

GOLDFIELDS FM 99.1

ANNUAL REPORT

2023 - 2024



Goldfields
FM 99.1



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Agenda for the 18th Annual General Meeting

Maryborough Golf Club

6.00pm on Wednesday 14th August 2024

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

In: Department Of Justice report

Out: Completed Department Of Justice Report 2023/2024

Presentation of Annual Reports

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

(Wednesday 13th August 2025)

- Close Of Meeting

GOLDFIELDS FM 99.1



17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio Inc.

Trading as Goldfields FM



**Held at the Maryborough Golf Club Vic 3465
on Wednesday 16th August 2023**

Meeting Opened by Ian Fetting (President)

6:05pm

Attendance / Apologies : (see attached sheet)

Introduction / President's Report:

Ian opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

With around 30 people attending, this year's attendance was slightly higher than last year. Ian gave a brief narrative on the history of Goldfield 99.1 FM, from its humble beginnings in what was basically a shed, to the impressive set-up we currently run from The Community Hub. With 2 Live Studios, a Practice Studio, and a Production Office, Goldfields 99.1 FM is certainly the envy of many a community radio station, and we sometimes get visits from other stations just to see our system.

Thanking our Members, Volunteers, Sponsors, Presenters, and everyone who has helped keep the Radio Station running over the past 18 Years, Ian reiterated the importance of a Community Radio Station. Whether it be Local News or Interviews, genre-specific Shows to cater for a wide range of musical tastes and styles or Broadcasting Live from Regional Events such as the Energy Breakthrough and The Highland Gathering, Goldfields FM is the Heart of a wonderful community and we hope to continue broadcast well into the foreseeable future.

Moved: Gordon Pettingel | **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: Ian Fettling | **2nd:** Andrew J. Hodges

An opportunity to read the Minutes of The 16th 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 Dan. Thanks to recent successful Grants (Solar Panels etc) and a near-full Sponsorship Roster, the Station managed to stay afloat for another year.

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 outlined some of the technical challenges we have faced over the year, with some equipment suffering storm-related power-surge damage, as well as praising the work of volunteers and presenters who are learning to produce their own shows.

Several work experience participants had a wonderful time at The Station this year under the wise and fun tutelage of Dan, as they learned everything radio, from production to presenting.

As always, the non-stop 24/7 broadcasting and the technical wizardry required to keep a radio Station not only broadcasting On-Air, but all the internet/server-related behind-the-scenes magic would not be possible without our Guru Dan, and we are all grateful for all the time and effort he pumps into the heart of the Station.

Membership Report:

Gordon read his report and thanked everyone for their Membership and support.

Questions Posed: No questions were posed.

Reports Moved: Renee DeRobertis | **2nd:** Grace La Vella

Election of Board Of Management:

Robyn Hunter will join the Board to replace Arthur Tassie who has had to leave due to health Issues. With no other changes to The Board, no elections were required.

General Business:

No General Business was raised.

Closing Statement:

Ian again thanked everyone for their support.

With our Solar Panels feeding back to the grid and helping power our Transmitter Site, along with the Generator at The Hub, Goldfields FM is not only a source of Music, News and Entertainment, it is now able to act as a Central Information Hub during a natural disaster or event.

We look forward to another year bringing you the very best, thanks to our Volunteers, Presenters, Sponsors, Partners, and of course the people who listen to us - from here in The Central Goldfields, right across the Atlantic thanks to our 24/7 live stream.

Date for Next A.G.M.

Wednesday 14th August 2024

Close Of Meeting : 6:25PM

President's Report

A very warm welcome to the 2024, and 18th Annual General Meeting of Goldfields FM.

It has been an eventful year for our community radio station with the highlight being the installation of solar power on our transmission site. This was a result of a successful grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal through the ANZ bank. The job was completed in September last year and is now powering our entire transmission network up on Centenary Hill.

Our board of management continues to work hard to keep 99.1 on air and operating smoothly. All committee members have a specified job and this ensures that everything that needs to be done is done. (in Dan's case it is more than just one job)

Our presenters continue to offer vibrant and entertaining programs on a daily basis with a variety of music genres, Informative interviews, sporting programs, outside broadcasts, chat shows, religious programs etc.

On a rather sad note we did lose one of our valued presenters a few weeks back with the passing of Arthur Tassie. He was certainly a real character, a very friendly and kind man, a great presenter and a true music enthusiast.

