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CLIPPINGS

From the manager's desk

FAREWELL JOHN FOX

It is always a sad occasion when our volunteers find that they are unable to continue with our family. After 20 years service on air, and on various committees of management, it is particularly sad to say goodbye with a very warm vote of thanks to John



Fox. He has been forced to give us away for health reasons. We wish you all the best John.

RETIREMENT OR "RETIREMENT"

Recently, the ABC in Hobart lost their long-serving technical chief, Jim Parish, who took early (55) retirement. Jim joined the ABC in Launceston (aged 18, I think). So, congratulations and well done on your 37 years of service with Auntie. But – is it retirement for Jim - sitting on sunny beaches or sailing his yacht? On good authority, I believe some of his "spare time" will be spent in our station providing continued technical support. And, when Devonport gets a green light, Jim has agreed to be our Project Technical Manager. There are also other improvements of a technical



nature that Jim has lined up for our station on Davey Street, and our transmitter in

Launceston. So, we can all look forward to seeing a relaxed, care-free Jim in our midst, more often.

THE CHALLENGE AHEAD

As our President has indicated (page 2), the financial year just ended produced an unexpected result, and a very disappointing one for all concerned. The challenge ahead, particularly for the Committee of Management, and station manager, is to find avenues for increasing our income, as we have trimmed expenses to the bone.

Areas we are exploring include: local sponsorship campaigns, requesting the state government to increase our annual grant, more religious programs on Sundays, a partnership with Vision Australia to promote their community services, more fundraising activities, setting up a database for soliciting more donations and any others which members may suggest.

OUR OWN HOME

One target we would like to achieve is having a building we own. Currently we pay \$26,000 per year to stay here (plus the CPI increase each year). Ideas and suggestions you may have to help us achieve this would be very be very welcome. For example, we might set up a foundation for bequests and donations for this specific purpose. Around half a million

2010 ANNUAL APPEAL

As at 7 July, our annual appeal tally was \$5,170.00, still below our target of \$6,000 but the fabulous garage sale added a \$1,505 contribution to the finances, which more than fills the gap.

Our generous donors to our 2010 Appeal

- Lions Club of Hobart Town
- Belinda Kendall-White
- Madge Lowestoft
- Mary Moore
- Ray Jones
- Judy Whetton
- Lions Club of Kingsmeadows
- Lions Club of Kingborough
- Lions Club of Perth
- Russell Smith
- Rotary Club of Hobart
- Jane Beavan
- B.M and D Hinton
- Dr Cross & Dr Kriescher
- Gleewyn and Dan Sprod
- H & K Levet
- P Connelly
- Hart Memorial Trust
- Thea Stephens
- Rosemary Van Den Berk
- Mrs D Harris
- Rotary Club of Bellerive
- Judith Kerr-Stout
- Margaret Wallace

dollars is probably our target amount. Could we achieve this, say, over a four or five year project?

Philip French

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President's report

The last few months of the financial year are always very busy and this year has been no exception. On top of the normal day-to-day management of the station, we have to formulate the next year's business plan and budget, prepare the end of financial year statements and reports, conduct the annual fundraising activities, undertake significant training for volunteers and continue with our technical and engineering development. Our task has not been made any easier this time around by the GFC and tightening of business and Government purse strings.

I am looking at establishing three key priorities in this year's business plan.

Number one will be **volunteer growth and training**. Last year saw a significant increase in the station's workload with the new Breakfast Show five days per week, reading of *The Australian* newspaper six days per week and also the retirement of a number of our stalwart volunteers. Whilst we have welcomed a number of new members to our ranks this year, we need to recruit and train a significant number of new volunteers to assist with the tasks of information preparation and recording, live-to-air-reading, engineering support and program scheduling and production. So please, if you know someone who could be interested in joining the volunteer team please get them to contact Margaret Gibbs and visit the station to see what we do.

Number two will be **fundraising and income growth**. The station will require at least \$180,000, if not more, in income to operate this year. Last financial year saw significant reductions in budgeted income in Government and Community Broadcasting funding and reimbursements, losses of Diplex fee income, donations and sponsorships. This amounted to our income being \$21,970 less than our budget. On top of that, we saw increases in our costs for insurances, rents and on costs, parking, electricity and depreciation and engineering reports. In addition our employment, wage and superannuation costs increased. In particular, our legal and award obligations for long service leave and annual leave loading provisions needed to be recognised in our accounts. In total, on paper, (some of these matters are provisions in the accounts) amounted to \$48,566.00. Despite the difficult situation, the station is still in a strong financial position. It just means we will have to work very hard this year to increase advertising and sponsorship revenues, fundraising activities and more actively seek bequests.

