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June 2023 Edition

The STA Management Committee had a break over the Festive Season of 2022/2023 for the month of January in readiness for a busy year ahead and look, it is now June already.

Our Christmas draw for 2022 of the Brass Monkey Fridge Freezer and 2 hams were very popular with our listeners with Laurie winning the Fridge Freezer and Christine and Thelma taking home the hams.

Gerry Taveira, our full-time Presenter, who also compiles the local news, took a much-deserved break in January for 3 weeks. January is always a quiet month for radio, especially in relation to news, so Management decided to pause local news until his return and only issued breaking news as it occurred. Our volunteer presenters filled in the Breakfast Show in his absence.

Black Summer Fire Recovery Grant Progress

- **Generator:** An update on the generator at the Transmission hut, the slab has been laid by Inverell Shire Council. John Ditchfield is erecting a buffer wall on the edge of the slab facing the Gwydir Highway to prevent noise for the residents across the highway; it will also have a roof over the generator. Once this work is complete and the generator has been bolted to the slab, the generator will be commissioned giving us a backup in case of blackouts. The generator will automatically kick in in the event we have a blackout.



The generator (front and side view) as it stands now and we are awaiting it to be commissioned and for the buffer wall and roof to be erected.

We have also optioned to have a smart meter installed at the tower to enable us to have accurate electricity costs.

- **Kitchen at Studio:** We are in the process of replacing our current kitchen area to make it more functional for our needs as well as making it soundproof from the studios, especially when meetings are being held in that area. We have gained approval from our landlord and will be commencing with this refurbishment in the very near future.
- **Web page:** We have engaged a web designer to complete the Webpage, which was only 40% complete and lots of exciting things in relation to the page will be evident once this has been completed.

OB Van

We were able to do the ANZAC Day live broadcast from the Inverell Cenotaph again this year. We have, however, had some technical issues with the caravan, mainly transmission issues, hence, the reason we were unable to broadcast live from the Motor Show at the Transport Museum last month.

Membership Promotion 2023

Our Sales and Marketing Representative, John Shaw, visited our sponsors to see if they would be willing to donate to a Friday morning Members' Wheel for a chance of one member to receive a weekly prize. We initially thought we would do this over a 3-month period but we have enough to last well into the latter half of the year. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from our sponsors with over \$3000.00 prizes donated and we wish to thank them all. This promotion has also proven to be a great success with an increase of over 100% membership and we would like to welcome our new members to the family.

It is now several weeks into the promotion and there have been very happy faces from members as they come into the office to collect their prizes and you never know, you might be the next one!!

STA FM Survey

STA FM is currently conducting a survey so we can get some idea from our listeners on what they would like to improve our station and feedback about what we are doing here at STA FM. The survey will conclude on Friday 16th June.

Once the results are back, the Management Committee will go through the results and compile where we need to head into the future and where, if required, we need to do better than what we are currently doing.

Presenters

There have been changes to our Presenter line-up, we welcome our new Presenter, Louis Ramos, to our Saturday night program. We also welcome the return of Peter J on Wednesday nights from 6pm, Jo Vine on Tuesday afternoon from 12noon and Pam Austin, but you would remember her as Pammy Bush, on Saturday afternoon from 3pm. How lucky are we to have such talent for our Radio Station. Welcome and a welcome back to you all!!

Visit

On Friday, 9th June, we were fortunate to have a visit to our All STA Breakfast program with Gerry for the final hour, 8am to 9am, from Amber Dennis, a super fan of STA FM who is living with cerebral palsy along with her



Support Worker, Jannine Ball. As part of her program, she needs to get out into the community and this was one

of her wishes to come to the studio to see how it all worked. Amber requested her songs by her favourite artists, ABBA and Taylor Swift. She assisted Gerry by spinning the Friday Members' Wheel.

Amber was welcomed to the studio by Gerry and Mal. Mal presented her a STA FM bag along with some stickers.

We hope that there will be more occasions for her to visit.



Up and coming Activities

- **Youth Radio Program** – In August we will be hosting a Youth Radio program for students aged between 14-24 years over of 4-week period. During this time the students will cover skills on microphone technique, voice training and coaching, music selection, marketing and recording and production techniques.
- **STA FM Featuring in Regional Lifestyle magazine** – Summer Edition – John Shaw will be interviewing Elizabeth Tickle and we will be having a photographer coming in to the studio photograph ready for that edition.
- **Motormania** at the Pioneer Village in August.
- **Legacy Torch Relay** – to be held on 28th June 2023