

GOLDFIELDS FM 99.1

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



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Agenda for the 19th Annual General Meeting

Maryborough Golf Club

6.00 pm on Wednesday 13th August 2025

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

In: Department Of Justice report

Out: Completed Department Of Justice Report 2024/2025

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 12th August 2026)

- Close Of Meeting

GOLDFIELDS FM 99.1



18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio Inc.

Trading as Goldfields FM



Held at

The Maryborough Golf Club Vic 3465

on Wednesday 14th August 2024

Meeting Opened by Ian Fettling (President)

6:10pm

Attendance / Apologies :

(see attached sheet)

Introduction / President's Report:

Ian opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending our 18th A.G.M.

This year saw approximately 30 people in attendance spread across two tables, very good numbers and similar to last year's A.G.M.

Ian then went into a brief description of some of the year's events, which included the sad passing of presenter Arthur Tassie who will be greatly missed by all.

Thanks to a successful ANZ Community Grant, our solar panels have been installed at the transmitter location, dropping our carbon footprint and allowing the station to 'Go Green' as well as helping to ensure our ability to broadcast in the event of a power outage so we can be a vital resource of information during a natural disaster or weather event.

The differences in how our radio station is run in contrast to others was also highlighted, where other stations tend to have 'set' or 'pre-approved' playlists, OUR presenters have unprecedented freedom (within the rules of community radio) to play any music they like, or what they believe their listeners would enjoy. It is a much more relaxed and personal experience for our presenters and listeners.

Finally, Ian thanked everyone for attending, all our Presenters and Volunteers for their hard and dedicated work, and our 30+ Sponsors for their incredible support, and we look forward to our 20th Year broadcasting to The Central Goldfields of Victoria.

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

Not For Profit Status Declaration:

As is annually required, 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:** Renee DeRobertis

An opportunity to read the minutes of the 17th 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.

As we are a NFP Organisation, we try to keep expenses as low as possible. The recent installation of The solar panels will help in reducing electricity costs, but for everything else we are reliant on the income generated primarily from sponsors, as well as Memberships and the occasional community grant or support night at The Highland Society. We have also been very fortunate and thankful to The Rotary Club and Lions Club for their support. As such, Goldfields FM 99.1 is able to be a true community radio station, run by the community for the community.

Sponsors have expressed their amazement at just how low-cost our sponsorship packages are compared to other stations - not to mention that we are able to do all the promo, production, recording etc as part of the package, thanks to our amazing and talented production team headed by Dan.

Note: Due to an excessive workload, our audited reports were unable to be finalised in time for the printing of this booklet. Apologies from the accountant, and the report will be made public as soon as they have been completed and received. Our Department of Justice report is also awaiting these finalised financials, and will also be made available when completed.

(Q) Does our insurance include Public Liability? (A) Yes.

Sponsorship Report:

Renee read out the sponsorship report, thanking our 32 Sponsors for their continued support. Also, the fact that many sponsors are now paying digitally has made it much more efficient for record keeping.

Production & Training & Broadcast Manager's Report:

Dan began by thanking everyone for attending.

*He also specifically thanked Chris Shaw, who has been very unwell but is still managing to help Production by working remotely from home. Chris's help in sharing the workload has been invaluable - as it always was when he was able to work from the station - and we all can't thank him enough for all he does.

***Please note :** *At the time of writing these minutes, we have learnt that Chris has sadly passed away. We are all in shock, and our condolences go out to his family and friends.*

The quality of pre-recorded shows by our presenters, who are unable to broadcast live, has just got better again this year. This is a testament to the top-notch training by our guru Dan, and the ever-increasing skills of our presenters.

We currently have over 20,000 digital songs in our system that can be played, as well as a plethora of pre-recorded shows and segments. Recorded Interviews are also available on our website. There are also many Sponsorship Announcements that get played at set times throughout the day and evening, and as mentioned earlier, we are able to create these amazing promos in our production studio, often being voiced by the individual businesses, which give the promos a more personalised feel.

Goldfields 99.1 FM also plays several 'imported' shows, created by talented individuals and groups who take the time and effort to create content that is syndicated on stations right across Australia, from shows like 'The 80's Mixtape' to 'The Wood Songs Old Time Radio Hour.'

Whilst we prefer local content, these shows can fill empty or unused timeslots and add a bit of outside flavor to the playlists.

Finally, Dan reminded us of the need to get the kids back into the station - something that has dropped off to almost nothing since the Covid lockdowns as The M.E.C. and Highview school/radio programs have yet to properly recommence and we only get a few kids a year in for work experience programs. The future viability of the station depends on having fresh, new, and younger presenters fill the chairs for when our older presenters retire to the sunny shores of North Queensland.