Number three will be the **establishment of a building fund and plan** so that we can eventually own our own premises and set up studios and facilities which are purpose built and meet our technical and volunteer needs into the future. There are a number of ways we can achieve this objective, but I would appreciate any innovative ideas which you as members may have, and I would welcome your input.

Last month Philip and I met with Marcus Bleechmore and Chris Edwards from Vision Australia to continue exploring collaborative opportunities which could benefit both our organisations. There is another joint meeting with the State Government planned for later this month and I will keep you informed of developments.

Earlier this month Margaret Gibbs and I attended a volunteer organisation morning tea and meeting with Senator Catryna Bilyk (Labor Senator for Tasmania), Senator Ursula Stephens (Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion) and the Hon. Julie Collins (MP for Franklin). It provided us with the opportunity to explain some of the major issues facing RPH as a volunteer organisation such as rising insurance, electricity and rental costs, reductions in our income because of the difficult economic situation, and Government grants and support not keeping pace with cost increases. Senator Stephens told us that she is currently chairing an enquiry into several of these issues.

I again thank members of the Communication & Fundraising Committee for their outstanding work in organising the very successful garage sale and official opening of our fundraising week by the Lord Mayor of Hobart Rob Valentine.

On behalf of the Committee of Management, I again thank all volunteers for their generous contribution to the work of the station and we look forward to your ongoing support.

Miles Flanagan—President.

Margaret has her say

We have a title for a very important part of our radio broadcasts: **researcher**

What is a researcher?

This person has the very responsible and, dare I say it, powerful position of supplying material to the three news rooms. We have Studio One broadcasting *The Australian*, Studio Two *The Mercury*, and Studio Three *The Examiner*.

Melvin Lee returned from the national RPH conference to tell us that other stations have researchers, and we realised that we have them too! Presenters have begun the practice of acknowledging these important people on-air: "The Australian this morning was prepared by Myf Edwards".



We need two researchers six days a week, and we have room for more people to come on board and learn the ropes.

WELCOME

We are fortunate to welcome some new volunteers: Jean Somerville-Rabbitt and Cassandra Huntley-Travers are at the start of their careers, and wished to assist us. They are already excellent researchers. Jean is an accomplished on-air reader, and Cassandra is part way through presenter training. Sue and Garry Hills are also new volunteers. Sue is invaluable as a Friday morning researcher, and Garry has joined the Sunday reading roster. We hope to persuade Sue to get behind the microphone soon.

Thank you very much to these four people for joining the team.

We still need more assistance. July is turning out this year to be a time when everyone wants to go away at once, and it is proving to be a challenge to fill the vacancies caused. Will we need to drag Basil back, kicking and screaming? There is a chart on the notice board outlining current needs. I am very pleased with the response so far to this call to arms, and thank you for giving more time to RPH.

Margaret Gibbs
Co-ordinator of volunteers

2010 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Association RPH Print Radio Tasmania, Inc will be held on Wednesday, 8th September at the Civic Club at 7.00 p.m. Supper and bar service will follow the business agenda.

NOTICES TO ALL MEMBERS

Special Resolution to amend the constitution.

The Committee of Management will be moving the following amendment to the Constitution of the Association.

Under Section 29 (1) Until otherwise fixed pursuant to Sub-Rule (2) of this Rule, the Annual Subscription payable by all members, shall be the sum of twenty (20) dollars (including G.S.T).

Resolution to amend the constitution.

The Committee of Management will be moving the following amendment to the constitution.

Section 23 (1) The Committee of Management shall consist of (a) the officers of the Association; and (b) other members, at least three (3), and up to a maximum of five (5), all of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the association in each year.

Margaret Gibbs
Secretary

Stop press!

We have just been advised that one of our recent grant applications – this time to the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs, under its Volunteer Grants 2010 - has been successful! We had applied for funding to in part reimburse our wonderful volunteers for out-of-pocket fuel expenses for their regular trips to the station!



At its next meeting, the Committee of Management will determine how to call for expressions of interest from volunteers for a share of the grant!

