



A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

Welcome to Fleurieu FM's 1st quarter of 2024 newsletter to members....how time flies!

Starting where I last left off, it was wonderful to see so many members at our year end barbeque held on Saturday 16th December at the station. This occasion was in keeping with my promise of connecting more closely with our membership base. Just a few days after that, we did an outside broadcast from the Normanville New Year's Eve Pageant event. I am not exaggerating when calling this a blockbuster event for our station! The setting was just magnificent overlooking the ocean just metres away, we had a prime position facing the sprawling lawns on which people had gathered....literally thousands of them! And, importantly, we were the only source of music entertainment for the attendees. Your Board also seized the opportunity to showcase our partnership with our sponsors Bendigo Bank and Lollies and More. Because FFM's van could not make the trip due to mechanical problems, Bendigo Bank provided their corporate canopy to provide shade for our presenters (Sandie and Tod) while Lollies and More provided a tub full of their products as treats for children (and some adults, may I add!)

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EASTER BUNNY (EB for short)
"a Cool Dude" will he visit
Fleurieu FM Radio Station?



A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN cont'd

You have probably seen the photos on the station's noticeboard. Thank you to Ian and Sue for transporting our gear in their SUVs and of course to Jim who did his usual magic to keep a good quality signal going. To be able to continue doing outside broadcasts, we need presenters (and helpers) to volunteer for these tasks, so please continue assisting with this.

We now have a brand-new website designed by Martin Francis. It was a big task, therefore, thank you Martin! Martin has also been actively busy improving our Facebook presence and there has been a noticeable increase in the number of postings. Ultimately, we also want to put some podcasts out there to lift our profile further.

Our main income stream is our sponsors and there have been some gains, but also some losses. The current challenging economic environment has made it a lot harder to retain sponsors and the bottom-line is that we can't take any of them for granted. Please remember this every time you play a "cart" of promos on the quarter hour when presenting your program. I have left the detail pertaining to sponsor 'movements' to Dale, but I will mention that it is part of our strategy to "own" the local promotional space as far as the 'political side' is concerned. It was therefore very satisfying when we succeeded in getting Mr David Basham MP for Finnis to sign up with us as a "proud supporter" (note: legislation prevents us from calling him a "proud sponsor" on air).

During the past quarter, there have also been some setbacks. To name one, our Strathalbyn transmission system suffered damage from a lightning strike. It was off air for longer than we would have liked, but we had to wait for an insurance claim, replacement parts to arrive, and last but not least, an emergency grant from CBF (Community Broadcasting Foundation). Thank you to Sue Lake who has been working on creating the relationship between us and CBF and was successful in getting us this grant from CBF.

New presenter Maree Phillips has gone through training and is now presenting her own program in the Wednesday 12-2 pm slot. We remain short on presenters though, so please tell anyone you know who could potentially be a new presenter with us about what a great thing this is to do.

Our members are the heart and soul of FFM and therefore, thank you very much again for what you are contributing to FFM.

Best wishes, Johan Bruwer



A WORD FROM OUR VICE CHAIRMAN:

Hello to our Fleurieu FM community, locally and globally.

Firstly, thanks to the previous board, which Chris chaired through the pandemic. I also thank all with previous station experience who have offered advice, and members for accepting me as vice chairman to the new board.

Continued work with all sponsors is ongoing. There are still many ideas and aspirations we hope to achieve.

Looking forward to the future and sustainability of Fleurieu FM.

Dale ST



OUR VICE CHAIRMAN DALE





Station News



ANZAC DAY

On Thursday, April 25 gather at 5.30am for the dawn service at Soldiers Memorial Gardens in Flinders Parade, Victor Harbor.

The service commences at 5.45am sharp at the Cross of Sacrifice.

This will be followed by a gunfire breakfast in the gardens at 6.45am donated by Lions Club of Victor Harbor & Port Elliot.

The clubrooms in George Main Road will be open from 7am and there will be two up during the morning.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Firstly, I would like to say how nice it is to have a newsletter once again.

I enjoyed the recipe from the December issue (which I tried) and look forward to trying more.

Presenter profile and Horoscope are good too. It's really nice to know a little bit about the people you listen to. Gives you the feeling of being part of the fleurieu fm "family".

Keep up the good work.

A devoted listener from Port Elliot.

Marianne

PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTER TO THE EDITOR TO THE RADIO

STATION OR EMAIL TO:

secretary@fleurieufm.org.au



It is with a sad and heavy heart that we report the passing of one of our lifetime members Mr. Neil Pratt. Neil was one of our inaugural presenters and along with his wife Helen, presented their radio shows for many, many years. Not to mention introducing their daughter Di to the magic of radio. Dizzy (as she is affectionately known) presents

"The Album Show" with her husband Geoff, to this day. We send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Neil. He will never be forgotten.



