

Coast News

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88.7 Adelaide's Coast FM



COAST FM AGM 2020

Coast FM held its Annual General Meeting at the Plympton/Glenelg RSL Hall on Monday December 7, 2020.

Keeping to a strict cap on numbers, we used both the hall and bar areas of the RSL with audio through the PA and a big screen.

64 members were present to hear an overview of our challenging year and to elect a new Board of Directors for 2021. A great turnout.



John Morrissey, Geoff Groth, Peter Metzger, Russell Gallman, Ron Bellman, Katie Constantinides, Julie Reynolds and Dave Gabel were elected to the Board and are preparing to get together to decide how to tackle the year ahead. More news to follow!

Two awards were given for Volunteer Of The Year 2020 - the first for group achievement, recognising an outstanding effort during the Covid-19 threat, to Coast FM's Technical Committee,

chaired by **Andrew Coombs**. The Volunteer Of The Year award went to our Facebook Co-ordinator **Peter Thompson**. Congratulations! Thank you to **Phil Davis** for arranging the trophies and also donating the cost of the trophies, much appreciated.



Shiona Marks presented awards won by Coast FM at the recent **SACBA Bilby Awards**, celebrating fine work in community broadcasting. The award for Excellence in Coverage of Sport was won by **Motochat** and accepted by Cathy Lux, Harald Lindemann and Ebi Lux.

We also received a Runner Up award for Best Sponsorship Message for **Noel's Caravans**, accepted (above) by **Brenton Marks, Brenton Montgomery and Brian Vercoe**. Well done everyone!

Outgoing Board Secretary
Anastasia Debono



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Marketing News

Like many organizations, Adelaide's Coast FM's fundraising and promotional activities have been affected by the virus.

On Thursday 8th October our Sports Cap presenters conducted a hugely successful OB from the Flinders Park Cricket Club which was a great credit to them as three of them had never been involved in an OB before and there were many people there to witness the event.

A new sponsor, Oceanique a restaurant, located at the Adelaide Sailing Club West Beach began their campaign during the Wed. Coast Magazine. Within an hour Leticia from Oceanique told us a couple had arrived for lunch having just heard the sponsorship announcements on Coast FM.

Guest Speaker invitations talking about the history of Community radio continue to arrive and Rob McLennan has already been booked for next year.

Chairman's Report

Although this year has been a challenge, we have managed to keep our broadcasting live and local 24/7 throughout the pandemic. To all the presenters – a personal thanks for your dedication.

One of the most loved presenters at Coast, Lynne Cavanagh left the station recently. Her work with the Board, fundraising, event planning, training, etc, has been instrumental to the station's success. Also serving this past period: Carin Montgomery and Nigel Preston. Paul Bartley assisted by taking on the role of Honorary Treasurer.

David Thalbourne stepped down from his role as Chairman in September. His decades of experience and his devotion to Coast FM are not easily replaced and he is dearly missed.

Rob McLennan has seized every opportunity to exercise his Marketing and Production muscles. Then there are Rod Cranwell (Board Liaison Technical) and Peter Bercys (WH&S). Their wealth of knowledge has seen us sail through some rough waters when we were thrown the Covid curveball. Thanks to the Sponsorship team of Brenton Montgomery and David Byrne. They go to great lengths to keep us going, It's reassuring to have this kind of firepower behind you during tough times.

Our gratitude goes out to all our sponsors, more important now than ever. We have managed to hold on to our good standing thanks to these supporters and our membership.

Thanks to Peter Bercys for Managing our restroom upgrades and the City Of Marion for enabling this to happen.

Sponsorship News

Covid19 seriously affected our income from sponsorship which is the radio station's main source of income.

Our two sales agents, David and Brenton continued to work hard on our behalf and have been able to sign up some new clients. David also volunteers to be the editor of this newsletter and Brenton presents the very popular Thursday Drive.

