

Huon and Kingston FM

95.3 & 98.5

Annual Report 2017/18



Presidents Report

Before starting this report I would like to thank the following for their commitment to the committee.

David Milne, Rod Gray, Freddie Leech, Andy Waterhouse, David Hailes, Jim Cane, Mary Rose Dickfos, Lyn and Tom Duncan.

During the year we lost three long standing members, Ken Ashlin, Eric Fernandez and Laurence Burgin. They all contributed extensively to the station over the years. Eric was a former Treasurer and President.

It has been my pleasure to be president for the station over the past year. In February we had Good Morning Country with Kevin Walsh doing the show from the studio. The station held a meet and greet breakfast to enable listeners to meet Walshie.

At the end of last year we have seen the introduction of a newsletter thanks to the talent of both Lyn Duncan & David Milne also within this time there have been both a fund raising committee as well as a technical committee with assistance of Chris Holloway. For all people involved with those sub committee's I thank you.

The Sponsorship sub committee also gets a mention here as everyone has participated in some form.

Finances are an ongoing concern as the station runs from a tight budget.

Thankyou also to the Technical Committee along with Jim Parish and Chris Holloway for their assistance in time of need, we have had some outages due to power failure and storm damage but rectified quickly. Jim and Chris have assisted the station on a number of occasions.

Thank you to Carolyne Milne and Rod Gray as well as David Needham for programming when the station is not live on air

Thanks to Tom Duncan for all assistance on the webpage and the banner design.

In June it came to our attention that the former council meeting room upstairs in the Geeveston Town Hall could be available as a more suitable site for the station. It is still at the negotiation stage at this moment with no official decision made.

I would like to thank each and every one of you involved with being associated with the station. Because of your commitment, whether it is as simple as showing up to say "hi" or doing a program, it puts the station in a positive position for the future. We must keep pushing the boundary to keep the quality of Huon & Kingston FM at a premium level.

We are doing so much better at the station in the form of fundraising, quality of programs spanning the entire genre of music. Our "FLAGSHIP" program as we like to call it Grapevine

THE YEAR 2017/2018

Possible relocation

Huon Valley Council approached Huon and Kingston FM regarding a proposed relocation to the first floor of the Geeveston Town Hall. The Management Committee inspected the premises and resolved to investigate the proposal.

The current premises and other properties owned by the Council would be sold and the proceeds used to install a lift in the Town Hall Premises and provide funds towards the move.

On June we forwarded a list of questions and comments to Huon Valley Council to enable this matter to proceed. When a reply has been received the proposal will be fully assessed and a decision made after it has been considered and a general meeting held to discuss the possible move.

Technical Matters

The past year has seen a number of technical issues arise. The station has experienced a number of power outages generally affecting either Doody's Hill or Herringback Ridge. These outages have underlined the need to have back up power at the two transmission sites and at 10 School Road Geeveston.

Increasing Membership and Youth Membership

During the year the Management Committee considered a discussion paper looking at how we can encourage younger people to get involved in Huon and Kingston FM. A strategy has yet to be adopted to encourage the next generation of volunteers and management. There is a need to consider and implement a strategy to attract more members particularly younger people to ensure the next generation of volunteers and administration.

Sub Committees

Huon and Kingston FM has a series of sub committees but at the present time these are not functioning properly. Sub committees are a way of encouraging members to become involved in the operation of the station without taking on management responsibilities.

Strategic Plan

Work has commenced on updating and adopting an updated Strategic Plan. Mike Raine has drafted a document that will be considered and refined in the coming year.

Volunteers

A new volunteers Agreement has been adopted by the Management Committee and all volunteers will need to sign a copy. In conjunction with this the relevant station policies are being collated into a package for members.

Technical Issues

Testing carried out has shown that the transmitter at Herringback Ridge is not covering the Kingston and the Channel with an acceptable signal. The only area where the signal

TRESURER'S REPORT 2017/18

I have much pleasure in presenting the Treasurer's report for the financial year 2017/18.

Attached is the audited statement.

Last financial year saw finances steady, hovering around a balance of \$10 000 in the working account.

Income was close to budget – fundraising netting around \$10 000. However sponsorship was well down on previous years seeing a decline from \$17 000 in the 2015/16 financial year; \$14 000 in 2016/17 to \$11 000 this year.

The sponsorship dollar is difficult to source. Businesses need to be convinced that community radio is being broadcast to a wide audience and want to know numbers – something that is difficult to provide.

Without the money raised from Mitre 10 BBQ's, the station would be in an uneasy financial position. My personal thanks to all those volunteers who assist with fundraising and who see this as an important part of the station's survival.

The major outlay continues to be to Axicom for the lease of their premises/tower on Herringback Mt. the \$6 600 annual payment is offset by applying to the CBF grants program. This year's application netted almost half that outlay BUT the CBF is keen for the station to become self-sufficient with regards to its transmission costs. Applying for a morsel of their dwindling monetary pool is getting increasingly difficult.

The addition of two heat pumps proved to be a winner. The station is now warmed/cooled with reliable equipment. It was sensible to outlay this expenditure at a time with the bank balance was in a health state.

APRA and CBAA fees increased last year. This depends on the accurate information the station provides.

In conclusion I would urge volunteers to put their hand up to assist with fundraising – just a few hours at the BBQ helps. And everyone should be on the lookout for businesses to sponsor the station and I would like to thank those volunteers, especially Andy Waterhouse, who have done so.