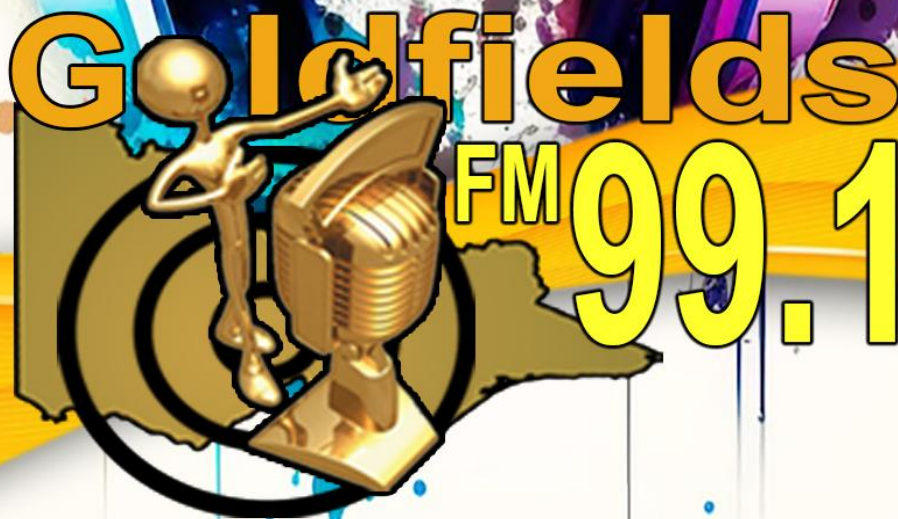


GOLDFIELDS FM 99.1

ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023



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Agenda for the 17th Annual General Meeting

Maryborough Golf Club

6.00pm on Wednesday 16th August 2023

- Open Meeting
- Apologies
- Minutes Of Previous Annual General Meeting
- Correspondence

In: Department Of Justice report

Out: Completed Department Of Justice Report 2022/2023

Presentation of Annual Reports

- Presidents Report
- Treasurers Report
- Appointment Of Auditor for 2023-2024
- Not For Profit Declaration
- Operational Reports
- Election Of The Board Of Management
- Setting the date of the next AGM.....

(Wednesday 14th August 2024)

- Close Of Meeting

GOLDFIELDS FM 99.1



16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio Inc.

Trading as Goldfields FM



**Held at
the Maryborough Golf Club Vic 3465
on Wednesday 17th August 2022**

Meeting Opened by Ian Fettling (President)

6:05pm

Attendance / Apologies :

(see attached sheet)

Introduction / President's Report:

Ian opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He outlined the growth of The Station, with the addition of New Shows, some of which are sent in by DJ's that broadcast to many stations across the country. With the help of some Grants, our infrastructure has been fortified with some much needed replacement equipment which will allow us to remain On-Air even during the event of loss to The Power Grid. We have also applied for a Solar Panel Grant to help reduce our carbon footprint and reduce running costs.

Our relationship with local community groups and organisations remains strong, with a successful fundraiser held at The Highland Society. We also have occasional spots in The Maryborough Advertiser. Dan continues to keep the technical side of things running as smoothly as possible, as well as overseeing our Online Presence such as facebook and Web Page. Well Done!

Arthur's daughter Cindy organised a Goldfields FM Marquee for the Station, which will be invaluable for Outside Broadcasts as both a protective enclosure and a visible presence. It looks absolutely fantastic, thank you.

Finally, Ian thanked everyone for their help in keeping Goldfields FM on the air, from our Presenters and Volunteers, to our amazing Sponsors and all who listen in.

Moved: Christine Richardson | **2nd:** Grace La Vella

Not For Profit Status Declaration:

As is annually required for taxation purposes, Goldfields FM 99.1 Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio has again declared we are a Not For Profit Organisation.

This declaration was made by Ian (President) on behalf of Goldfields FM 99.1

Minutes of last A.G.M.

Moved: Dan Leddin | **2nd:** James Bathurst

An opportunity to read the Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting was afforded to all in attendance, and since there were no questions relating to the Minutes, they were moved and seconded and carried by all.

Treasurer's Report:

A run-down of our finances was read out by Alan as Acting Treasurer.

Financials are still in the process of being audited, as due to a change in the law it has taken longer than expected and they were unavailable at the time of this meeting.

(Can be made available once completed.)

Our Sponsorship Roster remains at near-full capacity, and several donations as well as the successful Grant Application have also helped, as is our membership Base which continues to grow. Thank you again to our wonderful Sponsors who have stuck with us even through the trying times of the past couple of years.

And thank you again to Al-Pal for his invaluable help as Acting Treasurer.

Sponsorship Report:

Renee read out the Sponsorship Report, thanking them for their continued support.

