

'EAR IT IS': 2EARFM NEWSLETTER JULY/AUGUST 2009

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Welcome to another edition of "Ear It Is"
2EARFM's own newsletter.

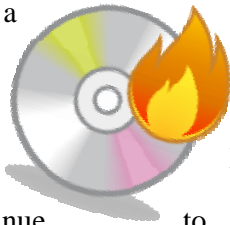
AUSTRALIAN MUSIC CONTENT (From ACMA website)

'Australian Music' is defined as any music composed or performed by a citizen or ordinary resident of Australia.

This Code of Practice reinforces the community broadcasting sector's reputation as a medium committed to developing and recognising Australian composers and/or performers by providing opportunities to have their material broadcast on a regular basis. It is crucial, given the nature of community broadcasting, for a significant proportion of local and Australian music to continue to be broadcast by community stations.

The proportion of the total number of musical items broadcast must be 'not less than 25% Australian music' and 'to be determined over one month'.

* We at 2EAR pride ourselves in promoting local artists, as well as other Australian performers on most of our programmes.



DONATIONS

If perchance you have any CDs just lying around that you are never likely to play and you want to be rid of them, perhaps you could consider donating them to the 2EAR library. Providing they are in good condition, this would help us both - you will get rid of clutter and we can extend our CD library. Give it some thought and, if you would like to do this, give the radio station a call (4474 3443) so that something can be arranged.

STUDIO STUFF

Captain Lisa & Scurvy Paul

The Show With No Name! 8pm On Friday 26th of June we had a hip-hop artist by the name of Frequency come in for a visit. Quentin featured tracks from his new album Fear and Loathing in Paradise, along with some live acapela's and a selection of music from his collection. 3rd of July saw Absence of State come in play live. This is a new, up and coming, local hard-rock band and the boys (Chris, Simon and Joel) have been busy recording their debut album, which will be coming out soon. After a whopper of a live set, they were our guest programmers for the rest of The Show With No Name - it took Scurvy Paul about 2 hours to wind down after the program! Their roadie was a big help and amazingly he was always on hand when we mentioned his name - Shanon!!!



NEW ADDITION

'Welcome to My World' presenter (Sun 9a.m to 11.30a.m) Cherie Hall takes great pleasure in announcing

the great

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birth of her granddaughter, Stephanie born on 26th 6.05pm - 7lb and 20.5in long. As you can see, she is a truly beautiful baby. Congratulations, Cherie!

Ongoing thanks to our visitors and the feedback we have been receiving.

Lastly, a huge thank-you goes out to 2 people over the last month or so... Firstly Tony and the wonderful job he has been doing with the library. Also Jan for the tasty treats she has made for us.

2EARFM 107.5 & 102.9 in the South

FIVE SIMPLE RULES TO BE HAPPY

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Margaret Perger ('Sweet Sounds From Around the World' Tues 2pm-4pm)

The biggest events in my life at the moment are that I am going to a Seniors Computing Conference in Sydney on the 18th and 19th of August and then flying on to Melbourne to visit my daughter and two gorgeous grandchildren. I'm only slightly biased.



NEW PAINT JOB

At the moment, we are in the process of having the common/reception room repainted. Everything on the walls has to be removed, holes and gaps filled and rough areas rubbed back. So don't be concerned if you see things disappearing off the walls, notice boards, etc. It is all for a good cause!



Lee Finch (Lee's Funk Show Mon 6pm – 8pm) is responsible for the painting at the studio.

He just calls himself 'Lee Finch-Painter'.

He does Interior Exterior Domestic Commercial

Details:

02 4471 7118

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COMPUTER TROUBLE

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Richard, the 11-year old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

Richard clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID Ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but

nonetheless inquired, "An, ID Ten T error?"

What's that? In case I need to fix it again."

Richard grinned. "Haven't you ever heard of an ID Ten T error before?"

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T

I used to like the little twerp.

First Radio Station

Australia's first radio station was 2SB, operated by the company Sydney Broadcasters Ltd (it later became 2BL). It operated from the same building as the controversial tabloid *Smith's Weekly*, which was affiliated with the station.

While music, mostly classical, featured heavily in the early broadcasts, it did not take radio long to rival newspapers as a source of news and live concerts and theatre as a form of entertainment.

News programmes and radio plays kept listeners riveted.

The arrival of television in the 1950s would change most stations to mainly music format but the radio refused to die in the face of the new medium, especially with the invention of more portable transistor radios.

Radio has continued to change and adapt according to modern tastes and trends and the new digital service will probably ensure that it continues well into the future.

(Daily Telegraph 6.8.09)



2EARFM 107.5 & 102.9 in the South!

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!

A laugh a day keeps the doctor away! What happens to your body when you have a good laugh? Your heart rate, blood pressure, metabolic rate and muscular tension increase, but when you stop they drop temporarily below normal and you feel relaxed. This deep feeling of relaxation lasts for about 45 minutes and some scientists say it may be beneficial in decreasing chances of heart disease, depression and high blood pressure.



...ANOTHER NEW LISTENER!

We would also like to welcome an addition to the Whitelaw family. Toby and Fiona would like to announce the arrival of **Edwina Calypso Whitelaw**. Congratulations to you both from your friends at 2EAR.

