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CLIPPINGS

From the manager's desk

UNEXPECTED WINDFALL

In September I received a phone call from a marketing company in Western Australia proposing that our radio station be a sponsor for a "Merchant Sampler" promotion in Northern Tasmania. After carefully checking out the



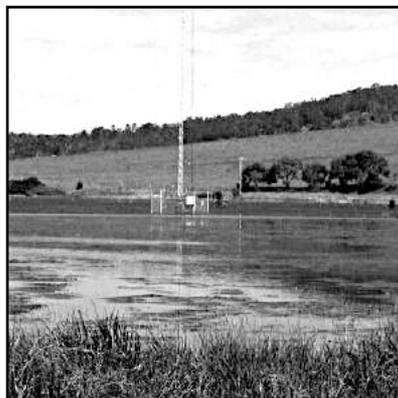
proposal, and the business concerned, our President and the Committee gave the go-ahead. After five weeks of the promotion our funds are \$4,050 better off. The station received a commission payment for every booklet the company sold.

DEVONPORT PROGRESS

Our application to the Australian Communications and Media Authority for a broadcasting licence for the Devonport area is currently 'progressing in the system'. All we can do is to have patience and hope that a decision will be made sooner rather than later.

SANDFORD MAST

Talking of patience, we still have a big pond around our mast at Sandford. This is delaying the



replacement of the lower four levels of guy-wires which will cost \$10,000. The area needs to be dry to enable equipment and vehicles to carry out this job.

The mast and transmitter buildings were erected in 1992. I went to the site recently to assess the situation with our President. Although the water-level has dropped by half, it is still a couple of feet deep. The ducks and waterfowl are very happy. RPH Australia has reserved around \$12,000 of D.B.C.D.E. funds to reimburse our expenditure on this maintenance work.

FAREWELL AND THANKS

Volunteer Felicity Walch is calling it a day after twenty years of faithful service to RPH Print Radio. Felicity was the voice of the programme Media Talk for most of those years, and thoroughly enjoyed it. She was also on our casual readers' list for some time after that. We all extend best wishes to Felicity, and say a very big Thank You.

Philip French

Editor's message

As this will be our last newsletter for 2010 I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this over the past year and to Belinda for taking over the newsletter while I was away. and many thanks go to Peter Johnston for his expert 'finishing touches' and more, to the newsletter all through the year. We have interesting stories of travel, and volunteer profiles from those of you willing to share your experiences and life's endeavours and interests. I'm sure you'll all agree that it is a great place in which to volunteer and that you'll join me in saying thank you to Philip, Mel and Margaret for all the extra work and encouragement they indulge in. Oh yes, and have a Happy Christmas and a great New Year! We also wish to update your 7RPH social calendar for what's left of this year and for the first part of 2011. See page three.

Helen Martin - Editor

Stop press!

Looking for a Christmas present with a difference, and at the same time helping to raise funds for Print Radio Tasmania!

The Committee of Management has ordered an attractive printed metal key-ring featuring the station's logo. It will be available from early December.

If you are interested please sign the list on the notice board. At only \$5 they are a bargain!

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From the President

Many thanks to all the members who attended the Annual General Meeting held at the Civic Club on the 8th September. It was a big turnout with standing room only and it was wonderful to see so many of our members in attendance. I think it was close to the greatest number of members ever at our AGM. The meeting endorsed the two constitutional amendments proposed relating to the maximum number of committee members, and to make a small increase in the annual subscription. The meeting also elected several new members of the Committee of Management. We are pleased to welcome Keith Graver as Treasurer and Jan Miller, Annette Griffin and Philip Tyson as Committee members. Our thanks also go to retiring Committee members Peter Johnston and Jon Chasemore.

Since the AGM we have been working hard to increase our funding base. We forwarded a comprehensive submission to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) seeking increased funding. The Department already provides us with significant funding but we sought to outline and highlight the major cost increases in insurance, electricity rates etc. and the progressive reductions in the relative value of the funding provided.

Philip French and I also met with a DHHS representative to specifically discuss insurance requirements. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in gaining increased funding at this stage but our issues are now clearly before the Department and additional insurance requirements are still being considered.

We also wrote to the Managing Director of Aurora highlighting the increase in our electricity charges, now \$12,000 per year, seeking either relief or sponsorship/advertising support but again we were not successful.

In addition your committee has finalised a Bequest brochure which will be printed and distributed soon. Bequests are another important way in which we can secure significant ongoing funding.

