the children. I spent the children's formative years, working as a teacher aide with special education children. This fitted in with my family very well. In between I wrote and produced a series of pantomimes and melodramas around Hobart.

When everyone was reasonably independent, I enrolled at the Hobart School of Art and obtained a degree in Fine Arts, majoring in Textiles. That achieved and much enjoyed, I joined RPH and became a reader and it gives me great pleasure.

Annie Quarmby

Twenty nine years ago Jan Miller was there at the beginning of RPH Print Radio. She's still going strong as a volunteer and a committee member



Phil Tyson presses the button and puts Studio 1 on air for the start of another breakfast session.



Fay Thompson reads for A Plus Commentary from The Australian. (Mondays 6.00 p.m.) and Good Gardening (Fridays 1.30 p.m.)



Do you know a friend or acquaintance who could take their place in the chair as an RPH volunteer?

Rostering and other matters

It is that time of the year when we prepare rosters for the next six months.

In the last newsletter I hoped that holidays would be off the agenda, but that wish was not fulfilled. We have a huge list of volunteers about to take advantage of the strong Australian dollar — including me. If you can't beat them, join them, I say. I will be representing Tasmania again at bridge in late July, and shortly afterwards will have walking holidays in Switzerland, Austria, and Italy, with a side trip to Prague, where I will go to a few opera performances.

The roster will contain quite a few blank spaces for weekend presenters, and a few people may get a tap on the shoulder—be prepared, be very prepared!

We have three presenters in training—a big thankyou to Mel, who oversees this. Daphne Toombs, who joined us in March, Cate Harding, who began training very recently, and Simone Stallion, who started reading in October, will

hopefully take the big step shortly and move to the other side of the desk.

As well, George Hurst, who worked with us many years ago, has renewed his association by doing some on-air reading.

We have a few more volunteers in the pipe-line, with two having completed their initial visit, and another one scheduled to meet us shortly.

When you receive your new roster, please enter into your diary your rostered days for weekend duties, and recording days for the programs Mercury Features, Sunday Features, and From Far and Wide. I find I need to jog people's memories, especially for recorded programs, but I won't be around for several weeks to carry out this duty.

Thank you for your commitment, and excellent on-air reading. We are indeed very fortunate in our volunteers enjoying what they do, and doing it very well indeed.

Margaret Gibbs—Volunteers Coordinator

Garage sale update...

Fun and laughs as usual, with this year's now annual Garage Sale.

It was held on March 26 and was a beautiful day! Rain and wind stayed well away, and gee, we had some great gear to sell.

\$1900 was made on the day, and, with the odd dollars coming in later, we hit the \$2000 mark.

Thanks to all who contributed goods for the various stalls, everyone who spent time selling, those who spent well earned dollars (for classy items of course) and those who cleaned up later.



Our thanks too go to the Civic Club for allowing us the use of their room and kitchen for a couple of days. Being able to store everything there, and price the goods on the Friday, was a great help.

Always a good day, and good for us all to enjoy a good 'clean out' of 'stuff' we've collected over the previous years.

Thanks so much to Belinda and Katie who always work tirelessly for our much loved RPH and organise us so well. Stay tuned for next year's Garage Sale! Thanks again!

Cath Lennard



Raising funds and fun, in friendship!

Report from the Communications and Fund-raising Sub-committee

Our small sub-committee—Katie Holness, Jan Miller, Cath Lennard, Annie Quarmby and I—meet every six weeks or so to discuss ways in which we can raise both funds for, and the profile of, Print Radio Tasmania!

First of all this year, we organised the highly successful Garage Sale—now very much an annual event on our calendar (see Cath Lennard’s report!), and are currently planning events for **Seniors Week** in October; one at the station itself, the other an outside broadcast (OB) in the Launceston Mall!

Under Katie’s creative leadership, we also intend to take part in the annual Hobart City Council **Christmas Pageant** which surprisingly is held in November (on Saturday 19). More anon!

And there is the annual **Volunteers’ Christmas Party** at the Civic Club on Sunday December 4.

With RPH celebrating its 30th birthday next year, we are already in ‘planning mode’; functions planned include (we hope) a reception at Government House in June. We would welcome ideas and suggestions as to how make the year a memorable one!

At the fund-raising level, we were successful with an application to the Calvary Community Council for a grant of \$2500 which will cover the cost of designing and printing a volunteer-recruitment brochure, as well as a listener-survey to go into the October programme guide (with reply-paid envelopes). acting president of the Committee of Management, Deb Le Grande and I attended a most

enjoyable presentation barbecue at Calvary in June.

Another application has been submitted to the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, which last year generously granted us fuel-subsidies for our volunteers. This time we are asking for funds for additional training, to be run by Mel, as well as the production of a booklet for presenters to use as a tool.

Hope you are surviving winter!

Warm wishes

Belinda Kendall-White



KEEP THESE DATES FREE!

Update your RPH Print Radio social calendar

Date	Time	Event
In the melting-pot		A film night or afternoon
September 21	7.30 p.m.	Annual General Meeting, then refreshments
October 1		Seniors’ Week outside broadcast (OB), Launceston Mall
October 4	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	Seniors’ Week Open Day at the station, 136 Davey St
November 19		Hobart City Council’s Christmas Pageant
December 4	2.30 – 5.00 p.m.	Volunteers’ Christmas party at The Civic Club

Look for details about each event in the Volunteers’ room nearer the actual date.