PRESENTER PROFILE

JIM BICKERS

From **Auto Technician OR Motor Mechanic** in my language to Radio! That's where I started in 1974 but had to call it quits after all those years of utter enjoyment of my job.

Before I came to Victor Harbor I was an active volunteer in Computer Training. Now the question was "what do I do now?" What could satisfy my curiosity and fulfil my desire to utilise my flair for teaching and fixing things? The answer was obvious - **Radio!**



On 5/7/13 my Friday night Classic Soul show began. To say I was nervous would have been an understatement I was as nervous as nervous could be.

Also, I was able to transfer my skills to the installation and upkeep of the electronic equipment and general maintenance at the station. Which I still do to this day. As a music buff Community Radio is perfect for me. I have a large LP/CD collection and get to play all my favourite Classic Soul/Motown hits and rarities on Friday evenings and, with my Baby Boomer show every Tuesday afternoon playing the best Pop/Rock/Beat music from the 50s-up, satisfaction is guaranteed for everyone.



Catch my shows:

MONDAY	2 – 4 PM	SOUL STREET
TUESDAY	2 – 4 PM	BABY BOOMERS SHOW
FRIDAY	8 – 10 PM	CLASSIC SOUL SHOW



Fleurieu fm furry friends' family

Hello everyone. My Name is Godrich 11 affectionately nicknamed "Twoey". I am an incredibly special young man because it is my job to keep Di and Geoff (my human Mum and Dad) on their toes. You see I love bird seed and so try to climb the tree to get it from the bird feeder. Mind you, I like all sorts of food, as goats do. I like my vegetables really fresh and so break into the vegie patch at any given opportunity for a feed.... I love being fussed over and cannot get enough pats and snuggles especially from children. I have a large home in Macclesfield which I share with Sultan the dog.

I love being a Fleurieu FM Furry Friend

GODRICH 2ND
"Twoey"



A baby goat is called a kid, but did you know that a goat giving birth is said to be "kidding"? (NO I'M SERIOUS!)

I would like to be a member of Fleurieu fm furry friends' family:

HUMAN MUM OR DAD'S NAME _____
MY NAME: _____ AGE: _____ BREED: _____
COLOUR: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Pleaser fill in above and return to secretary@fleurieufm.org.au or
post to: Secretary, Fleurieu FM Com. Radio, 18 Seaview Road, VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211



HORROR SCOPE



Aries dates

March 21 – April 19

Aries people are passionate motivated and confident.

Uncomplicate and direct in their approach, they often get frustrated by exhaustive details and unnecessary nuances.



Taurus dates

April 20 – May 20

Tauran's, like the bull that represents them, are known to be intelligent, dependable, hardworking, dedicated, and stubborn.



Gemini dates

May 21 – June 20

Gemini people are gentle, affectionate, curious, and adaptable. They have an ability to learn quickly and exchange ideas. Their weaknesses are: Nervous, inconsistent, and indecisive.



Jeffrey Korswagen
Andy Lee
Dale ST
Sandie Sierke
Maria Prus-
Grzybowski
Ian Totty
Peter Jennings
Johan Bruwer



RECIPE



5 MINUTES CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

Ingredients

- 4 Teaspoons Flour
- Teaspoon sugar
- 2 Teaspoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 teaspoons oil
- 3 teaspoons chocolate chips (optional)
- A small splash of vanilla essence
- 1 large coffee mug

DIRECTIONS:

Add all dry ingredients to mug, mix well.
Add egg and mix thoroughly.
Pour in milk and mix well.
Add the chocolate and vanilla and mix again.

Put mug into microwave and cook for 3 minutes on high.

The cake will rise over the top of the mug...**DON'T BE
ALARMED**

Allow to cool a little and turn out onto a plate.

CHOCOLATE CAKE ANYTIME IN 5 MINUTES





EASTER AND BEYOND



Well Christmas and the New Year have been and gone and we all seem to have “weathered the storm” so to speak. A huge thank you to all of you who have put in extra time and effort to fill vacant spots. Once again reinforcing the amazing Fleurieu FM Family we have. - Of course, Easter is upon us in this issue with Good Friday on **March 29th** and Easter Sunday on **March 31st**.

I hope that everyone has a good Easter, and that the Easter Bunny is good to you all. Moving on though, I would like to welcome the new members that have joined our “merry throng” especially those of you who are going to be presenting your own shows. It is a wonderful way to give back to the community and I can honestly say, it’s one of the best things that I have ever done. Especially when you have listeners tuning in to your show and sending in SMS messages. Your very own “Fan Club”.



The Editor