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STA TATTLER

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Sta Fm hopes that all our members had a Safe & Happy Easter.

What's Happening at Sta Fm

Breakdown - Disaster recently struck Sta Fm when our Netbox Server decided to breakdown causing us to initially go off air for roughly 14 hours. Immediately the Sta Fm team rallied together and with the assistance of Phil Porritt were able to get Sta Fm back up and running on a temporary basis. We weren't able to put callers live to air or stream our services, but at least we were able to continue broadcasting until our Netbox Server was repaired. A big thank you to Phil Porritt & Broadcast Components for their quick response to our problem and a big thank you to all our members and listeners for your patience during this breakdown period.

Grants - It's that time of year again when Sta Fm applies for Grants. Two grants we have applied for, with the assistance of Lady Bug Projects, are the Community Broadcasting Grant and the Sapphire Wind Farm Grant. The focus on these Grants has been for the continuation of our News/Sports Journalist and for equipment and infrastructure to allow us to deepen our engagement with our members, sponsors and listeners. Fingers crossed that we receive positive outcomes for both Grants.

STARS Dance for Cancer - STARS is a community driven dance gala event. Every year, local business owners and personalities light up the dance floor to raise vital funds for Cancer Council's world class research, prevention, advocacy, information and support. Sta Fm's very own **Gerry Taveira** has been chosen this year as one of the Stars of Inverell to raise money for the Cancer Council by showing us his dance moves with dancing partner Ally McGregor. Let's all get behind Gerry by sponsoring him and supporting this worthwhile charity.

The Link to donate

<https://stars.cancercouncil.com.au/sponsor/stars-of-inverell//>

You can also donate at the front office of Sta Fm during business hours.



Photo: Gerry Taveira getting ready for his 10 weeks of dance training.

Youth Radio Presenter Bootcamp - Due to the success of last year's Radio Youth Program, Sta Fm will be running another Youth Program again this year. Aged for 14 to 24 years old, this 4 week course will run from the 7th May to the 28th May 2024. This is a great opportunity for upcoming local youths with the inspiration for a career in the Radio/Media vocation. **Mal Really** will once again be the educator for this program with assistance from **John Shaw**.

A promotional poster for the "Radio Presenter Bootcamp For Youth" program. The poster has a black background with white and yellow text. At the top, a large white speech bubble contains the text "RADIO PRESENTER BOOTCAMP FOR YOUTH". Below this, in large white letters, is "14-24 YRS". To the right, there is a list of four bullet points, each preceded by a white checkmark: "A free, hands on course in the STA FM studio", "Podcasting tips", "Recording & production techniques", and "Create voice-overs and be on-air for the final workshop". Below the list, the word "DATES:" is written in white, followed by a table of dates: "This 4-week course will be held 4pm - 5pm on:", "Tuesday 7th May", "Tuesday 14th May", "Tuesday 21st May", and "Tuesday 28th May". At the bottom, the text "REGISTER NOW" is written in large white letters. Below this, a white box contains the contact information: "Contact Christy Galbraith 0421 361 283 or email christy@ladybugprojects.com.au". In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "STA FM 91.8" featuring a green star. A photo of a young woman with brown hair, wearing a pink jacket and headphones, is positioned in the bottom center, sitting at a desk with a microphone.

Goodbye Mike - Sta Fm was sad to see **Mike Penberthy** leave to pursue other interests. Mike has decided that at the present time there are other avenues in his life that he wishes to explore. We wish Mike all the best and thank him for his support and dedication to Sta Fm.

Inverell Scout Group - Sta Fm have been invited to attend the ARP (Annual Report Presentation) of the Inverell Scout Group on Sunday 28th April 2024. This is the Inverell Scout Group's opportunity to thank the local community for their assistance and support throughout the last 12 months. It is also their opportunity to strengthen existing partnerships and forge new ones within the local community. Sta Fm looks forward to attending and is always welcoming to all local community invitations.

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate - 10kg of chocolate was recently won by Sta Fm's very own **Louis Ramos** and **Ashleigh Hurley** with a joint winning bid of \$320 now going towards the RSPCA. Louis is quoted as saying, *"I wanted this more than Ashleigh"*. All I've got to say is I hope they're going to share this with the Sta Fm team.