Production & Training & Broadcast Manager's Report:

Dan began by thanking everyone for attending. He also thanked Chris who was able to perform his production tasks remotely from home, as pandemic laws were still quite restrictive at this time.

More presenters have been getting the hang of self-production, utilising the resources of The Bob Osborne Studio (Practice Studio) to record and edit their own shows which is fantastic.

We expanded our Streaming Capabilities by adding our Station's Broadcasts to the CBAA App.

Some much-needed equipment replacement was made possible thanks to our successful grant Application. We have added several Imported Shows from presenters that produce their content from home. (A common theme since Covid Lockdowns)

Our On-Air Interviews are second-to-none thanks to our renowned interviewers, including

Dan, Dave, Bruce and Grace - even getting airplay on other stations they are so damn good. Finally, without the technical expertise of our Techno-Wizard Dan who has cobbled together some pretty amazing work-arounds for failing/malfunctioning equipment, would not be able to broadcast, so thank you again Dan for being the Heart and Brain that keeps the Goldfields FM Family from flatlining.

Membership Report:

Gordon read his report and thanked everyone for their Membership and support. The newly implemented 5-year membership cycle is working well.

Questions Posed:

No questions were posed.

Reports Moved: Christine Richardson | **2nd:** Grace La Vella

Election of Board Of Management:

No changes to The Board, with no elections being required.

General Business:

No General Business was raised.

Closing Statement:

Ian again thanked everyone for their support.

It promises to be a good year ahead, with the impending finalisation of The Hub's Generator System, we will soon have the ability to broadcast uninterrupted during any power failure, and The Hub will have sufficient Power to act as an Emergency Base of Operations during a natural Disaster.

Date for Next A.G.M.
Wednesday 16th August 2023
Close Of meeting : 7:05PM

President's Report

Welcome to the 2023 and 17th annual general meeting of Goldfields FM.

It is hard to believe that we have now been on air for 17 years (since 2007).

Presenters, production people and general volunteers have come and gone over the years, but several of the original team responsible for the creation of Goldfields FM back in 2007 are still with us. Dan Leddin (the guru) has been involved since the start and I doubt whether we could survive without his expertise.

Although no longer a presenter or board member, Bruce Leech still plays an important role in maintaining and operating our very expensive transmitting equipment.

Al Comley has also been involved, as a presenter, board member and treasurer since the early days. A big thanks to Dan, Bruce and Al.

There has been a multitude of changes at Goldfields FM since 2007.

In 2011 we moved to our new home at the shire hub building after broadcasting in very cramped conditions at the MKM hall and I sincerely thank the Central Goldfields Shire Council for allowing us this space.

Several years back we built a new transmission tower on Centenary Hill which allowed our signal to travel further afield. (Bendigo, Ballarat and Daylesford included). Some people may remember the monstrosity beside the MKM hall in Burns St that we used as a transmitting tower in the early days. A real eyesore and not particularly effective.

Things continue to change and develop. We are currently in the process of installing solar panels at our transmission site to minimize our electricity costs and I thank Christine Richardson very much for securing a grant to finance this work. We also have two generators operating to ensure that 99.1 is never off air (one on Centenary Hill and one at the Hub).

So you can see that there has been a great deal of change here at Goldfields FM over the past 17 years.

In conclusion I would like to thank the board, all our presenters, our production team and our hub volunteers for the work they do. It really is a team effort producing quality radio 24 hours a day.

Finally, a huge thanks to all our valued listeners.

Ian Fetting

President.

Treasurer's Report

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Annual Financial Report 2021-2023

The past year has been very positive and I am pleased to advise you that due to the hard work put in by the Board, production and members we continue to be in a good position financially.

Please refer to the written reports and spreadsheets in the Annual Report Booklet to understand the full yearly figures. There is also a breakdown of the payments over the year.

In order of funds received, our major income comes from our loyal sponsors who we thank for their invaluable assistance.

We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal ANZ Seeds of Renewal 2022 of \$13,581.00 for our project of installing solar at the transmission hut site to alleviate electricity charges and assist in bringing the station closer to zero emissions. A down payment has been made and work has started on the project - Goldfields FM, Music powered by the Sun. Many thanks to ANZ Banking Corporation for their generous contribution.

Next comes fundraising and we thank the Maryborough Highland Society for their fundraising nights. There have been generous donations, particularly from the Lions Club of Maryborough, the Highland Society and individuals. We are grateful for the support.

Our membership fee covers more than one year and so our fee income consists of new members or re subscribed existing members as their term expires.

Many thanks to Alan Comley who did an amazing job as treasurer when I was away. Also to Dan Leddin and Ian Fetting who have taken the responsibility of the treasurer as I am usually in NSW at this time. In consequence of this I have resigned as treasurer and thank them for their generosity.

Thank you to the members of Goldfields FM, and thank the Board of Management for your support.