Channel 7 renewed their very important sponsorship relationship. New signings included Solitaire Auto Group, sponsoring Thursday Drive and Pony & Cole Cafe sponsoring Bevan's Those Were The Daze on Wednesdays. Two other sponsors have renewed their sponsorship contracts - Oceanique who sponsor Wed. Coast Magazine and T & C Services who sponsor Friday Breakfast.

We would be very grateful if you are in a position to recommend a potential client to David or Brenton.

Rob McLennan, Marketing and Sponsorship

With the departure of Carin and Lynne from the BOM, Anastasia Debono was asked to become Secretary. Her professionalism contributed to the smooth running of the Board. Taking on the role of Acting Chairperson was not an easy decision for me but we really made it work. Sincere thanks to the Programming Committee and Bruce Hartley for meeting all the challenges thrown at us this year and coming out on top.

Our Tech Committee, Andrew Coombs and Ray Pryor have put in a huge amount of hours to keep our studios running, sanitised and safe. Assistance was also provided by Bevan Wilckens and Stuart Shaw.

Deborah Reeve our Office Co-Ordinator has been a real trouper this year, being proactive in dealing with the threat of the pandemic.

Thank you to Coast's office volunteers Kathy Inglis, Dorrie Lowe, Geoff Groth, Ludmila Maystrenko, Joy Hailes, Bob Lindow, Peter Metzger, Bevan Wilckens, Ian Ryan, Peter Teagle and David Antonello.

Les Sobieraj has been assisting wherever needed as well as chairing this year's Training Committee. A sincere thanks goes to our legal representative Ron Bellman and our Patron Federal MP Steve Georganas

Through it all, Coast FM has continued to be a source of information, entertainment and comfort.

Our listener numbers have increased, our membership has grown and our standard in community broadcasting kept high. Thanks to every one of you for your support.

John Morrissey, Acting Chair

Program News

The Programming Committee has continued its journey towards the 'new normal' with some relaxation of the number of persons allowed in the studio, but still maintaining health guidelines as indicated by Government regulations and our own Work Health and Safety Officer Peter Bercys. The PC have been busy with a number of auditions for vacant programs and we have had some very good presenters audition for these time slots.

Recently awarded programs go to Julie Reynolds - Saturday Morning, Lisa C - Sunday Morning and Russell Gallman - Wednesday Drive.

The committee has shown a great desire to improve presenter skills and recently Les Sobieraj (Training) and Andrew Coombs (Technical), each presented a segment at the last two PC meetings. The intention of the PC is to have presenters who are capable of filling time slots that may not be their usual and to give newer presenters the skills to apply for primetime programs when they become available.

Fill ins for the months of September were 38, while October at 56 was the highest number of fill ins in a single month so far this year. With new presenters in training it will be a welcome change to have the early hours now open for training purposes and for some of our fill in presenters getting a break.

We look forward to seeing some new faces in the studios and hearing some new voices on the air waves.

As we move towards the end of the year we are looking forward to hearing the new presenters on air. and for the PC to maintain its level of commitment, experience and dedication to the station and to thank them for their support, and encouragement over the year particularly through the health regime that the station has had to follow.

We wish all presenters, volunteers and office staff a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bruce Hartley, Programming Committee Chair

Presenter Profiles



Hello - I'm **Anastasia Debono**, presenter at Adelaide's 88.7 Coast FM.

What don't I love about Coast FM? I've been a mad keen listener for

over 10 years, heard the on-air promo for the presenter's course and was lucky to nab a place in the March 2019 course.

Since graduating I've been on-air every week, mostly overnight and when someone's brave enough to offer me a fill-in!

I get to play the music I love - Elvis, J O'K, Bobby Darin and Dean Martin feature regularly on my playlists and I'm well-known for coming up with some obscure beauties too.

it's been really great getting to learn about the other side of community radio and working with the amazing Coast FM volunteer team.

We're an interesting bunch, that's for sure. Stay tuned!



Hi, my name is **Russell Gallman**, married for 40 years to Sarah and with 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

I am a retired Registered

Nurse, having spent the last 30 years working as a home visiting District Nurse.

