



Just 2 let YOU know...

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Farewell to George Nethery

George passed away a month ago. He was one of our most dedicated members. David Mead remembers George's time on 2YOU...

It was characteristic of George Nethery that he came to us whilst helping out someone else. He was doing some publicity for the Ministers' Fraternal at the time. Just after his first contacts with us we asked George if he would like to give us a hand on the committee and he readily agreed. For a time he assisted Brian Walker our Secretary. It wasn't long after this that our first President, Michael Lees, moved to Darwin with a change of work so those of us who remained on the committee were well and truly stretched. There had to be a re-allocation of jobs. Warren Thibault took over one of Mike's jobs as honorary solicitor, a task he performed in a sterling manner for many years afterwards. The rest of us were by now familiar with the portfolios we had been working in so George took on the President's job, which involved a lot of public liaison work. He was well suited to the task. He seemed to know everyone in town.

He and I visited a number of service clubs and other meetings to put forward the case for a community radio station in town. In those days, the concept was very new, so there was a lot of explaining to do, plenty of questions to answer and the usual cynicism to overcome. We made up a slide and tape presentation (avant-garde in those days) and toured around for eighteen months to explain what we were about, to build interest and to keep up enthusiasm among our supporters whilst the slow wheels of officialdom ground slowly on.

When we first started Community radio was a very new concept, and had no legislative framework. The Frazer government was elected in the midst of political turmoil, and the new government had priorities other than radio stations, so we had to sit and wait through the late seventies until they were ready to move. At around the time George joined us there was a lot of pent up frustration in our ranks, but the political scene was now ready for things to proceed.

To my memory George was very much a "doer", and now the time was ripe he set to with a will. During his leadership we obtained and erected the mast, completed our final submissions and he led the case during the tribunal hearings. In those early days these hearings took a full day of legal enquiry before a commissioner, and everything we said had to be proven as in a court of law.

George was always interested in helping out, particularly those who were down on their luck or having a hard time. Activities such as his reading for the blind took a lot of his personal time. He made many recordings of local events which have since been donated to the Historical Society.

When George sent us letters in connection with the Ministers' Fraternal, he used to sub-title his letters with an Old Latin phrase, which describes much of his attitude to life. In spite of adversity "lift up your hearts"- "circum corda".

Vale George.

David Mead

ACMA Investigation Update - Survey

The Committee has comprehensively replied to the two investigation enquiries from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). We are now waiting for:

1. ACMA's response concerning our community's involvement with 2YOUFM and our written policy and procedures.
2. The results of the survey that should enable us to satisfy the enquiry from the licensing section of the ACMA.

You might have heard about the 2YOUFM survey. We intend to demonstrate that we are a community-based association that takes everyone's opinion into consideration to cater more appropriately for the needs of our listeners. Our survey is being organised with the local marketing agency called SHOUT, and is based on previous surveys done by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA). It will help to determine the future programming of 2YOUFM.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE!

You can help us get a better idea of the type of programming 2YOU FM could have, by filling in the survey (preferably online for easier data collection). Please don't hesitate to tell your family, friends, colleagues, EVERYBODY about the survey before the 30th December! It only takes a minute to forward an email and enable Tamworth residents to have an input in the programming of THEIR community radio station!

- Fill in the survey online (one survey per computer): go to www.2youfm.com.au
Alternatively, go straight to SHOUT marketing's home page: www.shoutmarketing.com.au
- Or fill in a hard copy at the survey collection/ drop-off points:
 - 2YOUFM Station office open from 10am to 1pm
Alternatively give us a call on 6766 6342 and we'll mail out a copy of the survey to you.
 - Tamworth Regional Council Foyer
 - Tony Windsor's Office
 - Peter Draper's Office
 - Tamworth Community College
 - Tourism Tamworth

You can also help 2YOUFM by volunteering to take the survey to Christmas shoppers in Peel Street.
For more information, please contact the office Tel: 6766 6342 or by email: radio@2youfm.com.au

Presenters and Volunteers Forum

The forum was held on Monday 5th November, at the North Tamworth Bowling Club.

Present: Esther Barker & Colin Behan, Scott Clark, Tony Collier, Carine + Alexi & Lorenzo Collison, Ellen Frame, John Gray (John L), Trish Griffin, Phil Henry, Brian Howard, Kenk Kasteel, Ron Kelly, Kathryn Kinson, Murray Kinson, David Logan, Jack McCaw, Tony Moore (Big T), Barrie Nagel, Stewart Nicol, Troy Orton, Ken Russell, Jean & Wayne Ryan, Les Rix (The Bear), Luz & Clyde Roberts, Chris & Lyn Stevens, Nathan Sutton, Ross Waldron, Judy Walmsley, Alison Windmill, Andrew & Val Whittett.

Apologies: Ted Hintz, Alec Noble, Nigel Bainbridge

Broadcasting tips from Brian Howard

Brian was our guest speaker that night, and he gave announcers a few broadcasting tips. Brian proposed to help any new or current presenter willing to better their skills and improve their presentation. If you are interested, please contact Brian on:

Tel: 6762 1732

Email: cho88747@bigpond.net.au



Troy, Murray, Colin, Chris, Henk and David.



