



Just 2 let YOU know...

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Remembering Stan J. Hunt

Stan passed away in December, he was a Country Music Presenter and a dedicated volunteer on 2YOUFM. His partner, Sonya, writes...

Stan was a wonderful man, partner, recording artist and radio DJ. Our life was very full of love and happiness. We were always on the go, either with music, radio, touring or with all of our kids. Stan and I were never married, we were happily engaged and getting on with life. We had our ups and downs, as every relationship does, but our life was very full of love.

Stan's life was always music, radio and encouraging young people to sing and learn about radio presentation. Stan and I loved our radio program "Ausmade", which we did for a few years.

Stan was a very private man. When he was doing his shows he was 'out there', but when we were at home it was just him, me and the kids. Stan was married only twice (to Robyn and Sue), not three times as a lot of people thought.

Stan J. Hunt will be missed not only for his music but also for his stories and laughs. Losing him has left me very lost, lonely and empty inside. At least I have all my memories in my heart and they will stay there forever. He always said to me "If anything ever happens to me, just listen to the whisper in the wind."

Sonya Adams

ACMA Enquiries Update

The Committee has comprehensively replied to investigations from two different sections of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

ACMA Investigation One: On 24 January we were advised by the investigation section of the ACMA that three complaints against 2YOU FM had been withdrawn: "After careful consideration of the matter, ACMA has decided to conclude the investigation of the complaints and proposes to take no further action at this time."

ACMA Investigation Two: The licensing section of the ACMA had asked 2YOU FM to conduct a survey of the Tamworth community. This survey was conducted in December with the help of SHOUT, a local marketing agency. SHOUT presented the result of the survey to the committee on 23 January. We have forwarded those results to the licensing section of the ACMA. Results are also available at the radio station and are on our website www.2youfm.com.au on the RESOURCES page.

Part of the requirement of our broadcasting licence is that 2YOU FM remains in tune with the community it serves. Consequently, the committee (in consultation with presenters, members and the public) is now working on offering listeners a revamped program guide that will better cater for the community's needs, while respecting as much as possible our volunteers availability.

ACMA Investigation Three: The ACMA received two new written complaints on 17 and 24 February 2008.

"The complainants allege that 2YOU is failing to encourage members of the community that it serves to participate in the operation of the licensee in providing the service and in the selection and provision of programs under the licence, and that 2YOU no longer represents the community interest that it represented at the time the licence was renewed." (*full letter is available at the station*). The committee will answer to the ACMA in the next few weeks and is confident that all concerns will be addressed.

If you ever have a complaint about 2YOUFM, please send a signed, dated letter to the 2YOUFM Committee at the station - clearly stating your concerns. We have a comprehensive, transparent process in place to answer enquiries from members and the Tamworth Community and are open to your feedback and suggestions at all times. We take your comments very seriously and invite you to address the board at our monthly meetings, if you wish. All programming changes will be discussed with 2YOUFM presenters, members and interested members of the Tamworth community who are invited to attend our next Presenters Forum on Wednesday 12 March. (*see article later in this newsletter for full details*)

Changes on the Committee

TBS Inc. President, Stewart Nicol, has resigned for personal reasons. Carine Collison, the Vice-President is now assuming the role of President, and has taken on the duties previously carried out by Stewart.

Carine is now in charge of the programming sub-committee with the help of Ross Murphy. Ross and Carine will act as liaison with presenters and look after changes in programming. Ellen Frame has joined the programming sub-committee to handle the day to day running sheets.

A NOTE FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT:

I would like to thank Stewart for his volunteer work helping 2YOUFM provide a better service for the Tamworth Community and as head of our vibrant team. The Committee is still working as hard as ever at running the station as fairly as possible. We have defined a mission statement which sums up our aim:

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

The last few months since the election haven't been easy and the new Committee have faced many challenges. All board members are working hard and dealing daily with 2YOUFM issues on a top of their paid work and family commitments. We've had to handle the usual changes that come with any transition between boards. With a complete change of office-bearers, came a load of paperwork, the board structure was defined and the workload distributed. Some presenters left, others came and the station kept going thanks to the ones who keep serving it.