Christine Richardson

Christine Richardson - Treasurer

GRANTS REPORT 2022 -2023

Last August on behalf of Goldfields FM I applied for a grant to place Solar Panels at the transmission hut to lessen the burden of very high electricity bills to the station. The possibility had been discussed at Board meetings for some time and put on hold as the work had been deemed too expensive.

We were successful in getting a grant of \$13,581.00 from the ANZ Banking Corporation under the Foundation for Regional Renewal banner. This advice came late 2022. We hoped to have the panels installed by now, but have had to wait on the availability of the contractors to begin work there. It is quite a difficult site to reach and bring equipment to. However by the time of this meeting the work will have commenced and both the station and the environment will benefit.

Goldfields FM will keep listeners informed about the success of this project. Many thanks to FRRR and the ANZ bank for their generous grant and to everyone involved.

Christine Richardson

Grants Manager

ANNUAL PROFIT & LOSS - GOLDFIELDS FM
Year ending June 30th 2023

Opening Balance	\$25,733.79
 Income	
Sponsorship	\$24,008.00
Membership	\$230.00
Donations	\$2,000.00
Grants	\$13,581.00
Miscellaneous	\$320.00
Interest	
 Total	 \$40,139.00
 Balance Before Expenditure	 \$65,872.79
 Expenses	
Power	\$2,390.05
Phone	\$2,328.93
Fees	\$3,066.44
News	\$3,900.00
Insurance	\$3,210.00
Postage	\$100.00
Stationary	\$819.00
Advertising	\$1,855.80
Solar Equipment	\$3,581.49
Miscellaneous	\$12,341.62
 Total	 \$33,593.33
 Closing Balance	 \$32,279.46
Plus Unbanked Cheques	\$0.00
Agrees With Bank Statements	\$32,279.46

Comparison 2022 to 2023

	2022	2023
Opening Balance	\$22,136.26	\$25,733.79
Income		
Sponsorship	\$20,064.00	\$24,008.00
Membership	\$450.00	\$230.00
Donations	\$2,555.00	\$2,000.00
Grants	\$0.00	\$13,581.00
Misc	\$427.00	\$320.00
Total Income	\$23,496.00	\$40,139.00
Balance before Expenditure	\$45,632.26	\$65,872.79
Expenditure		
Power	\$2,831.11	\$2,390.05
Phone	\$2,508.35	\$2,328.93
Fees	\$3,940.40	\$3,066.44
News	\$3,575.00	\$3,900.00
Postage	\$144.00	\$100.00
Stationary	\$459.15	\$819.00
Advert	\$1,637.90	\$1,855.80
Insurance	\$3,130.00	\$3,210.00
Solar Equip	\$0.00	\$3,581.49
Misc	\$1,673.16	\$12,341.62
Total Expenditure	\$19,899.07	\$33,593.33
Closing Balance	\$25,733.19	\$32,279.46
Petty Cash		
Opening Balance		\$47.35
Closing Balance		\$47.35
Term Deposit		
Opening Balance		\$54,798.61
Income		
Interest	\$259.00	
Closing & Bank Balance		\$55,057.61

Production & Training Manager's Report

We have just completed another fantastic year of work by Goldfields FM's marvellous Production Team and have been able to continue broadcasting 24 hours a day. As a result of the pandemic many of our production team, and presenters, had to work from home and learned to record and produce shows. There has also been a growth in "syndicated shows". This has increased both the quality and quantity of material available to broadcast to complement live broadcasting.

We are indeed fortunate to have a terrific team involved in production. The team continues to work well together while striving to improve the quality of all production for Goldfields FM. The Production Team, now including many of our presenters, is continually refining processes to ensure the team is consistently producing the best possible product for broadcast, using the same processes and methods for production.

The use of two production studios has continued to make the recording and production of prerecorded shows and interviews even easier and has continued to dramatically improve the quality of the recordings. One production studio also has the capacity to record by telephone. It is also home to a training area, which duplicates an on air studio, including Jazler on a different computer. This is as a valuable training tool for presenters. During the year some new presenters have trained and taken the opportunity to present programs on air. We are always looking for new presenters, who of course receive high quality training. Why not join the on air team at Goldfields FM?

The songs database available for play on Jazler is now approaching 19,000 songs. Every effort is made to include a broad range of genre, so all types of music can be broadcast to our listening audience. This database continues to be supplemented by music played from CDs and USB sticks provided by individual presenters. There has been a particular emphasis on providing the latest music for younger listeners, so all age groups can be catered for by Goldfields FM.

Two local news bulletins are produced each week, as well as many interviews, sponsorship announcements, show and station promos and community announcements. Some of these are also used by other radio stations. The Production Team also processes a large number of pre-recorded shows which are provided by presenters who have their own recording facilities, or make use of ours. This also ensures the quality of all pre-recorded material before it goes to air. The Production Team also tries to keep the radio station's website up to date and relevant with many podcasts, and other information, uploaded almost every day.