ALL THE TECH STUFF

At long last the transmitter has been installed in Narooma. After a year of enquiries about how and who does this job I finally hit pay-dirt with some information from the EAR Secretary Sue Mitchell. I was handed a contact name and a dozen manila folders bursting with paper work. I tried checking any information on equipment with the help of the internet. I first checked with my local councillor Lindsay Brown. Lindsay was great and started finding out who we needed to speak to and what may be needed to get access to the site in Narooma. It was designated to be the water tower in Hillcrest Ave North Narooma. Rob Overdyk was the council contact for this next hurdle. As it turned out he thought we had been and done the upgrade years ago!! All permits and legalities were check off and it was now down to the tricky bits.

The contact I was given was David Bradford from Towomba. Emails, phone calls and a long drive resulted in great working relationship with a very capable technical expert. It was suggested that we attach to the NSW Ambulance service mast for the antennae and share their equipment shed on the site.

Bill Tripcony from the ambulance service was very fast in putting me in touch with their tech man on the ground down this way Matt Wheat. Matt was the fastest email responder I've ever met. He did all the pre install checks of ambulance service equipment. The last thing you want is to ring 000 and get EAR..!! David did the install and switched it on, on the 6th of August 2009. Matt Wheat contacted me with the all's ok and **102.9** is broadcasting strong right down the coast at 100 watts. None of this could have been achieved without the support of the EAR management board. Over the next few weeks Mount Wandera is getting a major overhaul with some new technologies to help us out. The dead air switching unit being a real plus if things go wrong. If it detects no signal from the station it automatically switches to satellite and then reverts back to the station as soon as we make contact. New antennae are already on the way which will fix lots of ghosting and dead spots in the area of broadcast.

I'm in the process of devising a maintenance program where the whole system is check regularly and not when things breakdown. It's all looking bright for the future in stereo and clear as a bell.

Cheers Tim Burke

Technical Sub Committee



AND.....

New computers and fileserver are being installed in our Moruya studios to provide secure storage for audio files and administrative files. The audio files will include a range of music files. Still to come, are 2 new CD players – one's that play more than 23 tracks! This is great news if, like many of us, you become frustrated at not being able to play track 26 (e.g.) when presenting your programme.

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COOK'S CORNER

EASY FRUIT CAKE

1cup S.R. flour

1cup coconut

1cup dried fruit of choice

1cup brown sugar

1cup milk

Mix all together; place in greased loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven for about 45 minutes.

(Gina McFarlane 'Country Drive')

Fri 1pm -4pm

PRESENTER'S PROFILE

Norm Tongue

(Country kickoff – Saturday 6am to 9am & Upbeat, Downbeat – Thurs 8pm to 10pm)

I started at 2EAR in 1998 after moving to the area from Sheparton, Vic.

I received my training at 1FM and, on moving to the Bay, I looked in the Yellow Pages to see if there were any local community radio stations in the area. I called 2EAR and they greeted me with open arms!!

2EAR asked straight away where 'Country born! When show unexpected can you really don't just blame it on roots!



me to do a fill-in and that's Kickoff was presenting a sometimes the happen when need it to, but I my blonde

Later on, I started 'Upbeat Downbeat' on with both shows being completely different genres.

I was born in Adelaide and have 3 sisters and a brother. I was a 'mobile dj' for 30 years and still occasionally help people out.

I'm also on the 2EAR Production crew and thoroughly enjoying my time as a presenter on 2EARFM!

PRESENTERS' MEETING

All presenters should know by now that we are having a Presenters' Meeting on Sunday 23rd August at the McKay Centre in Page Street, Moruya. These meetings are a good opportunity to get together and discuss any queries and concerns we may have. So, presenters, please attend the meeting if at all possible as it's one of the rare occasions that we are all in the one place at the one time!!



SNIPPITS FROM THE EARLY DAYS

Circa 1910-15

Mr AH Wetherby, one time Moruya chemist, was the proud owner of the first Model 'T' Ford ever to appear in the town. It was brought from Tarago through Braidwood and down the Araluen Mountain.

The diff cover fell off near Araluen and they managed to repair it well enough to get them to Moruya by using lengths cut from 6 inch nails!

Countless people have reason to be grateful to Grannie Nelemes, Moruya's one-time midwife. It was said that she attended just on a thousand confinements during her long term here and never lost a mother or baby.

She lived at Long Swamp and many times walked miles to where her services were required, often through the bush with a hurricane lamp. After the birth, she would stay in the house for a week or ten days doing all the cooking, cleaning, etc., however large the family.

She had a fixed fee of one pound for the whole of these services from start to finish.



It's great when something happens to let us know that we are appreciated! Evelyn Miles (Cozy Country Saturday 9am – 12 noon) is pictured with a lovely bouquet of flowers sent to her in appreciation for the wonderful music she plays and the time and effort that goes into presenting her programme. Sent by long-time listener – Jean from Cobargo – the look on Evie's face says it all! Thank you, Jean, from all of us at 107.5 & 102.9 in the South!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All renewals of Membership for 2009/2010 are due by 01 September 09.

If you have not already done so, please return your Membership Renewal Form to PO BOX 86 Moruya NSW 2537 or renew at the Presenters' Meeting 23 August 09.