While in the middle of this adjustment period, we tackled other issues. For example we found out that we had to define an occupancy agreement with Country Energy to keep transmitting from our Bald Hill site. We dealt with an inspection of our Darling Street premises, checking that past work undertaken on the cottage satisfied our heritage listing conditions of occupancy. We worked on organising the first comprehensive survey of the Tamworth Community for 2YOUFM. We looked after the installation of a new desk in Studio A and trained new and existing presenters. We wrote and distributed a Presenters and Volunteers agreement to cover legalities and protect presenters and station alike. We did what we could do to promote the Country Music festival (see related article)...

We have only just received the results of the survey and started working on the programming when we've been hit with yet other complaints addressed to the ACMA. Where is the fair-go attitude that this country is based on?

I wish people who aren't happy with the programs on 2YOUFM would approach the Committee first, rather than making our task harder by complaining to the ACMA and challenging our licence. But, hey: we won't give up our fight to keep the station thriving, and we will reply to the new enquiry from the ACMA, once again!

Some of our presenters and members have been incredibly supportive and we are also generating more and more interest amongst Tamworthians. Proof is the community service announcements that are pouring in every day and the steady influx of newcomers and volunteers:

- NEW Presenters: Kathy Smyth- Easy Listening, John Gale- 40-60's Rock'n Roll, Big T- currently training with Brian Howard, Kate Daley- Indie music.
- NEW Administrative assistant: Leon Donnelly is now showing the ropes to Andrew Trigg who will man the office from 9am - midday, Monday to Friday.
- NEW Programming advisor: Stephen Walter, ex 92.9FM - now with Mission Australia, is helping us remodel the new program guide. He is working with us to establish a balance between our individual styles of programs and what will help us sell sponsorships to keep the station afloat. This is all in line with our ACMA licence requirements, the 2YOUFM Mission statement and results of the survey. Members and community input is actively encouraged.
- NEW Sponsorship Consultant: Geoff Thrifty is coming on board to help turn 2YOU FM into a vibrant and prosperous community radio station. Barrie Nagel is also still actively involved in sponsorship.

To finish, I urge YOU to contribute your efforts to the station. We' have jobs for everybody! Many thanks to all.

Kind regards
Carine Collison

New Desk & Technical Work

A new panel was installed in December and made the broadcast of *Good Morning Country* (with CBAA) possible in January.



David Logan, the last presenter to use the old desk.

Our technicians worked all weekend wiring in the new panel



On 10 and 11th February, Phil Henry 2YOUFM's technician and his assistant from Nowires carried out some work on our computer system, called Maximation. The work undertaken by Phil will make our whole computer system more secure. Maximation will now be the reserved domain of our Production team.

Presenters and members, if you'd like to enter any music, program or new promo in Maximation please contact any member of the production sub-committee:

- David Logan: Tel: 6762 1563 / Email: daveandzac@yahoo.com.au
- Jack McCaw: Tel: 0419 583 737 / Email: jmccaw2@yahoo.com.au
- Ken Russell: Tel: 6760 7618 / Email: kennethrussell@bigpond.com
- Ross Waldron: Tel: 6746 3246 / Email: beanie@rosswaldron.com

Past & Upcoming Presenters and Volunteers Forums

2YOUFM Presenters and Volunteers Agreements were introduced to our volunteers on Monday 14th January, during a meeting held at the Tamworth Bowling Club.

How did the Presenters and Volunteers Agreements come about?

In December, the Committee went through a Board induction session. Jo Byrnes, from the Tamworth Regional Development Corporation and John Boag, our honorary solicitor came along to that session to enable the Committee to define a mission statement and draft a list of areas that needed to be worked on. One of these areas was concerning our volunteers involvement. Most community radio stations have a Presenters and Volunteers Agreement in place that allows station and presenters to define the terms and conditions of volunteering. Therefore, the Committee set to work on writing, presenting and implementing a Presenters and Volunteers Agreement for 2YOUFM. It outlines the right and responsibilities of each volunteer in accordance with the TBS Inc Constitution & Policies and Procedures, the Codes of Practice, Australian Media Law, the ACMA requirements and the CBAA (Community Broadcasting Association of Australia) guidelines. This document was approved by the Committee following the ACMA's recommendations and has been checked by our solicitor to ensure that all potential legalities were covered.

