



## Macarthur Community Radio Association Incorporated

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### UPDATE

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#### President's Report

To all members,  
Firstly, I would like to thank all the members, friends and listeners of 100.3 who took the time to send emails to Joe Hockey, telling him to back off and keep government funding available to Community Radio. It worked. For now, it seems grants through the CBF are still running. We'll have to see how long this stays in place.

Since Christmas, we have been slowly growing within the station with new members, new shows and a lot more Outside Broadcasts that have seen us become known to a whole new section of the Macarthur region. We have, however, had a small problem with presenters not turning up for programs. Some do the right thing and call another presenter to fill in or contact the programming supervisor to get a replacement. Others have not bothered doing anything and have left staff at the station wondering who is doing what.

#### Duty of Care

There is also a problem with duty of care. The station has a responsibility to all volunteers as far as providing a safe workplace but also making sure volunteers are fit and capable of performing their programs or duties at the station. To this end, you should have received a message from the Secretary about doctor's certificates.

Let me be absolutely clear on this matter. **No one wants your program, no-one is trying to get rid of you.** This is the way people are thinking and they couldn't be more wrong. 100.3 is a business. We have to run the station as a business. Any employee, or in our case volunteer, that works at the station must be covered against incidents or accidents. We **do that**. If, however, a volunteer comes to the station still recuperating from an accident, operation or illness and is not deemed fit to do so by their doctor and they have a relapse at the station, we can be seen to be not supplying the duty of care we are required to give by law.

**IT IS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE A DOCTORS CERTIFICATE TO PROVE THEY ARE CAPABLE OF CONTINUING THEIR ASSIGNED PROGRAM OR DUTIES ACCORDING TO THE DOCTOR'S ASSESSMENT.**

Yes, I shouted. If you come back and have a relapse and we find out your doctor really thinks you're not fit to do these duties and you deliberately didn't inform us, then you do stand the chance of losing a

program, due entirely to your own ignorance and stubbornness. All we ask is that you use your head. Tell your doctor what your duties are at the station and if he says you can do that then everything is ok. If he says no and wants you to have another few weeks off, that's when we require a certificate so programming can find a substitute for your program until you can return.

**IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE, JUST COMMON SENSE.**

Ok, I'm off my soapbox. Now, we have a couple of electronic items that have been dealt with. The new stl transmitter and receiver have arrived and will be fitted by our techs as soon as possible. The Tieline rack unit that sends the Mike McColl program to the CBAA has been sent away and looked at, plus the field unit we use in the OB van wasn't working properly either. Major faults were found in the rack unit so we are getting a new one to replace the broken one. The field unit is being repaired and both should be back by the end of May. The new server has been ordered and will probably arrive about the same time as the Tieline equipment.

So, with new equipment and the Tieline units talking to each other, we should have quite a lot less problems covering Outside Broadcasts and having them relayed back to the studios.

Finally, a big thanks to Marie Rutledge for finalizing everything for our 25th anniversary luncheon. She has worked really hard on getting us the best venue and best deal in the area. I know there are still certain members who don't think Menangle is the best venue and someone actually had the brilliant idea of having the celebration next year just so they wouldn't have to travel further than the RSL. Yeah, right. It's our 25th anniversary, not 26th. Personally, if people want to complain about the distance to the venue but will gladly go to the city for a special occasion, **HELLO?** don't bother coming to our special occasion. We don't want to hear your complaining all through the lunch.

Remember, the next few months are going to get busy with new memberships due, new applications for programs, the 25th Anniversary Lunch and the Annual General Meeting.

Everyone keep up the good work and let's start another 25 years of broadcasting to Macarthur and beyond.

Mike Runcorn

## Vice President's Report

Hello to all Members and especially to new people training. We have recently had the office and studio floors steam cleaned as well as the chairs. I am getting quotes on new chairs for the Office and Foyer. I hope eventually we will replace the flooring but in meantime please keep it as clean as possible; Thank you to Alex for cleaning windows and ceilings etc. I wish to say thank you to Annette Miller for cleaning the bathroom frequently, a job bad enough to do at home but even more distasteful at times to clean up after a large number of people and some at times not too careful about the condition of areas they leave behind.

Britton Morrison, Keith Guthrie, Keith Parson. Ian Richardson, Ann Warner, and several other people are also most helpful in picking up the vacuum cleaner and emptying the bins etc.

Thanks To Katherine and TJ Miller for their help in a number of ways and to Marie Rutledge for her Secretary work.

Thank you Mike Runcorn for assisting recently in regard to recording. Thanks to all who deserve it... A little thanks go a long way, don't forget to mention it now and then!!!!

In coming weeks there will be a lot of noise as the RSL start their renovations including putting an escalator in the Foyer so you can imagine the racket that will be going on....I suggest if that happens stick to more music and talk. We cannot do anything about such noise and we know the studios are not 100% sound proof.

