

GOLDFIELDS FM 99.1

ANNUAL REPORT

2025 - 2026



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Agenda for the 20th Annual General Meeting

Maryborough Golf Club

6.00 pm on Wednesday 12th August 2026

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

In: Auditor's report for 2025-2026 financial year

Presentation of Annual Reports

- President's Report
- Treasurer's & Auditor's Report
- Not For Profit Declaration
- Operational Reports
- Election Of The Board Of Management

Incoming board members.. Robyn Hunter, Dan Leddin & Gordon Pettingel, with one vacancy. Board members with one more year to serve.. Ian Fettling, Andrew Hodges, Renee De Robertis & Susan Day.

- Setting the date of the next AGM.....

(Wednesday 11th August 2027)

- Close Of Meeting

GOLDFIELDS FM 99.1



19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio Inc.

Trading as Goldfields FM



Held at

The Maryborough Golf Club Vic 3465

on Wednesday 13th August 2025

Meeting Opened by Ian Fettling (President)

6:10pm

Attendance :

James Bathurst, Dan Leddin, Ian Fettling, Grace LaVella, Andrew J. Hodges
Dave Moyle, Alan Comley, Ann Comley, Bruce Kay, Bruce Leech, Peter G.
Andrea Ingram, Catherine Gordon, Lee K, Robyn Hunter, Renee DeRobertis
Paul Freeman, George Nagy, Ashley Stewart

Apologies :

John Sayers, Maxine Jones, Barb Jardine, Lindsay Crawford
Les Maygar, Gordon Pettingel, Raelene Nagy, Ron Emerson

Introduction / President's Report:

Ian opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending our 19th A.G.M., and welcomed some new faces this year.

As we prepare to head into our 20th year broadcasting to The Central Goldfields of Victoria, Ian gave special mention to Dan Leddin, Alan Comley and Bruce Leech who have been with the Station from the very beginning.

We currently have approximately 30 volunteer presenters, as well as several 'imported' shows that get sent in remotely.

The Board currently consists of 7 Members (with one position vacant) as we saw the departure of Grace LaVella this year to pursue her budding political career having been crowned Mayor of Maryborough for the second time. Congratulations Grace!

Joining us on The Board is Susan Day who is eager to contribute her vast experience and talent, and will soon be starting up a 'Mental Health Wellness' themed show that has already garnered some local interest. Welcome Sue, we look forward to seeing what you bring to The Station and The Board. Also keen to start a show are our newest 'dynamic duo', reception (and soon-to-be presenters) volunteers Andrea and Catherine. Welcome aboard!

Goldfields FM 99.1 recently hosted a visit from representatives of The C.B.A.A. (Community Broadcasting Association of Australia) who were very impressed with our Station and how things were run and maintained. They imparted some wise advice; "Don't make presenters compete against each other" to which we completely agree and is why our presenters are able to enjoy and utilize such a vast choice of musical styles and program content without feeling any of the pressures associated with Commercial Radio. It is our laid-back, easy-going style that makes us relatable to our listeners and sponsors, and is why Goldfields FM is still broadcasting 2 decades on.

We have an excellent relationship with The Maryborough Advertiser, that prints our Programming Grid every few months, and we source much of our local news and sport content from their publication. We also make our presence known in The Local Book and The M.E.C. Magazine every year. In addition we also have signage on all the main entrances into town.

Ian thanked Robyn Hunter, who managed to secure a \$2000 Community Grant that enabled us to purchase replacement Studio CD Players, as the ones we currently have are well past end-of-life and tend to malfunction on a regular basis. Well done Robyn!

Speaking of Grants, our successful ANZ Grant from 2024 enabled us to install Solar Panels at The Transmission Site. This has seen a significant reduction in Power Costs as well as reducing our Carbon Footprint.

In some very sad news, we recently lost our beloved Production Guru, Chris Shaw.

Chris's unexpected passing rocked the community, and even though illness had prevent him from being at The Studio as often as he used to, his incredible presence will be sadly and greatly missed by all of us here in The Goldfields FM Family.