Upcoming Presenters and Volunteers Forum:

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH, 6PM at the North Tamworth Bowling Club

Presenters, members and interested members of the Tamworth community, please write the date in your diaries and come along to this meeting to voice your opinion. On that day, the Committee would like to discuss the new program format with you and explain how it aims at increasing listenership for every announcer at the station, while providing an alternative to mainstream media.

Now is time to contribute positive ideas and participate in teamwork to create a program guide that will have more and more *Tamworthians* switching to 2YOUFM.

With the results of the survey as our guide, the Committee has decided to categorise our current programs and to introduce a "mix format" of 70's, 80's, 90's and a little 00's music from 6am to 7pm weekdays. Tamworth Today from 9am – midday will continue to present 'magazine style' local news, interviews and music. From 7pm onwards, any genre of music will be represented (depending on presenters' availability). Week-ends will follow a different format, but with

the exception of the lunch hour, will revolve around 3 hourly block programming. A variety of short programs will be downloaded from the DDN (Digital Delivery Network) to complement the existing programming (for example Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander related programs, travelling, book reading and health issues programs, etc). We have grouped music genres together, to make it easier for our listeners to tune in to the kind of programs they enjoy and for our future sponsors to target different audiences:

Proposed New Programming Format - Weekdays				
From 6am to 7pm weekdays	40% of 70's, 80's & 90's Music (includes Country Music and Easy Listening)	+	Breakfast programs	6am to 9 am
			<i>Tamworth Today</i>	9am to 12pm
			One hour programs	12pm to 1pm
			Retro Programs (40's, 50's and 60's music)	1pm to 4pm
			Pop and Rock programs	4pm to 7pm
From 7pm onwards			Ethnic programs	7pm to 8pm
			Specialised programs	8pm to 11pm
			Programs from the Community Radio Network	11pm to 6am

New format to be discussed at the presenters and volunteers forum.

Reminder for current presenters:

Please fill in a program application form (available on the notice board in studio A) and return it to the office. This application form will allow us to know when you are available to do a program and what type of program you would be ready to present. The Committee will use that information to find replacements when presenters are away and to remodel the programming of 2YOUFM, aiming at giving every announcer at least one program each.

Become a 2YOUFM volunteer!

2YOUFM is a volunteer-run radio station and we appreciate any contribution, big or small!

How to become a volunteer on 2YOUFM in three steps:

- Fill in a membership form
- Fill in a presenter and volunteer application form. The Committee will then be able to assess your needs and availability, provide some training (if needed), and find an appropriate time-slot if you apply to become a presenter.
- Sign a Volunteers and Presenters Agreement. You will also be issued with a copy of our Policies and Procedures, a copy of our Constitution, and, if you are applying as a presenter, a copy of the Codes of Practice and Media Laws handbook from the CBAA.

Training

A group of ten presenters (Tony Moore, Lorraine Pfitzner, Kathryn and Murray Kinson, David Logan, Kathy Smyth, Rachel Waters-Griffiths, Mark Kaloustian, Stephen Blanch and Carine Collison) have successfully applied for a CBF training grant to study 4 units (edit sound using computerised digital system, conduct an interview, identify industry laws and regulations and apply them, present information on-air). The training will be held on 15 and 16th March, with an accredited trainer coming from Bathurst.

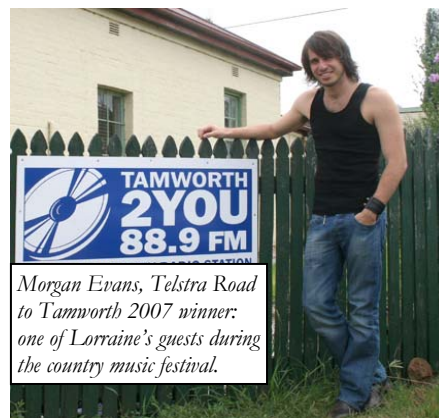
The next round of CBF training grant closes on 21st April. Please contact Carine if you are interested in some radio training and would like more information.

Our Secretary, Alison Windmill, is also doing a training course run by the CBAA (Community Broadcasting Association of Australia) in Bellingen. This course concerns volunteers' management and OHS related issues.