Renovations will go on for at least 10 months or so. All plans for the RSL are on the wall in RSL Foyer, on left hand wall as you walk in.

We will be getting new plastic floor coverings to replace the old dirty ones.

Presenters on duty should not leave the studio unattended (except to go to the bathroom) in case there are emergency phone calls from police, SES or such. This would not be tolerated in any other radio station.

This message for whom ever is responsible- I have been asked by some members to mention , do not leave your used chewing gum on the panel....please put it in the bin.

Weekend presenters- please make sure **CLOSED** is on the door.....**OFFICE IS CLOSED WEEKENDS.** I have frequently come in on a weekend day and **OPEN** has been on the front door.

Anything given as prizes should be noted with details in the PRIZE BOOK under the counter.

I wish to send regards to Grace Rumsey, I have enjoyed doing the Scottish show but we all hope that Grace will improve in health and be back on her feet as soon as she can. Take care Grace, remember your health is the most important issue.

Trevar Langlands Vice Pres/ Office Manager

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## Secretary's Report

Firstly let me answer a question that is troubling a few of you about the duty of care – we can ask you for a Dr's Certificate if you have been seriously ill for over a week but it's your decision if you want to give one or not. We cannot force it but remember we, your committee do have a legal duty of care for your safety and well-being.

### Silver Anniversary

To be held at Tabcorp Menangle Park, in the "Lawn Entertainment Centre" excellently appointed for your comfort and fully air conditioned, Members are Free, Non Members \$30.00 – an excellent 2 choice menu- Man Course and Sweets with cheese and fruit platter, Tea and Coffee. Entertainment will depict the

music we play on 2MCR including Island Dancers, MC is Steve Wisbey at No Charge, through the afternoon photo's through the years will be shown on the screen, sponsors will be thanked etc.

Any further enquiries please contact me, your secretary on these numbers Home. 46286121 Mob 0414327941 otherwise you will get wrong information.

### Fees are due

All apologies and mail to the secretary Marie Rutledge Marierutledge31@yahoo.com.au

Thank You , Marie Rutledge

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## Treasurer's Report

2MCR's finances are healthy. We still have some approved grant funds to be received. Some new equipment has been purchased to replace ageing equipment.

One factor which is of some concern is that we have lost 3 sponsors recently - one was a long term

sponsor, one had been with us for about 12 months and the third was a new business which apparently failed before it got off the ground.

Planning is proceeding for the Anniversary Dinner.

Robyn Manning Treasurer.

## Training Officer's Report

(16 May, 2014)

Our first training session for 2014 is now completed and we have three (3) new trainees in the station and **'On-Air'**.

- David Dent has taken up the Sunday Morning position of 8-10am with his Programme named, "David's Mystery Bag", which includes a variety of music from the '40s to Now.
- Michael Russell is assisting Barry Mack with his Sunday Afternoon Irish Programme, which can be heard between 2-4pm and likewise, Tica Makisi is assisting Issi with his Tuesday Evening Tongan Programme, between 6-8pm.

All three gentlemen are still on their 'L's, but with some time and regular 'air-play' experience, I'm confident they will settle into their nominated programmes and become part of the invaluable 2MCR Team.

Additionally, Shane Minotte is half-way through his current training and is progressing comfortably.

We have a third training course due to commence in late June and already we have this class booked out with new recruits waiting to commence, so the training side of 2MCR is travelling along steadily for this half of the year.

Ruth Robertson (Training Officer / Presenter)

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## Programming Report

Programming is moving forward with many new presenters who are adding value to the station and are providing much needed support. Glenn Longbottom has offered to take over compiling and look after the UPDATE and the 2MCR website to assist the growing workload. We have a couple of programs to fill along with filling in programs where people are absent from illness and holidays.

Programming is looking to do two major things:

- Having a new list of fill in presenters and make sure they are trained in a variety of genres and
- To have a team of presenters and members to help with outside broadcasts

So... we are looking for people to put their hands up! We are currently looking for someone to fill in on the Scottish show preferably of Scottish origin/culture. Monday from 2-4pm is another show available. We are also close to finalizing a

12 month deal with the Nine network to do drive time news promo time slots which will be very financially beneficial to the station.

I would like to thank Al Parker for taking the time to clean the studios (removing cobwebs, cleaning air conditioning filter and outlets and some general cleaning around the studio, what an asset this man is.

Also we welcome Andy Bunce who is a new member and runs his own production company and is going to look after some of our production requirements.

Well with the budget in it is time to start getting our house in order and look to the future, we may have to look at how and what we are doing for the future of the station, is it time to revitalize the station with new format.

Brian Pearce Programming Manager

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## Outside Broadcast:

Outside Broadcasting (OBs) is busy this year with a larger variety of events attended and planned; we are working on building partnerships with other community organizations (AOOB - Old Bastards & Lions club) and by us supporting them it allows us to promote the station and gain more recognition.