Ross, Barrie and Esther

Outcome: This was a successful forum where many ideas were voiced and taken into account (full forum report available from Carine on request). Until the next forum, continue to communicate with one another! Remember members of the committee can't work on fixing a problem if they aren't aware of it. Thank you very much to those attending for coming and bringing their input and helping turn 2YOUFM into a prosperous radio station.

If you couldn't make it to the meeting, but would like to propose your ideas, please contact any committee member, email us or drop us a line in the office.

2YOUFM Volunteer Agreements

Sure to be a topic of discussion at the next Volunteers Forum will be the introduction of these documents. They outline the right and responsibilities of each volunteer in accordance with the TBS Inc Constitution & Policies and Procedures, the Codes of Practice, the ACMA requirements and the CBAA guidelines.

2YOUFM Presenter Agreements **will have to be read, understood and signed by each presenter** before broadcasting on 2YOUFM. The documents have been written by the committee and will be checked by our solicitor to ensure that all potential legalities are covered.

Programming

- **Holidays:** We're fast approaching the end of the year and a few changes in programming as some presenters will be on holidays and others will fill in. If you are a presenter and are unable to do your shift - try to find a replacement and contact Stewart Nicol, who is in charge of programming (Tel: 6760 3582), to let him know of any arrangements you have made. Please try to find a replacement and inform Stewart at least a week in advance, thank you.
- **Christmas Day/ New Year's Eve Programs:** Please contact Stewart (Tel: 6760 3582) if you would like to do a program on Christmas Day, even if your program is usually on a Tuesday, so he can organise presenters for the whole day. Ken Russell is organising special events to be broadcast on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Contact Ken if you would like to help or if you'd like more information (Tel: 0424 628 131). On Sunday 23rd December, Ken will also do a special program with Nazareth House.
- **Country Music Festival**

- **OB:** The committee has decided to not go ahead with an outside broadcast from the Tamworth Country Music festival in 2008, as time constraints and lack of technical equipment are prohibitive. We are working on being better equipped and prepared next year.
- **Good Morning Country** is a Breakfast program syndicated to 200 community stations Australia-wide by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) satellite ComRadSat. This breakfast show features half-hourly news, national weather, plus short comedy & commentary segments. Ken has just announced the exciting news: "*Good Morning Country* will be broadcasting live from the studio of 2YOU FM, from 21 to 26th January, from 5am to 9am., with both Good Morning Country presenters and a 2YOU FM presenter. We will have local and network breakouts, which means that while GMC plays their sponsorship, we will play ours over the 2YOU FM transmitter. That will require good planning and accurate timing."



This will be great exposure for 2YOUFM AND our announcers. Presenters who have other festival commitments should contact Stewart or Ken with their availability over the Festival, so the station can be programmed accordingly.

- **Tamworth Tonight** will run from midnight Sat 21 – 5am Mon 28 January with upbeat party music including Country music and on-air dedications. Please call Ken if you would like to do some midnight to dawn shifts over country music, to offer additional live programs to Country music goers. Remember, all youth presenters MUST have an adult with them in the station.

Thanks to all presenters for making visitors to Tamworth welcome over that special period!

- **Sport on 2YOUFM:** Ken Russell has been in negotiations with Tamworth Baseball and as from early next year when the new season starts, 2YOU FM will carry results, interviews and news about the weekend games. Tamworth baseball will take over one of the vacant Club Hours program once a month to do a baseball show. The three-day baseball state championship will be in Tamworth next year and 2YOUFM will have first rights to broadcast.

What is "AMRAP"?

AMRAP (Australian Music Radio Airplay Project) is a community radio initiative that works with musicians and community broadcasters to create increased radio airplay opportunities for contemporary Australian music. The project is funded by the Commonwealth Government through the Community Broadcasting Foundation and is managed by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia.

In plain English? AMRAP is a cheap and effective way for musicians of all genres to get their music on the radio.

Every month 2YOU FM receives a shipment of AMRAP CD's to be considered. Presenters can find these in the Studio B "new music" rack above "AMRAP". Please feel free to go through them, find something you like, and PLAY IT! There will be an evaluation sheet in studio A with a list of the months artists, so please take a couple minutes to fill out the feedback form and help the artist gauge the response to their music.

- Ross Waldron

And, please keep in mind the requirement from the Code of Practice:

3.1 Community broadcasters will ensure a proportion of the total number of musical items broadcast consist of:

- (a) not less than 25% Australian music items for all community broadcasting licensees except ethnic and classical stations. (to be determined over one month)

Local Press Reports

2YOU FM has been getting plenty of publicity over the past 2 months. If you happen to be at the station, all these press clippings are on the board beside the office. We'll eventually compile an album of these for the lounge area.

Housework

Administrative-Assistants: Colleen Greer, Jean Ryan and Kathy Smyth have been generously volunteering their time to help 2YOU with office tasks. It's fantastic to have these lovely ladies joining the 2YOU FM team! We also welcome the valuable help every morning by Leon Donnelly who was referred to the station by Joblink Plus.

