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## **RADIO MANSFIELD 99.7FM NEWSLETTER**

### **April 2017**

We plan to provide a quarterly newsletter and circulate it to all our supporters and sponsors. (It is 4 months since the last one but 4 out of 3 people are bad at maths!!)

In each newsletter we plan to provide the latest news of what we are up to, details of upcoming events, a presenter profile, a program profile and a sponsor profile.

#### **News Update**

Our outside broadcast van will be retired this year as it structurally cannot handle the road trips to events any more. We are currently looking for another van and which will undergo modification so it should be ready for our next OB later in the year.

Soon 3 high school students will be starting training and it is great to see more young people becoming involved in radio. Two new people have joined our crew. Ray Seldrick as both technical and committee member and Miriam Zolin from the Mansfield Art Gallery who is about to undergo training to present an arts program. Both have experience in radio and we welcome them as they will be a great asset to the station.

Kathy Octigan and Linda Tiberi have just started a new breakfast show Thursday Throwback every Thursday morning from 7am.

We are always looking for new presenters to add to our variety of programs. If you, or your friends, love music and would love to share it with our community, why not consider becoming a presenter? We provide training and you will be surprised how much fun it is – especially when someone comes up to you in the street and says “I loved your show!”

#### **Community Engagement Survey**

It is a privilege to have a community broadcasting licence, so every 5 years community radio stations must renew their licences. Radio Mansfield has to renew ours this year. It is not a simple task. We have to supply a wealth of information to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

which includes our connections with the community, financial and other information.

As part of this process we will be conducting a Community Engagement Survey and we want to hear from you! As a community radio station we are all about serving the Mansfield community, and we want to know your thoughts, comments and ideas to help shape our future.

We'd like our listeners to take part in a short online survey that will help us get to know you better. The results of this survey will assist us in continuing to be the best possible station we can be, in service of our valued community. Please encourage your friends and family to participate.

All participants will go in a draw to win a \$200 voucher to spend at our sponsors, Marks IGA. But there's more! Any participant who also joins up as a member/supporter during April will be in a draw to win an extra \$100 voucher.

Many community groups do not realize that they can promote their events on community radio for free. If you are part of a community group please remind you committee of this fact. It's easy, just email your information to us at [enquiries@radimansfield.org.au](mailto:enquiries@radimansfield.org.au)

You can follow Radio Mansfield 99.7FM on our social media links.

These include our:

Facebook page [www.facebook.com/radiomansfield](https://www.facebook.com/radiomansfield)

Twitter [www.twitter/radiomansfield](https://www.twitter/radiomansfield)

Website [www.radiomansfield.org.au](http://www.radiomansfield.org.au)

All our programs are streamed through our website or Tune In Radio

Our program guide now includes a QR code enabling people to connect directly to our website.



### **Presenter Profile - Margaret Seeber**

Marg was born in Myrtleford in May 1947 and grew up on her Grandfathers hop farm. She has three brothers and a sister Val Wedlock who also presents a show on Radio Mansfield 99.7FM.

She shifted to Powlett River near Wonthaggi in 1954 and attended Wonthaggi Catholic School and Wonthaggi Technical school. She worked at the Wonthaggi Co-Op until her marriage to her husband Phillip in 1966. They have three children Lenard, Kerryn and Aaron and five grandchildren James, Kate, Nathan, Caitlin, and the youngest Abbylee.

Marg first got involved with radio in 1986 at 3MDR (Mountain District Radio) in Belgrave co-hosting a Sunday Morning country show. Marg has been behind the microphone for 31 years and has made a lot of good friends through those years. She shifted to Mairdample in 2006 and has been at Radio Mansfield 99.7FM for 11 years.

She started the Call from Ireland show in 1988 and was told it wouldn't last, but it is still going strong in 2017!

**Musical influences:** Country and Irish Music, Slim Whitman, Jean Stafford".

**First Album:** Elvis Presley's Rouseabout.

**First live concert:** Johnny Chester and his band at the Wonthaggi Town Hall.

### **Marg's Programs**

**Monday Country** Mondays 9am to 12 noon

Australian and World Country including Australian artists like Ian Castles, Paul McCloud, Jean Stafford, Gavin Arden, Wayne Horsburgh. Overseas Artists like Slim Whiman, Jim Reeves, Hank Snow, Jean Shephard, Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette.

**Call from Ireland** Thursdays 10am to 2pm

Irish Country and easy listening music including Scottish and English artists. Names like Sean Wilson, Daniel O'Donnell, Mary Duff, Majella O'Donnell, Dominic Kirwan, Louise Morrissey, Philomena Begley, Mick Flavin, Sean O'Farrell, Charlie Landsborough, Isla Grant and her husband Al from Scotland.

### **Sponsor Profile**

Mansfield Community Bank, Bendigo Bank.

The bank sponsors our weather reports and have been great supporters of Mansfield Community Radio. They, through their Community Grants Scheme, provided funds for the purchase of our standby generator at the Pap's.

It is great to have a local bank open on Saturday morning!

### **Did you know?**

Mansfield Community Radio is your local accredited emergency broadcaster. In times of emergency stay tuned for accurate, up to date, local emergency information.