The Camden Show was a success even though the numbers were down by 10,000 which is about 25% on the previous year but we have already negotiated a move to a prime position and reduced the cost by approximately \$700.

Other great events are The Lions Club Fun Run and the Wollondilly Car Show Classic we are already invited back to these. I have to say to those who don't come to OB's that you are

missing out on some great chances to promote your show.

We do have a couple of issues with the OBs unit, we have been advised by our mechanic to get rid of the van or replace the motor (could cost \$5000 to replace motor) this as held up getting the new logo put on the van.

Just remember you are welcome to all OBs as this is the way we promote the station and your show so your support is appreciated.

Thanks to the following for attending OBs, Glenn Longbottom, Ruth Robertson, Al Parker, Greg Bryant, Denis Millward, Mark & Cath Hansen, TJ, Catty, Eshan & Michael Runcorn.

Brian Pearce

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**On the Health Front:**

***A big Hi and get well to Grace Rumsey we look forwarded to her return.***

As I write this Ruth Robertson is at the doctors waiting for some test results which we are hoping

are of a positive nature for Ruth who has also recently lost her Aunt and still coping with the loss of her mother.

Brian Pearce

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**How Do We Contact You? Please Note:**

If you have changed your RESIDENTIAL - or - POSTAL address or any of your contact details, then you need to inform the Secretary immediately so that we may be able to send you appropriate information when and as required by Law and the Articles of the Association **TELL US WHAT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS;** also let us know your HOME or Mobile phone numbers. Your contact details are part of your agreement as a Member of Macarthur Community Radio Association Incorporated. Send them to the Membership Officer at 2MCR on 4625 2768 during Business Hours or email to [secretary@2mcr.org.au](mailto:secretary@2mcr.org.au)

These are the Committee Members of your station until the next Annual General Meeting(AGM)

PRESIDENT :	Mr. Michael Runcorn's	COMMITTEE :	Mr. Denis Millward
VICE PRESIDENT :	Mr. Trevar Langlands	COMMITTEE :	Mr. Britton Morrison
SECRETARY	Mr. Marie Rutledge	COMMITTEE :	Mr. Brian Pearce
TREASURER :	Mr. Robin Manning	COMMITTEE :	Mr. Annette Miller
COMMITTEE :	Mr. Ann Warner	COMMITTEE :	Mr. John Kemp

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**All Presenters Please Remember:** Any members who present a program at 2MCR must ensure that any co-presenter or guests in the studio **MUST NOT** use the studios computers for personal use. The PC in the office is the only computer that may be used for this purpose.

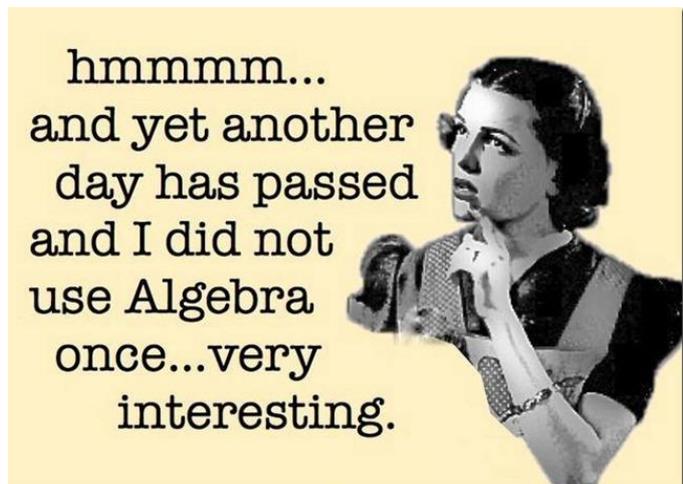
All Correspondence to 2MCR must go to the Secretary by post to –  
The secretary of 100.3 - 2MCR,  
Macarthur Community Radio Station C/- Campbelltown RSL  
1 Carberry Ln, Campbelltown  
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or P O Box 1420 Campbelltown NSW 2560.

Email, [secretary@2mcr.org.au](mailto:secretary@2mcr.org.au) You can even put your items in the Secretary's locked box in the Office.  
All Presenter's & Listener's & on air contacts email go to [presenter@2mcr.org.au](mailto:presenter@2mcr.org.au) (access available on the CAN Computer ONLY) All technical fault & information via the website go to email [feedback@2mcr.org.au](mailto:feedback@2mcr.org.au)

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**Editor**

Howdy folks. Please feel free to send me anything you think is of value or interest to include in the Update.  
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**Job interview:**

Human Resources Manager: "What is your greatest weakness?"

Old man: "Honesty."

Human Resources Manager: "I don't think honesty is a weakness."

Old Man: "I don't really give a s\*\*\* what you think."

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