Tidying up Helpers: Colleen Greer and Big T have helped to tidy up the station and keep it presentable. That's greatly appreciated, so is the help of everyone who occasionally dusts, vacuums, waters plants or simply washes their coffee/ tea cups! The Station also looks good on the outside - thanks to a couple of 2YOUFM signs on the awning and on the front gate (thanks Alison, David, Kathryn, Murray and Ross!), and Brian's gardening.

We have decided to tidy up our lounge room area. Would there be anybody willing to organise a market stall or go on eBay to sell the obsolete records from the station for fundraising? Contact Stewart Nicol Tel: 6760 3582

Presenters News

Australian Country Music People's Choice Awards

Our very own Brian Howard is amongst the top 10 finalists for the most popular DJ for his work on Country Music Radio (program broadcast from the studios of 2TM Tamworth). Congratulations!

Late Shift's Special Show: As reported in www.countrymusicbulletin.com.au, in November:

In celebration of November, Australian Music Month, Peter Hons of Country Music Capital's 2YOUFM, is making a special Australian music dedication to late '60s/early '70s success story Du Monde Records and producer Martin Erdman. Martin was responsible for some of the biggest country, rock and pop hits coming out of Sydney at that time. Acts such as Elm Tree with John Paul Young, Flake, Galadriel, King Fox, Nev Nicholls & the Country Playboys, Donnie Sutherland and The Trailblazers featuring Tommy & Phil Emmanuel are just some of many recorded with Du Monde. Martin also secured the first Australian million selling single with The Lord's Prayer by Sister Janet Mead from Adelaide. All tracks featured during the tribute will be taken from The Du Monde Years Special Collectors Edition released two years ago by Martin. Jim Guider is Peter's special guest on his Late Shift program (Thursday 22 November) as Jim had an association with Martin and an intimate knowledge of the Sydney scene at that "innovative time" when Martin was most active producing a major component of Sydney's best live acts.

Tune into Peter Hons's program from 10pm Thursday to 1, 2, 3 am... Friday!

Welcome Back!

A few words from Col, Jill and Chris, who are now back on 2YOU...

- COLIN BEHAN (*Tamworth Today*, 9am to 12pm on Mondays)
"I'm very pleased to be back with 2YOU FM after a break of nearly two years. I love all types of music... well nearly all types! My shows in the past have been mainly Country. I used to present three hours of Australian Country every week, plus American Country in other shows. I am looking forward to the next twelve months with a new board at the helm. Stay healthy and happy!"
- JILLIAN MYERS (*Tamworth Today*, 9am to 12pm on Thursdays- *Easy Listening & Drive Time*. 2 to 6pm on Tuesdays)
"I have ten years in radio broadcasting as a volunteer. I have a broad range of music tastes from classical to country and most things in between!"
Jill is also the 2YOU FM volunteer in charge of fundraising. *Slave Auction* coming up...! ☺
- CHRIS STEVENS (*Easy Listening*, 12 to 4pm on Sundays).
"Hi team! Well, it's good to be back on air for a while. My position with the station is in production really, as I still operate *Big Wheel Recordings* and make the studio available for any radio sponsorships or promos. Please contact Ken Russell T: 0424 628 131, if you'd like to do any promo on 2YOUFM. Unfortunately, I'm only in Tamworth for six months of the year, as I spend the other six months in Queensland. Even though I read all these negative comments in our local newspaper, I think the new committee is doing an excellent job and the station should go ahead in leaps and bounds. We have some very experienced announcers and radio people involved with this station. My advice to whom it may concern is to listen and learn from them. Things can only improve! You all have a very good Christmas and New Year. Keep up the good work! Cheers!"

Website Under-Construction

Membership forms (for your friends), Procedures and Policies, Sponsorship rate card, Program Guide all available in 'RESOURCES' page of our website: www.2youfm.com.au Please, contact Jack McCaw (Tel:0419 583 737) to let him know what you'd like to see on the future 2YOU FM website.

Membership Renewal/ New Membership

We are about to start a new year and with it comes our annual 2YOUFM membership renewal. Your membership is very important to the station... it helps us pay the bills but more importantly your support encourages us to make the station the best it can be.

If you haven't already renewed your membership, please find the form attached and return it with the appropriate fees to our Treasurer, Kathryn Kinson.

Call in the office from 10 am to 1pm weekdays or post your completed membership form and cheque to **Treasurer, 2YOUFM, PO Box 998, Tamworth NSW 2340.**

Membership fees for 2008:

- Ordinary Membership: \$22
- With concession: \$11
- Corporate Membership: \$55

Season's Greeting!



A big thank you

to all 2YOU FM volunteers, members

and sponsors for their work and support this year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

All the best to you and your family!

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2YOU Mission Statement

2YOUFM 88.9 delivers a quality, diverse and independent alternative to mainstream media that nurtures and encourages community participation.

Next Committee Meeting: Tues 8 January, 5pm, at the station. All members welcome.

Let us know! To add an item to the next newsletter,
or to change your contact details/ receive 2YOUFM's Newsletter by email, please contact:
Carine Collison - Editor, by mail (PO Box 998) or email (radio@2youfm.com.au).