This year some new presenters, including those who produce their own pre-recorded shows, have joined us. While this does increase the pressures on our recording facilities, it also means a wider range of high quality shows go to air. It also allows presenters who are not comfortable to present live shows to get their shows to air in a non threatening manner. Of course presenters can also produce their shows at a time that is convenient for them.

I am proud to be the leader of the Production Team at Goldfields FM and would like to congratulate and thank them all for their continuing efforts on behalf of your local community radio station. A special thank you to all our wonderful presenters, who provide a diverse range of music and other content for all our listeners out there in Goldfields FM listening land.

Dan Leddin

Production & Training Manager

Maintenance Manager's Report

It is a pleasure to present my report as Maintenance Manager of Goldfields FM.

One of the tasks I have undertaken is the refurbishment of the transmission hut. This will be further enhanced by the installation of solar power at the transmission site.

In the near future some interior painting will be needed in the broadcast studios. As in past years, this year we have also had to replace some of the CD players and microphone stands in the broadcast studios.

One of the main antennas on top of the community hub also needed some serious attention and is yet to be replaced. Fortunately we do have a number of antennas available for use on the top of the community hub.

General maintenance of all our facilities and equipment continues when needed.

A personal highlight for me was to see the station's marquee protecting our equipment and volunteers when we are out and about broadcasting in our community. When you see the marquee you will certainly know it is Goldfields FM.

Arthur Tassie

Maintenance Manager

Goldfields FM

Membership Manager's Report

Thank you to all past, present, lifetime and future members. Your support for Goldfields 99.1 FM is appreciated and helping keep radio in our local community.

There has been a change to our memberships from recent years. From the 1 of July 2021, renewed and new memberships were changed to a five year membership at the same cost of \$10 for individuals, (Two dollars per year). This change helps us with our obligations as a community radio station. We have eighty nine memberships currently.

Gordon Pettingel

Membership Manager.

Broadcast Manager's Report

Another amazing year for Goldfields FM, which included presenters enjoying being back live in the studio, that said there were those who continue to work diligently from home to ensure the show goes on.

Our Production guru Chris has ventured back into the studio after being restricted last year, Dan was ever so thrilled to have him by his side.

Apart from our brilliant regular presenters we continue to be entertained with the professionalism of our newer additions to our stable; Absolute Rock with Tony Bennett on Saturdays and Sundays; Essential Hits with Tim Symons on Wednesdays and Saturdays; Lee's Blues and Roots Revue on Tuesday nights; The fabulous Animal Crackers on Tuesdays and Thursdays; On Air with Brian Peel on Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings; Raised on Rock with Mark O'Neill on Thursday nights and Sassy's 80's Mixtape on Monday and Friday nights.

All in all the presenters have been an extraordinary support to each other and the sense of camaraderie continues to be second to none.

No issues have been identified or indeed reported which is testament to a fabulous working team here at Goldfields FM. This makes my job worth every minute. Thank you.

Goldfields FM is also responsible for providing the Hub reception staff, which is part of our volunteer pool who are professional and obliging all year round.

A special thank you to Dan Leddin. Due to his expert knowledge and diligence through extremely challenging times, has maintained the calm and flow required of a top rating radio station, Goldfields FM 99.1.

Thank you also to the President Ian Fetting and Board members for a great year of decision making and implementation.

Grace La Vella

Broadcast Manager.

Sponsorship Manager's Report

Many thanks to all our wonderful sponsors who have supported Goldfields FM. We are a non-profit organization and your support makes it possible for us to continue to stay on air and provide our region with up-to-date community services and events, and local news.

We welcome you to come on air and share your notices about community events and fundraisers in the Central Goldfields of Victoria. We have different payment options for your sponsorship. Payment plans are available monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual. Just send an email to rderobertis@goldfieldsfm.org.au or give us a call on 5461-3570 or 0407 632 468 to organize your announcement.

When you hear a sponsorship announcement on Goldfields FM let the business owner know when you call on them. It's always nice to know how a customer happens to learn about your business.

Once again, thank you for your generous support.

Renee DeRobertis

Sponsorship Manager (And the entire Goldfields FM Staff)

A special thanks to our much valued sponsors for this year....

**Alan Randall Smith Florist
Central Goldfields Shire Council
Coach Factory and Pickers Market
Clunes Farmers Market
Corals Corner Shop
Emerson Printing
Havilah Hostel
Louise Staley MP
Maryborough and District Advertiser
Maryborough Harness Racing Club
Maryborough Highland Society
Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre
Maryborough Veterinary Practice
News Express Newsagency
O'Halloran's Furniture
Mr. Mobility
Maffescioni Motors
Phelans Funerals
Princes Park Lodge
School House Village
Spots and Space
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