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STA TATTLER

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Sta Fm would like to wish all our members a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Sta Fm has a new email address admin@stafm.com.au and a new website www.stafm.com.au

East Rotary Club Tour

On Tuesday, 26th September 2023 between the hours of 5.30pm to 7.30pm, we had the pleasure to be able to hold a tour of our studios to 3 groups of 8 with members of the East Rotary Club. Everyone was extremely pleased with the setup we have here at STA FM. Stuart Hill and Brian Steiger were amazed with how far we have come since our beginning. They were involved with starting and setting up our original studio in Otho Street all those years ago. After the tours, Mal Really and the group then proceeded to dinner where the questions and discussions continued.



Youth Radio Program

September 1st 2023 saw the wrap up of a four-week course that Sta Fm conducted teaching young people the "ins and outs" of the radio industry. This program was funded by the Australian Government under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Fund. Mal Really and John Shaw worked with the participants over the four-week period with the course including voice overs, music selection, vocal tips and recording techniques. Mal was impressed with the youngsters for being willing to get outside their comfort zone and try something new. Over the four weeks the youth's confidence increased to the point where they became quite comfortable in the studio. A couple of the students have had their voice overs go to air and are keen to keep working with the Sta Fm team into the future. Casimir Marshall enjoyed his time with Sta Fm so much that he came back to undertake a 4-day work experience program with Gerry Taveira. Casimir has a great voice for radio and we'd like to wish all the youths who participated all the best for their future endeavours.



Photo: L-R Madison Carse, Caleb Graham, Mal Really, Lorenzo Mudaliar & Casimir Marshall



Photo: L-R Gerry Taveira & Casimir Marshall

AGM and General Meeting

Our AGM followed by the General Meeting were held on Saturday 25th November 2023 at the Inverell Rugby club with a great attendance of members. The new Committee was elected with Joanne Vine taking over the role of President, Wayne Jones elected as Vice President, Sandy Swan elected as Secretary, Ashleigh Hurley elected as Treasurer along with elected Committee Members Mal Really, Dougal Cowperthwaite and Peter Jarrett.

The Generator

We are happy to announce that the generator at the transmission hut has now been commissioned and is up and running. It has definitely proven it's worth when during the last huge storm that hit Inverell our generator kicked in and kept us on air. This project was funded by the Australian Government under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Fund. A big thank you to everyone involved in helping Sta Fm achieve this.

Christmas with Sta Fm

Lots of great Christmas fun was had by Sta Fm presenters and members at our Christmas party. Our party was held at Sporties Inverell with 33 members attending. After the wet weather put a damper on our games of bowls, we did all enjoy a very delicious two course dinner. The Christmas spirit didn't stop there, our outside broadcasting van made an attendance at the 3 Inverell Lions Club Markets at Campbell Park in the lead up to Christmas, which was extremely popular with the Inverell community.



Photo: L-R Wayne Jones, Mal Really
Entertaining the market shoppers



Photo: Inverell Girl Guides with
their Leader & Sta Fm Presenter Beth
Hamilton with Louis Ramos assisting

The Inverell/Tingha Sewing for Charity and Sta Fm Christmas Toy Appeal was also a smashing success with many gifts & toys being donated and put under the tree in the Sta Fm office. The Inverell Girl Guides were just one organisation that supported the Christmas appeal by collecting aluminium cans, cashing in the cans, then using the proceeds to purchase gifts to donate to the appeal. Students from the Support Unit at Inverell High also donated gifts to the appeal. Well done to the Inverell Girl Guides and the Inverell High Student Support Unit. Also a big thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful appeal. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.



Photo: Students from the Support Unit at Inverell High

Once again this Christmas Sta Fm ran their Christmas Ham Giveaway with many hams being given out to lots of lucky winners. Congratulations to everyone who won a Christmas ham.

Sponsors

The end of the year also saw the end of our Weekly Members Wheel Draw. This was a fantastic promotion for Sta Fm generating approximately 160 new members as well as the giveaway of some incredible prizes generously donated by our sponsors. Sta Fm would like to thank all our Sponsors for their ongoing support and commitment.

Events

Sta Fm has had the privilege of being involved in numerous local events. On Saturday 21st October 2023 Sta Fm were present at the official opening of “The Farm” at 49 Hall Street, Gilgai, an amazing small piece of paradise that the Individual Ability Supports Inverell Group have spent a lot of time developing over the past 12 months. Then on Sunday 22nd October 2023 Sta Fm and the outside broadcast van were off to the Inverell Pioneer Village for the Inverell Lions Club Markets. A busy, but enjoyable weekend for the Sta Fm team. The 11th November 2023 once again saw the Sta Fm team with the outside broadcasting van attend the Eat Drink Live New England festival. Inverell was alive with celebration, with the Sta Fm team in the midst of the festivities. It is great to be out with the community to help celebrate and support our local events.

Presenters

Sta Fm sadly said good bye to one of our much loved presenters Pammy Austin. Due to personal circumstances Pammy has had to give up presenting for the time being. Let's hope that Pammy can return to us in the future. However, on a happier note, Sta Fm welcomes back a much loved presenter Leane Stewart with her country program “Travellin Through” which will broadcast every Saturday 3pm to 6pm. Welcome back Leane.

Sta Fm also welcomed two new presenters to the team.

Elly Croft - joined the Sta Fm team after completing a work experience program with Sta Fm. Elly is a Year 11 student at McIntyre High and a keen dancer and singer. You can join Elly on a Wednesday Night 6pm-9pm and on a Saturday night where she joins Louis for the Saturday Night Party Mix 6pm-9pm.



Louis Ramos - has come on board with Sta Fm as our casual Local News and Sports Journalist to provide local news each week day. Louis's position has been funded by the Australian Government under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Fund which has also assisted in the upgrade of station equipment. This grant has helped Sta Fm grow it's footprint and in turn, that helps us to attract new listeners and volunteers to keep us moving forward. You can also join Louis every Friday afternoon 3pm to 6pm for the Friday Arvo Jam and Gig Guide as well as Saturday nights for the Saturday Night Party Mix 6pm to 9pm.

Competitions

Wednesday 6th December 2023 saw the latest winner in the ***FDB's Secret Sound***. Kay Scott won \$1325.

Wednesday 27th December 2023 saw the latest winner in the ***RSM Club's Tangled Tunes***. Gary Newley won \$75.

We also have an upcoming Valentines Day competition. Commencing 1st February 2024 and running till the 14th February 2024. Callers will need to listen for a 'love song' that the presenters will play during their program which will be the cue to call in and leave their name to go into a draw for the chance to win 1 of 3 meal vouchers from the Tatts Hotel, Inverell RSM Club and Inverell Sporties.

Congratulations to all our competition winners and good luck to all our contenders.

Visitors to the Station

It is always great to have visitors come to the station. One very memorable visit on Friday 24th November 2023 was from Inverell's own country-pop singer/songwriter Melanie Dyer.



Photo: L-R Melanie Dyer, Work experience student Casimir Marshall & Sta Fm's Gerry Taveira

***The next edition of the Sta Tattler will be 1st April 2024.
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