Membership Report:

Robyn has enjoyed her first (hopefully of many) year on the board and has done amazing things with The membership database in that time. From our new \$10 for FIVE years membership deal to totally digitising our members records into a secure database, Robyn has also been instrumental in our application for a new community grant to replace our malfunctioning studio CD players. (We will learn if we were successful in late Oct 2024.) Robyn finished by thanking everyone for attending.

Broadcast Manager's Report:

Grace thanked everyone for a fabulous year at Goldfields 99.1 FM.

She acknowledged the incredible work done behind the scenes by Dan and Chris, as well the work our reception volunteers do. Grace expressed her sadness at the passing of Arthur Tassie and thanked all our fabulous presenters for a job well done.

Maintenance Report:

Gordon read his report and thanked all for attending. The transmitter site requires occasional maintenance in regards to overgrowth management etc. and the FOB Door system at The Hub has been malfunctioning and is being looked at by technicians.

Questions Posed:

No questions were posed with the exception of the insurance question listed above in the Treasurer's Report. **Reports Moved:** Alan Comley | **2nd:** Gordon Pettingel

Election of Board Of Management: Up for re-election at the next A.G.M. will be : (1) Renee DeRobertis (2) Andrew J. Hodges (3) Ian Fettling

General Business: No General Business was raised.

Closing Statement:

Ian again thanked everyone for their support as we look ahead to our 19th year on air in 2025.

Date for Next A.G.M. Wednesday 13th August 2025

Close Of meeting : 6:45PM

President's Report

A very warm welcome to the 2025 annual general meeting of Goldfields FM.

2025 does mark the 18th year that 99.1 has been the "Voice of the Central Goldfields" with a big anniversary obviously coming up in 2027.

Our presenters continue to do their very best to provide vibrant and entertaining programs on a daily basis with a variety of musical genres, informative interviews, sporting programs, outside broadcasts, chat shows, religious programs etc.

Our board of management continues to be a stable and very harmonious working group with everyone contributing in some way to ensure that Goldfields FM operates smoothly.

During 2025, we were visited by two representatives from CBAA (Community Broadcasting Association of Australia) The two ladies Eleanor and Madeline travelled down from Sydney and were quite impressed with our facilities at the Hub and the way we operate. They compared us very favourably with the other community radio stations they had visited in Victoria.

Thanks to our hard-working grants manager Robyn, we did receive around \$2000 in early 2025 to purchase five new CD players for our two recording studios.

The new solar panels up at our transmission tower, installed in early 2024 from another grant, are operating very well, saving us a great deal of money with reduced power bills.

We continue to promote and advertise Goldfields FM throughout Central Victoria with our program grid appearing in the Maryborough Advertiser on a regular basis and station advertisements are posted in several local publications and in The MEC annual yearbook. We also have advertising signage on the community boards situated on the main roads leading into Maryborough.

On a very sad note, Goldfields FM did lose one of its favourite sons in July with the tragic death of Chris Shaw. He was loved by everyone at 99.1. Chris was a whiz kid on radio production work and a very kind and understanding man with a heart of gold.

To finish, I would like to personally thank everyone who has contributed to the success of Goldfields FM during the past 12 months – the board, our on-air presenters, our production team, our hub volunteers, our sponsors and also all our valued listeners from the Maryborough and district area and beyond.

Ian Fettling, President Goldfields FM

Treasurer's Report 2024 – 2025

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Annual Financial Report 2024 - 2025

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 which 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 last financial year we were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Central Goldfields Shire of \$2000.00, which enabled us to upgrade our studio CD/USB players.

Thanks to the Maryborough Highland Society, who again made their facilities available for a fundraising night.

As our membership fees covers five years, 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. The auditing process is yet to be finalised, but has reached a stage where the auditor has agreed that the following information can be presented as an unaudited version of the 2024/25 accounts for Goldfields FM.

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

Dan Leddin

Treasurer

Goldfields FM

Goldfields FM Profit & Loss
1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025

Opening Balance	\$29,570.34
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Income

Sponsorship	\$16,185.00	
Membership	\$80.00	
Grants	\$2,000.00	

<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$18,265.00</i>	\$18,265.00
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Balance before Expenditure	\$47,835.34
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Expenditure

Power	\$2,070.23	
Phone	\$2,210.06	
Fees	\$2,568.90	
News	\$4,260.00	
Stationary & Equipment	\$5,244.95	
Advertising	\$1,883.70	
Postage	\$181.00	
Insurance	\$3,710.00	
Misc	\$846.32	

<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$22,975.16</i>	Less Expenditure	\$22,975.16
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Balance at 30th June 2025	\$24,860.18
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Term Deposit Opening Balance 1st July 2024	\$56,877.63
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Plus Interest	\$2,124.40
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Term Deposit Balance 30th June 2025	\$59,002.03
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Goldfields FM Annual Treasurers Report 2023 to 2025