To finish, I would like to sincerely thank our board, our presenters, our volunteers, our many sponsors, our members and our valued listeners for keeping 99.1 on the airwaves over the past 12 months

Ian Fetting

President.

Treasurer's Report 2023 – 2024

Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio Inc, Trading as Goldfields FM Annual Financial Report 2023 - 2024

The past year has been very positive and I am pleased to advise you that due to the hard work put in by everyone connected with Goldfields FM we continue to be in a good position financially.

Goldfields FM is a non profit community group and always attempts to keep the costs of operating at a minimum to the community it serves. Everyone connected to the station is a volunteer, otherwise Goldfields FM would not exist.

As in past years our major income comes from our loyal sponsors who we thank for their invaluable assistance. A special thanks to our Sponsorship Manager, Renee, for her much valued work with our sponsors.

During the 2022-2023 financial year 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 power at the transmission site to alleviate electricity charges and assist in bringing the station closer to zero emissions. Work has now been completed on the project - Goldfields FM, Music Powered By The Sun. Many thanks to ANZ for their generous contribution.

Thanks to the Maryborough Highland Society who again made their facilities available for fundraising nights, including our fabulous Disco Night starring Peter G.

There have been generous donations, particularly from the Lions Club of Maryborough, the Highland Society and individuals. We are grateful for the support.

As our membership fees covers five years so our membership income consists of new members or re subscribed existing members as their term expires.

Attached are Profit and Loss and Comparison statements for the financial year.

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

Dan Leddin
Treasurer
Goldfields FM

Goldfields FM Profit & Loss
1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

Opening Balance **\$32,279.46**

Income

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sponsorship | \$20,530.00 | |
| Membership | \$130.00 | |
| Donations | \$6,253.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | \$404.76 | |
| Total Income | \$27,317.76 | \$27,317.76 |

Balance before Expenditure **\$59,597.22**

Expenditure

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Power | \$2,686.60 | |
| Phone | \$2,280.29 | |
| Fees | \$4,886.02 | |
| News | \$3,930.00 | |
| Administration | \$212.75 | |
| Advertising | \$1,120.80 | |
| Solar Installation | \$10,744.47 | |
| Insurance | \$3,440.00 | |
| Misc | \$725.95 | |
| Total Expenditure | \$30,026.88 | \$30,026.88 |

Account Balance at 30th June 2024 **\$29,570.34**

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|---|--------------------|
| Term Deposit Opening Balance 1st July 2023 | \$55,057.61 |
| Plus Interest | \$1,820.02 |
| Term Deposit Balance 30th June 2024 | \$56,877.63 |

**Goldfields FM Annual Treasurers Report 2022 to 2024
Comparison 2022 to 2024**

| Opening Balances | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | \$22,136.26 | \$25,733.79 | \$32,279.46 |
| Income | | | |
| Sponsorship | \$20,064.00 | \$24,008.00 | \$20,530.00 |
| Membership | \$450.00 | \$230.00 | \$130.00 |
| Donations | \$2,555.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$6,253.00 |
| Grants | \$0.00 | \$13,581.00 | \$0.00 |
| Misc | \$427.00 | \$320.00 | \$404.76 |
| Total Income | \$23,496.00 | \$40,139.00 | \$27,317.76 |
| Balance Before Expenditure | \$45,632.26 | \$65,872.79 | \$59,597.22 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Power | \$2,831.11 | \$2,390.05 | \$2,686.60 |
| Phone | \$2,508.35 | \$2,328.93 | \$2,280.29 |
| Fees | \$3,940.40 | \$3,066.44 | \$4,886.02 |
| News | \$3,575.00 | \$3,900.00 | \$3,930.00 |
| Postage | \$144.00 | \$100.00 | \$12.75 |
| Stationary | \$459.15 | \$819.00 | \$200.00 |
| Advert | \$1,637.90 | \$1,855.80 | \$1,120.80 |
| Insurance | \$3,130.00 | \$3,210.00 | \$3,440.00 |
| Solar Equipment | \$0.00 | \$3,581.49 | \$10,744.47 |
| Miscellaneous | \$1,673.16 | \$12,341.62 | \$725.95 |
| Total Expenditure | \$19,899.07 | \$33,593.33 | \$30,026.88 |
| Closing Balance | \$25,733.19 | \$32,279.46 | \$29,570.34 |
| Term Deposit | | | |
| Opening Balance | | \$54,798.61 | \$55,057.61 |
| Plus Interest | | \$259.00 | \$1,820.02 |
| Closing & Bank Balance | | \$55,057.61 | \$56,877.63 |

Production, Training & Broadcast 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.