Photo: Sta Fm's Louis Ramos & Ashleigh Hurley

Presenters wanted - volunteer and join the fun - Here at Sta Fm we are always welcome to new presenters joining our team. If you think you have what it takes to join a great team of volunteers providing a much needed community service then put your hand up and join the team. Full training provided. For further information on becoming a presenter please contact the Sta Fm office.

Outside Broadcasts Events

THE POWER OF RADIO - Tait Automotive Inverell conducted an Open Day featuring Kubota tractors and mowers plus Hino trucks. The Expo was held at Kamilaroi Oval on Friday the 8th March 2024 and was promoted on **91.9 Sta Fm** with live interviews from the event by **John Shaw**. Congratulations to Pierre and the team at Tait Automotive for a successful open day.



Photo: Tait Automotive Open Day promoted by 91.9 Sta Fm

EASTER MOWER RACES - The Northwest Mowing Racing Association presented 2 big days of mower racing over the Easter weekend at the Inverell Speedway Reserve. The 3 categories of Super Singles, The Twins and The Outlaws made for great entertainment for spectators with 6 races in each category. Sta Fm's very own **Louis Ramos** had the privilege of being the race caller for the day.



Photo: Racing action at the Easter Mower Races

Upcoming Events

ANZAC DAY - As in previous years, Sta Fm will be broadcasting live the Inverell RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Day Commemoration, with the main service commencing at the conclusion of the March at approximately 10.45am.

Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic - 91.9 Sta Fm will be broadcasting the 2024 Squadron Energy Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic in its entirety again this year. **Mal Really** and **John Shaw** will be your hosts. Sta Fm's coverage of the race will run from 6 am until 2 pm on Saturday 27th April.

Inverell National Transport Museum - On Saturday 11th May 2024 Sta Fm will be at the Inverell National Transport Museum for a live broadcast from this venue for their Classic Motor Show. Gates open at 7.30am.

Competitions

Latest winners in the **FDB's Secret Sound**. Shirley won \$305 on the 4th March 2024 - the secret sound was compressed air. Darren won \$50 on the 15th March 2024 - the secret sound was a Ventolin puffer.

There hasn't been a winner in the **RSM Club's Tangled Tunes** since January this year. This Tangled Tunes seems to be a tough one.....keep guessing!!

The winners of our **Valentines Day** competition were:

Sheryl Cheshire - RSM Dinner Voucher



Melissa Goodworth - Sporties Dinner Voucher



Kerry Johnson - Tatts Hotel Dinner Voucher.

Congratulations to all our competition winners!!

Upcoming Competitions

Sta Fm will be running a ***Mother's Day Competition*** in May this year. Make sure you tune in to 91.9 to find out all the details on how to enter.



Our Weekly Member's Wheel draw will be commencing again later this year between October and December - ***Stay tuned for details.***



The Sta Fm team are also currently planning a Member's Keyring Promotion - ***Watch this space.***



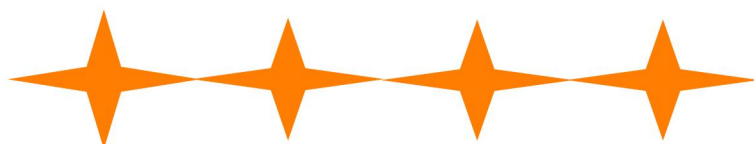
FOR SALE

2 male Maremma guardian dog pups for sale. 11 weeks old, both pups vet checked, micro-chipped and wormed. For further information please contact Jo on 0437 118 507.



LOCAL SHEEP & CATTLE DOG TRIALS

On the 4th & 5th May 2024 the Ashford Show Society are hosting local Sheep & Cattle Dog Trials at the Ashford Showground. Local entries in Open, Novice & Maiden in both cattle and sheep. BBQ, Canteen, Bar and camping facilities available. Free gate entry. For further information or entries please contact Melissa on 0427 615 002 or Derrin on 0417 626 876.



Sta Fm is always looking for any newsworthy articles for the "Tattler". If any member has any news articles, good news stories, a promotional event or item for sale, please contact Jo Vine at Sta Fm.

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