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Newsletter January 2022

Message from the Chairman

Happy New Year!

It was great to see so many members at our Annual General Meeting in December. We received the audited accounts of the last two years of Orange Community Broadcasters as an incorporated association to 30th June 2021 and ushered in the new era as a charity and a company limited by guarantee. We thanked retiring President, Richard Hattersley and retiring Board member Gerry Faulkner.

Since the AGM, long serving Committee of Management and Board member, Tina Hernando, has decided to leave the Board of Directors and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Tina for her dedicated service to the radio station Committee of Management over 8 years, including being Secretary and Vice-President, and for persevering through the ups and downs!

The Board of Directors is now:

Amanda Spalding

Chairman and Treasurer

Darrell Hair

Secretary and Public Officer

Graeme Renaud, Jon Carter, Mark Vale

Directors

We have a vacancy for a director on the Board and the Secretary welcomes nominations.

The first Board meeting of 2022 was held on Monday 17th January and future meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6p.m. so the next meeting will be on Monday 21st February.

We have started to draft a strategic plan that is being sent to members for comments. It is important to have a strategic plan to improve our success rate in applying for grants; it is also an opportunity to engage with stakeholders, sponsors and members, and guides the direction of the company.

FM107.5 has been invited to broadcast at Orange's Australia Day celebrations at Cook Park from 8a.m. to 12 noon. We need volunteers to help with the broadcast and the community engagement on the day, so please contact Darrell if you can assist.

Cheers,

Amanda Spalding



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Newest Presenters

Welcome to our newest presenters:

JAM Orange

JAM Orange presenters Mark and Suzy Welch present their program on Friday evenings 6 – 7p.m. to showcase live music around the Central West.

Juri Kimura

Juri's program is 9-12 on Wednesday mornings and is a mix of modern music, (as she is younger than most of our presenters), with a bit of nostalgia.

Rey Olano

Rey presents one of our Filipino programs, on Wednesday evenings 5-7p.m. and has a huge following both in the Philippines and the Central West!

Finance Report

The first 6 months of the current financial year have resulted in a small profit before capital costs of work on the aerial on Mount Canobolas. We have achieved very little sponsorship so far this year and need to redouble our efforts to achieve our budget of \$25,000 in sponsorship each year. Surplus equipment is being sold to achieve additional income. The bank balance is currently \$35,962.



Featured Presenter of the Month – Tina Hernando

This is a new feature that gives us all the opportunity to get to know our presenters better and what they offer to our listeners and to our organisation.



Tina lives in Orange and has been a volunteer presenter for FM107.5 for nine years. She has served on the Committee of Management and Board of Directors for eight of those years and has been the Secretary and Vice-President.

Before she retired, Tina was a Court Reporter in the Federal and State Courts in all jurisdictions and levels in Sydney and Parramatta.

Tina presents two shows on Monday and Wednesday 3 – 5p.m. She describes her shows as:

'Smooth Jazz on Mondays. I discovered smooth jazz only 10 years ago when I lived in Sydney. I thought it would be nice to bring this type of music to the Central West. I have connections in America where smooth jazz is very popular and they send me music for my programme.

On Wednesdays I like to play whatever takes my fancy. I was influenced by my parents in the love of music and song, so it's nice to be able to bring their era of music to our older audience, plus it reminds me of happier times'.

Tina says: 'I get to play what music I like, that's the best part. I have met some wonderful people along the way, and it is interesting to talk with them because they have interesting backgrounds. I have learnt so much about the music industry and a lot of technical things too and I find this very interesting. It's good to keep the mind occupied with new things.

To improve the radio station, it would be great if we had some younger presenters. I realise they have to work but maybe they could broadcast at the weekends. Having said that, we are very lucky to have the presenters we have, who volunteer their time to make FM107.5 a great radio station.

Everybody should serve on the Committee of Management (The Board as it is now). It gives one an insight into the workings of the radio station. We need more volunteers to help out when work needs to be done, for example, volunteering to help out at the BBQ at Bunnings, this will bring in much needed finances. Don't be afraid to stand up and help.'



Draft Strategic Plan 2022 – 2027

The Board of Directors has started to develop a Strategic Plan and would love to receive comments and suggestions from members about the Plan. The draft Plan is being sent out with this Newsletter. Please read it and make your suggestions for any additions, deletions or changes to secretary@fm1075.com.au

The draft Plan proposes 6 goals and the Board decided to establish 5 Committees to develop the Action Plan for each goal to make up the five year plan and develop the Business Plan for 2022/2023.

Please nominate to be a member of one or more of the Committees to secretary@fm1075.com.au and the Chairs of the Committees will call meetings as soon as possible so that we can complete the Strategic Plan to support the current round of grant applications to the Community Broadcasting Foundation.

Committees

GOAL 1: Sound Governance – Chair Darrell Hair

GOAL 2: Finances, Funding & Sponsorship and GOAL 3: Community Engagement, Publicity & Profile Raising – Chair Amanda Spalding

GOAL 4: Members & Volunteers – Chair Amanda Spalding

GOAL 5: Management & Programming – Chair Mark Vale

GOAL 6: Technical and Asset Management – Chair Graeme Renaud

Volunteers Needed

We need all members to recruit sponsors and we are looking for volunteers to take on the following responsibilities:

Website

Social Media

Monthly Newsletter

Program Guide