Also I was pleased to be the guest speaker at a recent Sandy Bay Probus meeting and at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Hobart. Both were great opportunities to get the message out about the service we provide and to thank the service clubs for their ongoing support.

As always, my thanks on behalf of your Committee of Management, to all our volunteers for your untiring efforts and hard work.

Miles Flanagan.

YOU TOO CAN BE REWARDED!

RPH Print Radio Tasmania has received a grant from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to



partially offset the cost of volunteers travel to and from the station by car. As a volunteer with Print Radio

Tasmania, you are invited to submit a claim for partial reimbursement of the cost of driving your car (or being driven) to and from your shifts.

The funds are limited, and if a majority of volunteers make a claim, each will receive probably only a small part of their expenditure. **But we believe it is important that ALL so entitled DO make a claim! Only those volunteers who were registered with us at the time the grant was received are eligible to apply this time round.**

Reimbursement will be based on the claimed number of kilometres travelled per year. For example, if you live in Howrah, the return trip is about 28 km. Say you make two trips a week, but are away about 6 weeks a year, you can validly claim 2576km as your contribution to your volunteer-role.

Claim-forms will be available in the Volunteers Room and should be returned to Philip French, Station Manager, by no later than 30 November.

Miles Flanagan.

*President:
Committee of Management.*

MARGARET GIBBS

— VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
NEW FACES

You may be aware that we embarked on a recruitment campaign recently to find more volunteers, particularly people willing to train as a radio announcer. We advertised in *The Mercury* in the Volunteers Wanted column, with Volunteering Tasmania, and we placed a Wanted notice on our website.

Within hours of the Mercury hitting the streets we had some responses, and we have also received inquiries from the other sources. As a result, seven people have begun on-air work with us, with at least two more waiting in the wings. When we receive an inquiry, we send a welcoming response, and an invitation to visit us at the station, with no obligation. This gives both parties a chance to consider future commitments.



We all enjoy our involvement with radio, and there is ample opportunity to spread our wings. Some people are in full-time employment, and are only available for occasional weekend work, and that is a very valuable contribution also. One volunteer mentioned that when she retires she will be pleased to do more for us.

Listen out for: Simone Stallion, Adam Landells, Richard Walters, Chris Brotton, Cheryle Hoddy, Ken Doughty and Jackie Dermody

We warmly welcome them to our RPH family, and wish them a happy time with us.

RPH Print Radio 2010/11 SOCIAL CALENDAR

KEEP THESE DATES FREE!

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 20 November	From 9.00 a.m.	RPH volunteers walking in the annual Christmas Pageant
Sunday 5 December	3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Annual RPH Christmas party at the Civic Club. Includes the drawing of the Christmas raffle.
Saturday 26 March 2011	From 9.00 a.m.	Garage sale in the car park of the Civic Club
Sunday 1 May	From 9.00 a.m.	Fund-raising barbecue at K&D Cambridge Park
Monday 20-27 June		RPH annual appeal week
Saturday 26 June		RPH Print Radio Tasmania's 29th birthday

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

Speaking about Volunteers -
Meet Debbie LeGrande

Hello everyone. My name is Debbie LeGrande. I'm Vice-President on the Committee of Management here at RPH. I have been a volunteer reader and involved in several programmes since 1994, and enjoying every moment of it. My working background is in sales



and marketing. During this time I attended a public speaking course and was asked by tutors if I had ever given any thought to speaking on radio. I arrived at RPH for an audition with the then Station Manager, Jan Miller,

and was immediately put to work on 'Afternoon Extra' with my good friend Graham Clemments. And there my story with RPH began. I retired from work to care for my father full-time. And now do so for my mother.

My interests outside radio are sketching and painting which I find very rewarding, and Egyptology which I am fascinated by. I would at some time love to visit the country. Well, that's me in a nutshell. Hope you will all continue to listen to and support RPH Radio which plays an important role in our community.

Debbie LeGrande

Community radio conference

Community Broadcasting Association of Australia, Hobart Conference October 21-24 2010

I attended a number of formal and informal conference sessions as follows:-

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21

Registered and met a number of exhibitors

Informal gathering of CBAA Technical Sub-committee

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22

Session 3D: Radio Training Toolbox

NSW has developed a CDROM containing self-paced training material from a number of units in the new National Training Framework on radio broadcasting. We were shown the contents of this CDROM and had the opportunity to test drive it ourselves. The cost of it was about \$130 for up to 10 users (10 copies are licensed). I think that this is well worth the price asked but is not essential to this station at the moment.

Session 4A: Technologists

A presentation on how to recruit technologists to a community radio station and keep them. The main point made was

broadcasting is a technology business.

