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STA TATTLER

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What's Happening at Sta Fm

Twice a year, Squadron Energy's Sapphire Wind Farm invites local community organisations to submit applications for a share of funding that can be used on equipment and infrastructure purchases, repairs and renovations, programs and events. Sta Fm, with the wonderful help of Fiona Adams & Christy Galbraith from Ladybug Projects who facilitated the grant application, were among the successful 2024 applicants that received funding. The funding received will be used to connect Sta Fm to the NBN and the purchase and set up of a visual display screen in our front window which will enhance both our technical platform and station promotions to support our listeners and sponsors.

The Management Committee, staff and all volunteer presenters thank Squadron Energy Sapphire Wind Farm for choosing Sta Fm to be one of the many local recipients of this year's funding as well as Ladybug Projects for their assistance in our grant application.

Sta Fm are looking forward to being able to facilitate the opportunity of building a stronger connection to our local community.



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Presenters - Sta Fm was sad to see **Phil Stewart** leave to pursue other interests. We wish Phil all the best and thank him for his support and dedication to Sta Fm.

Youth Radio Presenter Bootcamp - The 25th June saw another successful Sta Fm Bootcamp with Mal Really, along with the assistance of Elly Croft, hosting a 4 hour Youth Radio Bootcamp to 5 successful students from Ashford Central School. The students were given a behind-the-scenes tour, where they had the chance to witness live broadcasts, learn about radio production techniques, and gain insights into the daily operations of a studio environment. The visit builds on work the students have been completing in the classroom and is the first time the station has hosted students from Ashford Central School. Students were asked to research a local business and create their own 30-second advertisement which they rehearsed before having the opportunity to read on air. There was positive feedback from listeners tuning in and commenting that the students did a great job.

It was great to watch the students blossom throughout the day and a couple of them have indicated they are keen to return to do some work experience with Sta Fm. It's always fantastic to see young people keen to learn more about radio. Sta Fm enjoyed sharing their experience and passion for radio with the next generation of potential broadcasters.

Community radio provides a great pathway into media, marketing and communications. Ashford Central School's visit reinforces STA FM's commitment to fostering community involvement in the station and nurturing young talent in the media industry.

For more information on educational visits to STA FM or to schedule a tour for your school, please contact stafm@bigpond.com.



Photo: L-R Mal Really, Charlee, Makeely, Chloe, Elly Croft, Bailey & Isabelle.

Work Experience At Sta Fm - Sta Fm presenter Elly Croft recently completed a week's work experience at the station, experiencing "behind the scene" operations of Sta Fm from the other side of the microphone.

Sta Fm Visitors to the Studio - Mal Really recently hosted a station visit from the MC unit at MacIntyre High School. Each student had a turn behind the microphone and thoroughly enjoyed their opportunity of being a presenter.



Photo: MC Unit at McIntyre High School: Harley Fraser, Ethan Jones, Jack Davis, Brady Fraser, Ben Norman, Connor Crawford-McCoser and teacher Janita Fenton.

STARS OF INVERELL - STARS Dance for Cancer - Together the Stars & the Inverell community raised a grand total of **\$58,200.00**. That is **AWESOME!!!** Sta Breakfast host Gerry Taveira personally raised \$8,410.00 through on air auctions and a juke box fundraising segment on Sta Fm. Gerry and dance partner Abby certainly set the dance floor alight. Gerry is quoted as saying, *"To say that I was overwhelmed with the amount raised is an understatement to which I'm very humbled and grateful"*.

Sta Fm member Kerry White raised \$3,832.00 by way of a Charity Concert he held at the Inverell RSM Club. Kerry and dance partner Claudia, who taught Kerry the moves, also certainly set the dance floor on fire. Kerry is quoted as saying, *"All Stars were winners on the night. Being nominated as a Star of Inverell for Cancer Council has been a highlight of my life and it has been an honour to be part of this event"*. Both Gerry and Kerry have sent their thanks to Sta Fm and the Inverell Community for their support and generosity donating to this worthy charity.



Photo: 6th from the left - Gerry Taveira and 8th from the left - Kerry White

Outside Broadcasts Events

[Attendance at Anzac Day](#)

As in previous years STA FM conducted a live broadcast of the Inverell RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Day Commemoration. **LEST WE FORGET**



[Attendance at the Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic](#)

STA FM was once again on air with reports from start to finish along with live streaming on our website of the Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic. A huge shout out must go to John Shaw & Mal Really who spent 8 long hours covering the race.



Attendance at the National Transport Museum

Despite the weather, a day of fun was had at the National Transport Museum's Annual Classic Motor Show held on Saturday 11th May 2024. There were lots of awesome cars and bikes on display as well as the STA FM mobile broadcasting van. A huge thank you to everyone involved in the success of this great event.



Upcoming Outside Broadcast Events

The Sta Fm outside broadcast van will be in attendance at Motor Mania on Sunday 18th August 2024 at the Pioneer Village Inverell. Come on down to enjoy the music and the car show to assist raising funds for the Pioneer Village and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Gold Coin donation.

Competitions

3 lucky listeners won \$100 dinner vouchers in our Mother's Competition, compliments of the Inverell RSL Club, Inverell Sporties and the Inverell Tats Hotel.

Congratulations to **Gary Newley** who is Sta Fm's latest winner in the **FDB's Secret Sound**, winning \$355 on the 21st June 2024 for picking the correct answer of **"opening a refrigerator door"**.

The latest winner in the **RSM Club's Tangled Tunes** was **Julie Izsolt** who won the \$530 for correctly guessing the following 5 songs:

The Big Bopper - **Little Red Riding Hood**
Al Green - **I'm still in love with you**
Alannah Myle - **Black Velvet**
Al Caiola - **Calcutta**
Bo Hanna - **Jamaica**

Congratulations to all our competition winners!!

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



The Sta Fm Member's Keyring Promotion has commenced. All members renewing their membership for 2024/2025 and all new members will now receive a Member's Keyring as a ***"Thank You"*** token for your ongoing support to Sta Fm.



Here at Sta Fm we are always welcome to new volunteers 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. At STA FM, we have a range of different ways people can contribute. If anyone is interested in volunteering, they can complete an Expression of Interest at www.surveymonkey.com/r/VolunteeratSTAFM or scan the QR Code below.



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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