	2023	2024	2025
Opening Balance	\$25,733.79	\$32,279.46	\$29,570.34
Income			
Sponsorship	\$24,008.00	\$20,530.00	\$16,185.00
Membership	\$230.00	\$130.00	\$80.00
Donations	\$2,000.00	\$6,253.00	\$0.00
Grants	\$13,581.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Misc	\$320.00	\$404.76	\$0.00
Total Income	\$40,139.00	\$27,317.76	\$18,260.00
Balance before Expenditure	\$65,872.79	\$59,597.22	\$47,835.34
Expenditure			
Power	\$2,390.05	\$2,686.60	\$2,070.23
Phone	\$2,328.93	\$2,280.29	\$2,210.06
Fees	\$3,066.44	\$4,886.02	\$2,568.90
News	\$3,900.00	\$3,930.00	\$4,260.00
Postage	\$100.00	\$12.75	\$181.00
Stationary & Equipment	\$819.00	\$200.00	\$5,244.95
Advert	\$1,855.80	\$1,120.80	\$1,883.70
Insurance	\$3,210.00	\$3,440.00	\$3,710.00
Solar Equip	\$3,581.49	\$10,744.47	\$0.00
Misc	\$12,341.62	\$725.95	\$846.32
Total Expenditure	\$33,593.33	\$30,026.88	\$22,975.16
Closing Balance	\$32,279.46	\$29,570.34	\$24,860.18
Opening Balance	\$54,798.61	\$55,057.61	\$56,877.63
Plus Interest	\$259.00	\$1,820.02	\$2,124.40
Closing & Bank Balance	\$55,057.61	\$56,877.63	\$59,002.03

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.

I would like to pay a special tribute to Chris Shaw who was tragically taken from us in a house fire in July. Chris was a much loved and highly valued member of our team at Goldfields FM. He was the keeper of the Magic Dust in our Production Team. One sprinkle of that dust could make the worst audio suitable for broadcast. Chris will be sadly missed by all at Goldfields FM. He cannot be replaced because when Chris was made they threw away the mould. Rest in Peace Chris.

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, which now includes many of our presenters, is continually refining processes to ensure we are 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 a valuable training tool for presenters. 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 30,000 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.

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 programs 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

Maintenance Manager's Report

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

Fortunately the white ants have not returned to our transmission hut. Neither of our backup generators functioned properly in automatic mode when needed recently so both require repairs, which are on the go.

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

The swipe card security system has again proved problematic. 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 hub.

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

Gordon Pettingel

Maintenance Manager

Goldfields FM

Membership & Grant Manager's Report

A big thank you to all current, past, and life members of Goldfields FM for your continued support. Without your loyalty and involvement, we simply wouldn't be able to provide the quality community broadcasting that reaches across the Central Goldfields region and beyond.

We currently have 92 ordinary members and 18 life members, bringing our total membership to 110. This includes six new members who joined during this reporting period—a fantastic result, especially given the financial challenges faced by many. Retaining and growing our membership base remains a key focus, and we'll continue working on new strategies to bring more people into the Goldfields FM family.

We've proudly kept our membership fees at just \$10 for five years—that's less than the cost of a good cup of coffee! It's a small but powerful way for our community to support local, independent radio. Last festive season, our two-for-\$10 membership promotion was well received, and we'll look to run similar offers again to help boost our numbers.

In October last year, we were thrilled to be successful in securing a \$2,000 grant through the Central Goldfields Shire Community Grants Program. With these funds, we purchased four new CD players, which are now fully installed in Studio 2. This essential equipment upgrade helps ensure the station continues to deliver professional-quality broadcasting well into the future.

We're also proud to share that Goldfields FM is now a participating organisation in the FRRR's "Investing in Rural Community Futures" (IRCF) program, which will support Maryborough and surrounding communities for the next five years. This major initiative is bringing millions of dollars into the region to strengthen not-for-profit organisations through funding, training, strategic planning, and volunteer support. For Goldfields FM, this could mean improved resources, capacity building, and exciting collaborative opportunities to grow our impact. You can learn more about the IRCF program via the FRRR website or Facebook page.

On behalf of Goldfields FM, thank you once again for your continued belief in what we do. It's your support—whether you're a member, volunteer, or listener—that keeps this station thriving at the heart of the community.

Robyn Hunter

Membership & grants 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 Chris Shaw, who was tragically taken from us in July. Chris will be greatly missed by us all at Goldfields FM. RIP Chris.

Apart from our fabulous regular presenters we continue to be entertained with the professionalism of our newer addition to our stable.

All in all, yet again in 2024/2025, the presenters have been an extraordinary support to each other. The sense of camaraderie continues to be second to none..

Goldfields FM are also responsible for providing the Hub with 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.

Thank you 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, 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-annually and annually

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 where you heard about 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
Ben Green
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
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
Talbot Court House Hotel
Tarrengower Times
Tony's Pest Control
Travellers Place
Victorian State Government
Wattle Office Supplies**



R.I.P. Chris Shaw - Production Guru