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 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 20,000 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 Manager & Training Coordinator

Goldfields FM

Maintenance Manager's Report

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

Unfortunately white ants have enjoyed visiting our transmission hut. Remedial works are not yet complete. Neither of our backup generators functioned properly in automatic mode when required recently so both require repairs and locating appropriate technicians is proving very difficult.

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

The swipe card security system has failed and replacement parts are proving very elusive. Fortunately the access door has a good old fashioned lock as well!

One of the main antennas on top of the community hub 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.

Gordon Pettingel

Maintenance Manager

Goldfields FM

Membership Manager's Report

A big thank you to all present members of Goldfields FM for continuing to support our station. Without your continued support, we would not be able to continue providing the outstanding broadcasting that reaches not only the greater Central Goldfields region but also listeners from far and wide.

We have kept our membership fees at \$10 for the past five years—what a bargain! Last festive season, we ran a special offer of two memberships for \$10. Increasing our membership base is crucial for meeting our obligations as a community radio station, and we will be exploring future campaigns to ensure our membership numbers continue to grow.

This year we signed on 5 new members. We have 18 lifetime memberships, and 88 ordinary memberships, totaling 106 memberships in all.

In June, on behalf of Goldfields FM, I began working on applying for a community grant offered by Central Goldfields Shire to buy the station some much-needed new CD players. The constant daily use of these players subjects them to wear and tear, and it's almost time for some new ones.

The application has been submitted, and we await the results in October to find out if we were successful.

Thank you again for your unwavering support and dedication to Goldfields FM.

Robyn Hunter

Membership Manager

Broadcast Manager's Report

Another fantastic year for Goldfields FM, a huge thank you to all presenters, members and sponsors for making the year a successful one, yet again.

Firstly I wish to say goodbye to our amazing Arthur Tassie, he has found his pain free peace however has left a great deal of loving memories behind. RIP Tassie.

Our production guru Chris continues to spread his magic dust from home working alongside remotely with young Dan to ensure this amazing community radio continues its quality airway vibes to the brilliant standard of which we are accustomed to.

Apart from our fabulous regular presenters we continue to be entertained with the professionalism of our newer addition to our stable, 'Thru Traffic' and also a reshuffle due to Christine moving to warmer horizons. Thank you to Robyn for taking up Alice's Restaurant and doing a fabulous job.

All in all, yet again in 2023/2024, the presenters have been an extraordinary support to each other. The sense of camaraderie continues to be second to none.

Only one recording issue was identified and resolved as quickly as it started which is testament to a wonderful working team here at Goldfields FM. This makes my job worthwhile at every minute. Thank you.

Goldfields FM are also responsible for providing the Hub reception staff, which is part of our volunteer pool who are professional and obliging all year round. We are still seeking more staff to man the reception desk.

A special thank you to Dan Leddin even though he had his own health issues in 2024 was able to continue to manage under pain duress applying his expert knowledge and skill through extremely challenging times, he has maintained the 'calm' required of a top rating radio station, Goldfields FM 99.1.

Thank you also to the President Ian Fettling 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 information about your goods and services with all our wonderful listeners 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 organise your announcement.

When you hear a sponsorship announcement on Goldfields FM be sure to 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
Ash Stewart The Builder
Central Goldfields Shire Council
Coach Factory and Pickers Market
Clunes Farmers Market
Eileen Frocks Salon
Emerson Printing
Golden Vine Hotel
Havilah Hostel
International Taxation Services
M5 Rodeo Promotions
Maryborough and District Advertiser
Maryborough Harness Racing Club
Maryborough Highland Society
Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre
Maryborough Veterinary Practice
NewsXpress Newsagency
Noonan Lawyers & Conveyancers
O'Halloran's Furniture
Mr. Mobility
Maffescioni Motors
Princes Park Lodge
Possum Gully Gallery
School House Village
Supreme Court Hotel and Bistro
Talbot Court House Hotel
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Travellers Place
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