After a year of early morning radio I now have a daytime role as presenter of the Wednesday Drive Show. I was lucky enough to win the role from tough opposition and look forward to improving my skills.

I have eclectic tastes in music, which will find me at the Adelaide Symphony one week, a Beatbox show the next. I do lean towards 60s and 70s rock and roll music but Swing, Blues, Trad Jazz and Big Band grab me too.

Community radio gives me an opportunity to lead a useful retirement and in an area that is new and fun, while meeting new people.



My name is **Lisa C** and I have been a presenter at 88.7 Coast FM since mid-2019.

My timeslot now is the Sunday morning program

from 9am - Middy, aptly named 'Easy, Like Sunday Morning'

I have played piano since I was very young and later the drums. Having older siblings I was introduced to all types of music from the '50s, '60s and 70's from the day I was born... I have a photo of myself at 3 years old wearing an Angels t-shirt.

I love all types of music - heavy metal to opera. Some of my favourites are Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin, The Doors, Queen, Cat Stevens, music from The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Grease, Annie & A Chorus Line.

I am proud of what I have achieved so far and love being part of the Coast FM family.

I can see myself behind the microphone at 88.7 for many years to come.

LIVE OB 8/10/20



On Thursday night 8th of October, Sportscap undertook a Live Outside Broadcast from the **FLINDERS PARK CRICKET CLUB** to celebrate the opening of the 2020/21 Season. We heard from Presidents, Coaches, Captains and more. It was the first time we live streamed to Facebook (thank you Sara Ebert) and received a great response from many of our followers. Special thanks to our wonderful technical team (Andrew and Ray) on site and in the studio and Gary Clark for crossovers. We would like to thank the Presenters, Volunteers and Members who supported this evening and enjoyed the Flinders Park Cricket club's hospitality.

Santa's Toy Run OB 13/12/20

Since the inception of the program "Motochat" in 2016, Coast FM have done an Outside Broadcast from Victoria Park in conjunction with the MRA Toy Run. For the first 4 years it was a 1-hour broadcast but this year in agreement with Lisa C we decided to present her "Easy Like Sunday Morning" from the venue.

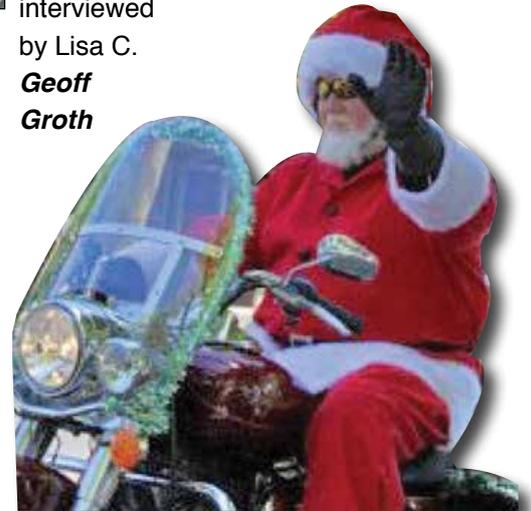


Traditionally the Toy Run starts with motorcyclists dropping off donations at the Vinnies tent, then amassing on the Grand Prix track for a group ride to Callington Oval via the South Eastern Freeway. This year due to COVID-19 the event was reduced to motorcyclists dropping off donations at the Vinnies tent then dispersing.

Many motorcycle clubs arrived as a club, left their donation and went on their usual club run. With all outside broadcasts we are at the mercy of the elements

and Sunday's conditions were blustery. We were able to position the Coast FM marquee out of the wind in front of the historic grandstand. We had a few early teething problems but with the help of our Tech Guru, Andrew Coombs we went to air. To say Lisa C. was a little nervous about her first OB would be an understatement BUT once the mic. key was pressed, she became a seasoned professional. Cathy Lux, Motochat co-presenter and MRA Toy Run organiser, had organised interviews for the morning and as you can see from the photo, Peter Malinauskas, Leader of the Opposition, took the chance to be interviewed by Lisa C.

Geoff Groth



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