There was no kinder, more gentle man on earth than Chris, he would give you the shoes off his feet - which he must have done on a daily basis, because NONE of us can recall ever seeing shoes on that man! None of us will ever know how you managed to magic up your audio creations, from sponsorships to show promos, but we all suspect it had something to do with that 'pinch of magic dust' that you seemed to carry with you everywhere. RIP Chris, you will be missed.

Ian wrapped up the introduction declaring our Not For Profit Status as an Organisation (see below) and thanking everyone for attending.

Moved: Renee DeRobertis | **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:** Andrew J. Hodges

An opportunity to read the Minutes of The 18th 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.

(Please note that last year's A.G.M. Booklet was incorrectly labeled as the 19th A.G.M. when it was in fact the 18th A.G.M.

Treasurer's Report:

A run-down of our finances was read out by Dan who compared our Financials from last year and detailed each entry. The Stationary & Equipment costs display higher than previous years due to the \$2000 Community Grant. The ANZ Grant for The Solar Panels a couple of years ago also inflated the numbers for that year. However, with Grants not taken into account we are only running at a small loss each year. We have a term deposit that was the result of a generous bequest several years ago, and the interest from that term deposit helps offset our losses.

As a Not For Profit Organisation, we keep our costs as low as possible. That means that any income we require is to cover basic running costs and equipment etc. As a majority of our income comes from our Sponsors, we are able to keep our sponsorship packages incredibly low-cost compared to other stations. In fact, potential sponsors are often surprised by just how cheap it is to promote their organization/business on Goldfields FM. Congratulations to Renee DeRobertis who has reworked the Sponsorship Database over the past few years and has streamlined it into an efficient work of art. Our Memberships are only a small part of our revenue. We recently moved to a 5-Year/2-for-1 model to help boost our numbers, so income from Memberships will appear as their 5-year renewal is due.

Note: Due to an excessive workload and the proximity to the recent start of the New Financial Year, our Audited reports were unable to be finalized 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.

Sponsorship Report:

Renee read out the Sponsorship Report, thanking our 30+ Sponsors for their continued support. Sponsors paying digitally and the reworked database by Renee has made tracking incoming and due payments much more efficient and easy to identify on financial records, so we can see what sponsor paid how much and when from a simple bank statement.

Renee also suggested people to mention to any Sponsor's Business you may visit to say you heard their Promo on Goldfields FM, and closed her report by thanking everyone for attending.

Ian thanked Renee for all the work she does managing the existing sponsorships as well as bringing new sponsors on board. Well Done, Renee!

Production & Training & Broadcast Manager's Report:

Dan began his report with a heartwarming tribute to our dear friend, the late Chris Shaw.

Almost with us from the very start, Chris spent 16 years sprinkling his Magic Dust around Production, perfecting tracks into the wee hours of the morning or tinkering with his gadgets.

Chris was always up for a good yarn, in fact he became quite renowned for some of his 'passionate' views in the happenings of society - as you would find out if you happened to walk by Production when Chris was taking a break and deep into some YouTube Video - and boy oh boy, you were about to hear all about it! We'll miss all that about you Chris, and even though you weren't able to attend the Station as much as you used to due to illness, your tireless working from home remotely (even though it would freak the work experience kids out when the mouse pointer would move 'all by itself' and Dan had to explain Chris was working his magic remotely, and they didn't need to call an exorcist.) did lead to a few interesting situations when communications got crossed or both Dan and Chris would do the same task essentially cancelling it out. Chris Shaw, the keeper of The Magic Dust, you will be missed by all those you touched, and Dan summed it up best with; "When they made Chris, they chucked AWAY the mold!"

We currently have around 30,000 songs in our database and a whole lot of pre-recorded shows. Presenters are becoming very proficient at creating and producing their own shows. In fact, some of our content is replayed on other stations.

Our Website contains repeat podcasts, although our current license limits the amount of content we can make available online. To make more content available would see a massive cost increase in the type of broadcast license required. Our current license is adequate for our needs.

Dan closed his report by telling everyone how proud he is of our Goldfields FM Team.

Ian then thanked Dan for his tireless work in keeping everything running and all the behind-the-scenes work Dan does. From training new presenters, fixing dicky FOB doors, compiling local news broadcasts, the weekend sports show, endless production and song additions to our database, being a mentor to the excited Work Experience kids that come through the Studio each year, to keeping our shows running smoothly and on time - you are definitely DAN the MAN! Thank You!