The issues of business continuity after an emergency, recovery from a disaster, and succession planning were then covered. Risk management was then addressed, and discussed in detail with case studies from the floor. Several challenges were then outlined, including personality issues, capital management, maintenance strategies and technology succession. I noted that in each of the two radio stations that I am involved in we are extremely lucky with our technical teams (at the moment).

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23

Session 8A: Streaming and Outside Broadcasting

There were three parts to this session:-

Ben Feggans (CBAA) gave a presentation on the issues involved in outside broadcasting and the importance of separate personnel for IT and stage management. Various hardware solutions were then described and also their role in outside broadcasting.



Chris Johnston (AMRAP-CBAA) gave a presentation on software solutions to outside broadcasting, with reference to a manual that Edge Radio developed.

A sales representative from AVC Auckland gave an address on the use of audio over IP as a stable and scalable technology for studio design and connectivity. It uses electronic "black boxes" to connect devices (microphones, consoles, cd players, etc) to an IT network. A controller is used to make these devices available over the IT network.

This session was particularly valuable to me as it provided me with the means to establish a streaming service from Huon FM's own studios.

I am grateful for the opportunity given to me to attend this conference, and it was very good to speak with others in the community radio sector.

Melvin Lee October 27



This year Belinda made an exciting trip along the Mekong Delta

It was forty years ago in 1970 when I last visited Cambodia, a country much devastated by the regimes first of Lon Nol then Pol Pot. My husband had never visited the area before, being very much a Europhile and Oxford post-graduate scholar. Effective advertising in local media saw our attention grabbed by a cruise on a small ship along the Mekong Delta. What better way to spend my birthday I thought.

We flew from Hobart and from Melbourne to Singapore where we spent a night, and which was something I must admit I would do again in the newly built and luxurious Crown Plaza only a short walk in the airport from our arrival gate. Next morning we flew with Silk Air, a subsidiary of Singapore Airlines to Siem Reap, the first part of the trip. Our group of thirty-four included, to our surprise, other Hobartians.

The old Hotel Angkor had been bought and renovated by the Raffles group and was an ideal starting point. Weather was late monsoonal and days (and nights) were steamy. For two days we left the hotel early to visit nearby temples in Angkor Wat, the world's largest temple complex, then Angkor Thom with the beautiful Bayon Temple and Ta Prohm, a stunning complex largely swallowed by trees of the jungle and rightly called the Hidden Temple. The intricacies of the carvings on the stone walls tell much of the history and lives of the people living then.

At each stop we were surrounded by youngsters, and women selling a wide range of wares, from the inevitable carvings and tourist t-shirts to most beautiful silk scarves and cloth. Handicrafts especially colourful materials play a key role in both economies. But suitcases can only expand so much!

On our third morning, we were taken to our home for the next seven nights, the Pandaw Indochine, a replica of a craft built by the Irawaddy Floating Company which was used to ply the Irawaddy Delta in Burma. It was one of several that now ply the Mekong north to south or south to north for the tourist trade. Historic in design, it was very much contemporary in appearance. Each two-berth cabin was beautifully appointed and

teak lined with its own private bathroom. We were on the main deck, just near the dining-room (our daily menu a wonderfully varied selection of Western and Asian dishes) and two flights up to the aptly named sun deck where those who didn't want to take part in the daily side-trips could read, relax and enjoy the river which never sleeps.

Each day we would board a sampan and/or bus to be taken to one of the many tourist sights; floating villages, smaller temples, or tragically historical sites such as the Killing Fields in Cambodia where still today one sees pieces of bone and clothing which come to the surface after rain, a powerful reminder of man's inhumanity to man, and so recent in history. We found the Cambodians and the Vietnamese, adults and children, especially in the villages, friendly, happy and curious.

Saigon, our last stop once we left the boat, is a big cosmopolitan city, very Western and capitalistic, with beautiful tree-lined boulevards. The Central Market, a short walk from our hotel, was a buzz of noise and colour with merchants selling everything from sacks of nuts and grains, to silk clothes and tableware. Sadly though there is much evidence of survivors of landmines and foreign chemical warfare in the streets: beggars, many without limbs, who haunt the market entrance or the entrance to other known tourist sights. The War Remnants Museum again reminded us of the futility of war and the inappropriateness of Western involvement in Vietnam.

My camera nearly wore out during the trip with images falling into distinct categories: children, boats, food, temples and (a long time favourite) windows and doorways.

In all, a magic, memorable and thought-provoking fortnight.

Belinda Kendall-White