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Engaging With The Community

Facebook: [facebook/fm1075/orange](https://www.facebook.com/fm1075/orange)

For an interactive experience go to the Facebook site which Ann-Maree Coyte goes to a lot of effort to keep it up-to-date, entertaining and helpful. Catch up on the local news, gossip, comment and, of course, plenty of current information on the station's presenters, shows and other related items. Website: www.fm1075.com.au

Helpful online guides and eBooks have enabled Mark Edwards to make steady progress on the website. He's been uploading local information, station news and photos of local community and station events and if you haven't got a hardcopy of the Programme Guide you can download and print off a copy from the website. Also, there are regular updates covering sudden absences and changes on the Live Programme Grid.

Talking to our local community

Kevin Mason was recently invited to give a talk to U3A on FM107.5 and he co-opted Lynn Edwards to join him; both went well-prepared and ready to answer some curly questions. Kevin gave a background to the origins of our station, plus some amusing anecdotes, and how it had evolved as the community changed. Lynn then expanded on the various agencies that we deal with, our regulatory constraints and some statistics. Interesting questions enlivened the event and U3A members went away with programme guides, membership applications and more information. This talk was just a small step towards promoting our organisation but for greater impact, ideally, it needs to be done regularly.



Celebrating Happy at the Gladdy at the Gladstone Hotel

The successful evening happened mainly thanks to Patrick Cost-Chretien (Ghostrider). Patrick suggested the venue and the event and then did the bulk of the planning and organizing and even provided his own electronic gear so that presenters could play their favourite tracks. Now, that's a committed and involved member!



Mr and Mrs Jeff Rogers and Gordon McMillan



Doug Tilley and Gerry Faulkner



Matt Bryant, Dave Shearing, Dylan Swain and Barry Swain



Patricia Cole, Chuck Frame and Gerry Faulkner



Technical Update



David Cresswell has, on top of doing his usual employment, somehow managed to find the time and energy to finish installing the upgraded equipment on Mt Canobolas. The station is indebted to him for his efforts on our behalf.

Following on from the recent OB James Collins suggested that the station needs to purchase some new equipment to replace aging infrastructure, such as our FM Tuner, and an extra desk mic stand for interviews. The Committee will be investigating and pricing his suggestions.

Things have been developing regarding the aerials and the transmitter on Mt Canobolas. Apparently, we have an aerial that is pointing directly at the ground, so it's a priority repair! Meanwhile, Mark Edwards is representing FM107.5's interests and has been busily having discussions with Radio Rhema and other technically informed parties. There are various aspects of concern, such as possible or preferred upgrades and ongoing repairs and Mark will inform the Committee of Management on his findings soon.

AGM & Members' Meeting, 22nd October



It was a regular meeting attended by 24 people, plus 13 apologies, out of a membership of 67. Although it was a typical turn-out, it is still disappointing and the Committee encourages members to make an effort to attend the station's AGMs and Members' Meetings. However, those who attended provided some great questions and observations for the Committee to consider further.

The AGM, apart from the regular format of reports, passed a Special Resolution to remove Clause 15 and its subsections prohibiting an office-bearer from holding a position for more than two years in succession.

Following on from the AGM it became clear that it would be handy to acquire a hands-free mic so that the audience could hear proceedings more easily so this will be researched and costed.

Members' Meeting Highlights:

- ┌┐ The outgoing President, Kevin Mason, had stepped into the role at short notice and went on, as he recounted, to preside over a very pro-active, consultative Committee of Management. As the incoming President, Matt Bryant thanked Kevin for his service to the station (again, as it wasn't the first time Kevin has been President as many members will know). Matt then went on to relate how FM107.5 had become much more organised and business-like in its operations and was steadily growing, a trend he means to continue with the support of the Committee.
- ┌┐ The Treasurer, Stephen Stone reiterated that the station's financial outlook was very positive, with sponsors becoming more numerous and our accounts having passed a recent audit.
- ┌┐ Matt welcomed new members Aaron Holcombe and Jeff Rogers; their technical skills and others will be an asset to the station.
- ┌┐ It's official! Our call-sign is now 2OCW (2OrangeCentralWest) which better describes our station's geographical position, especially to those unfamiliar with NSW regions.

You are a 'Radio Nut' if... somebody drives past with the car radio blasting and you just know which station they are listening to — hopefully, your local community station!

FM107.5: The Latest Outside Broadcast



The Orange City Bowling Club invited our station (specifically with Matt and Ann-Maree as the presenters) to host an OB for their Friendship Open Day on Saturday, October 28th. Besides conducting interviews, Ann-Maree and Matt were busy putting music, sponsads and Community Service Announcements to air, plus providing a commentary on the sights and happenings going on around them. Meanwhile, to their credit, the Technical Team were unobtrusively and constantly tweaking and monitoring the equipment. A relaxed and happy atmosphere had Club members enjoying the free BBQ, dancing on the verandah to the music or just curiously observing FM107.5 volunteers operate its equipment. OBs are always stressful to organise and conduct but are also a great promotional tool for the station, so thank-you to all who helped out.

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Technical Team member, Cody Bryant, adjusts the equipment.



Waiting, waiting for the Internet connection....



After 30 minutes the Internet is accessed and Matt interviews OCBC Chairman, David Ellis, who gave entertaining insights into the Club.



Matt, OCBC Manager, Neil Southcombe, and Office Manager, Sara Swain

Ann-Maree and Matt enjoy a lively interview with Neil Southcombe, and Sara Swain



Presenters and their shows that we will miss...

Farewell to Phil Anderson as he moves back to his old , Wollongong. It hasn't been a great year health-wise for Phil so he and his wife, Carol, have sold up to receive further ongoing support from family and friends. FM107.5 will be the poorer for Phil's absence as he has been an active participant and supporter of this station, on-air, in committee as an executive member and as a member.

Programmes New and Gone

- Have you caught Peter Holmes' show, Big City Talk, yet? Peter is up to his old tricks with his alter ego, Sol Rubenstein, between 8pm and 10pm on Wednesdays confounding, delighting and surprising his listeners. It's not the first time around for Sol as he enjoyed doing the same in the early 1980s on FM2RRR.
- Unfortunately, Phil Anderson will not be returning to the air-waves due to recurring ill health.
- It's only a matter of time before Rick Nash has his own show; Rick is as keen as mustard. Meanwhile, Doug Tilley has taken him under his wing and is guiding him through the protocols and skills needed during his own shows.



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