Belinda Kendall-White and Katie Holness
Co-chairs: Communication & Fund-Raising Committee

Garage sale thank-you!

Well... what a day! Perfect weather (for June!). Rain and wind stayed away to make it just right for a garage sale day!

It was a huge success, with over \$1400.00 from the day... and some items being sold later from RPH. Thanks so much to all who contributed with goods, transport, and other assistance prior to the day and on the day itself.

The quality of goods to be sold was pretty spectacular, and I have to admit that some pretty experienced “garage-salers” turned up ready to buy! They did have an enormous variety from which to choose — ranging from home-made produce, clothes in all colours, shapes and sizes, every book you could imagine, to bread-makers and cruet sets! Even those who had to make a few trips home to transport their goods kept us smiling, and our bank-balance building! Lots of



bargains and bargaining occurred, and lots of laughter too.

A constant stream of people over the four hours was good to see, and kept us busy, and warm.

The arrival of, and speech by, Lord Mayor Rob Valentine were very special for the beginning of our annual Appeal Week—he clearly believes the right of the under privileged (visually impaired) having access to media, as everyone else does.

Tania’s Bean Frenzy mobile coffee-van was undisputedly a favourite for us all, and warmed



our fingers and toes beautifully. All buyers, sellers, helpers took advantage of this opportunity—and loved it!

So... Thanks Katie Holness, for her initial suggestion to hold a garage sale. It was a terrific idea! And further thanks to her for arranging Tania to come along with her hot coffee!

Thanks to all, especially fellow committee members Katie, Belinda Kendall-White, Helen Martin and our in-house photographer Peter Johnston!

It really was such a successful fund-raiser, that we think we’ll do it again next year! It was great fun!

Watch this space for further news! Start storing your excess goodies now!

Catherine Lennard
Member: Communications & Fund-raising Committee

RPH Print Radio 2010 SOCIAL CALENDAR

KEEP THESE DATES FREE!

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 8 September	6.00 p.m.	Annual General Meeting at The Civic Club. It is important that as many members as possible attend to ensure a quorum and keep up to date with developments and future plans at RPH Print Radio
Sunday 26 September	2.30 p.m.	Pizza afternoon at Cath and Paul Lennard’s home
Tuesday 5 October	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	RPH Open house as part of Seniors’ Week
November	6.00 p.m.	Possible film night at State Cinema
Sunday 5 December	3.00 p.m.	RPH Christmas party at The Civic Club

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



Meet Katie!

Hi! I'm Katie Holness, a member of the RPH Committee of Management and a long-time volunteer!



I was born in Sydney! When we came to Hobart, the mountain was black and there was nowhere to rent, consequently we stayed at the Freemasons and then the Astor—pretty seedy in those days, but at least it didn't have bugs, unlike one hotel that shall remain nameless.

The Astor's food was terrible, so we always had dinner at the Freemasons—they had roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, and apple pie—delicious! *Moon River* played on the juke-box.

I was homesick for years: the kids spoke differently, wrote differently, and played different games. In Sydney, Lane Cove National Park was across the road, but in Hobart we ended up living on a main road. I wrote melancholy poetry on rainbow pads. It wasn't until I went to Melbourne that I appreciated Hobart, and wouldn't live anywhere else!

It must have been 13 or 14 years ago when I started volunteering here at RPH. I certainly remember Brian's pronunciation test! Also, the terror of first time presenting, though Uncle Brian was with me, in case I froze or other disasters befell me.

I've always had my presenting spot on Monday afternoons, and now it's the only spot that fits in, with my daughter Sarah at school. Sarah is, in fact, an RPH baby. She was in the studio in her pram because she was always asleep. She has also recorded poetry and is used to sitting quietly in the studios. I think everyone thinks that I have this quiet, well-behaved daughter—but, they should see her at home or on the soccer field!

Maggie and I present *About Movies* and I present the *Mercury* newspaper readings on Thursdays. I also enjoy the gossip and what goes on around here!

I've learnt to record on the computer, though I'm pretty much a Luddite, especially according to my daughter. I enjoy being on air, recording and the wonderful band of volunteers we have here at RPH. It just goes to show you don't have to be paid to justify who you are—I've never worked out what I want to "be", although I've spent over 25 years working in theatre.

I love RPH get-togethers—fund raising and the garage sale—a very successful day! Don't miss Cath's pizzas—one thing that we volunteers do well is **food**—don't miss it.

Katie Holness