Good Morning Country/ Country Music Festival

For the first time ever, 2YOUFM 88.9 promoted the Tamworth Country Music Festival nationally by joining forces with the *Good Morning Country* team. *Good Morning Country* is a breakfast program syndicated to community radio stations Australia-wide by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) ComRadSat. Our community station exported the exuberance and spirit of our festival to more than 40 towns such as Port Pirie, Mount Gambier, Launceston, Goulburn, Cobar, Forbes, Kempsy, Mackay and Rockhampton.

The 2YOUFM team organised this special festival broadcast under the vigilant eye of Ken Russell and also had a special treat for the night owls amongst the locals and visitors to the Country Music Capital., with upbeat party music being played from midnight to 5am for the whole ten days of the festival.



2YOUFM presenters were also busy interviewing a plethora of artists over the festival period. Some presenters gave up some of their time on-air to make way for major broadcasts, like the Star Maker Awards and the Golden Guitar Awards. Thanks to all presenters who contributed in any way to boosting the image of 2YOUFM to the festival artists and visitors.

On the financial side of things, Ken Russell mentioned that we made over \$3000.00 for the duration of the music festival. Ken will present a full report about 2YOUFM's involvement during the festival to the Committee - it will become the basis to form a Festival 2009 sub-committee and to prepare for next year's activities. Please contact the Committee if you want to be part of the team involved with promoting this exciting event for next year.

Fundraising

- **2YOUFM Polo Shirts:** Jillian Myers, who is in charge of fundraising, has organised some polo shirts printed with the 2YOUFM logo. The polo shirts look great and can be worn everywhere to advertise our station. Presenters and members are invited to contact Jill if they would like to purchase a polo shirt (available in white or royal blue) for \$20.00.
- **2YOUFM Open-Day:** Jill will be busy putting together an open-day for **Saturday 10 May**. She will need all the help she can get to make sure that it's a successful day, so if you have a bit of spare time please give Jill a call. We'd like to hold a garage sale that Saturday morning (all donations welcomed), a sausage sizzle and some live music are also part of the plan. It is our 25th Anniversary this year and we have plenty of reasons to celebrate!

For more information, please contact **Jill Myers Tel: 6766 1118 / Mobile: 0439 369 995.**

Judy's Cookery Corner

Chocolate-topped crunchy slice

Three 65g Mars Bars, chopped

90g butter

3 cups Rice Bubbles

Topping

200g milk chocolate, chopped

30g butter

Grease a 19cm by 29cm lamington pan.

Combine Mars Bars and butter in large saucepan, stir constantly over low heat without boiling until mixture is smooth; stir in Rice Bubbles. Press mixture evenly into prepared pan, spread with topping. Refrigerate until set.

Topping: Melt chocolate and butter in pan over hot water; stir until smooth.

Keeping time: 3 days

Help!

Like in the Beatles' song, we need YOU! For example, here is what you could do:

- Lend your voice for sponsorships and promos: contact our production team!
- Help create an inventory of our CD library and label all music.
- Help create an inventory of 2YOUFM's equipment for insurance purposes.
- Contact the office: we always have some paperwork to do/ files to be updated...
- Simple actions make life more pleasant: please wash your cup after you've had a cuppa in 2YOUFM's kitchen.
- Give us your ideas for our future website (under-construction)
Contact Jack McCaw Tel: 0419 583 737/ Email: jmccaw2@yahoo.com.au
- Help with collating and sending of the newsletter.

Membership Renewal: due NOW!/ New Membership

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 (it will cease on 29th February), please find the form attached and return it with the appropriate fees to our Treasurer, Kathryn Kinson.

Call in the office from 9 am to 12pm 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

Our Sponsors

Without our sponsors, we would not have a Radio Station.

We thank them for their support and urge you to support them in return:

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- ♪ **Tamworth Lion's Club**
197 Hillevue Rd- Tel: 6762 0605
- ♪ **Newtrain**
154 Marius St- Tel: 6761 2780
- ♪ **North Tamworth Bowling Club**
Piper St- Tel: 6766 1987
- ♪ **PizzaHut**
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- ♪ **Rex Motors**
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- ♪ **Sauer's Glass**
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- ♪ **Tamworth City Toyota**
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- ♪ **Tamworth Tender Shed**
5 Crown St- Tel: 6762 0688
- ♪ **Thrifty Link Hardware**
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- ♪ **West Tamworth Sports and Bowling Club**
Belmore St- Tel: 6765 82

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