Membership Report:

Robyn thanked all our Members, both Personal and Corporate.

The recently implemented 5-Year/2-for-1 membership deal seems to remain popular, so we will stick with the system for now.

Grants Report:

Robyn secured a \$2000 Community Grant that enabled us to buy replacement and back-up CD players for the Studio. This is fantastic work, as the current players are failing and will need replacing very soon. (Our CD Players are almost always turned on, and as you can imagine they get a LOT of use every year!)

Ian thanked Robyn for attending a series of recent F.R.R.R. Seminars showcasing the ins and outs of Grants, including how to apply etc. Thank you Robyn!

Robyn closed out her reports thanking everyone for attending and for their continued support of Goldfields 99.1 FM.

Broadcast Manager's Report:

(Read by Grace LaVella who recently left her role on The Board to focus on her political career as The Hon. Mayor of Maryborough - Well Done, Grace!)

Grace thanked everyone for attending, adding that we are all doing a magnificent job, and thanked Robyn and Renee for the amazing work they have done in their roles on The Board over the year.

In another heartfelt tribute to Chris Shaw, Grace expressed her sadness at his passing, and how he would always say "I love You", three amazing words you just don't hear enough anymore. Chris has some pretty 'far out there' beliefs, but that was all part of his charm. He was generous, kind, and a special gem. He was a man that was true to himself and a gentle soul to others. RIP Chris, we will miss you and your Magic Dust.

After thanking everyone for attending, Ian thanked Grace for all her hard work as a previous Board member, and wished her all the best for the future.

Maintenance Report: (Dan reading for Gordon.)

The transmission site got a bit of a clean-up, with some yardwork undertaken and a check for white ants. (None we could see.)

The FOB Door System at The Hub tends to malfunction in extremely cold weather (which we have seen quite a bit of lately) so sometimes the after-hours door system requires a key when the system is down. It doesn't happen very often and a key can be issued to any after-hours presenters. The problem is the system is very old and would cost quite a bit to replace, so Dan is usually able to Maguyver up a fix until it starts working again.

There are still some minor issues with the Roof Antennae on The Hub, however replacing the unit would be very costly. The temporary repairs that have been undertaken are adequate to continue our broadcast for the foreseeable future.

Questions Posed:

(Q) What is the M.E.C. Magazine?

(A) The Maryborough Education Centre Magazine, a yearly booklet published by the school.

(Q) Do we factor in the CPI in our future financial costings?

(A) No, we keep our costs as low as possible and don't seek to create profit. (As we are a NFP Organisation.) Therefore, costs such as sponsorship remain at their lowest rate possible (and have been for some years.)

(Q) How many times does a Sponsorship Promo get played?

(A) 6 times per day, 5 days per week. Packages can be Monthly / Quarterly / Annually.

(Q) Would it be worth getting a Battery to store/reinvest power at The Transmission Site that has the Solar Panel system?

(A) The costs of such a project limits our ability to do this, and the price that the energy grid 'buys back' any excess energy has dropped to a mere trickle of the previous rate, so it is not a viable option for us at this time.

Reports Moved: Dan Leddin | **2nd:** Robyn Hunter

Election of Board Of Management:

Up for re-election at **this** A.G.M. will be :

(1) Renee DeRobertis (2) Andrew J. Hodges (3) Ian Fettling.

Up for re-election at the **next** A.G.M. will be :

(1) Gordon Pettingel (2) Dan Leddin (3) Robyn Hunter.

Current Board Members :

Ian Fettling (**President/Hub Manager**) - *Up For Re-election.*

Andrew J. Hodges (**Vice President/Minutes Secretary**) - *Up for Re-election.*

Dan Leddin (**Treasurer/Production**)

Renee DeRobertis (**Sponsorships**) - *Up For Re-election.*

Robyn Hunter (**Grants/Membership**)

Gordon Pettingel (**Maintenance**)

Susan Day (**no role assigned as yet**) - *Joining the Board.*

[One Position Vacant]

(Positions to be confirmed at the next Board Meeting in September.)

General Business:

No General Business was raised.

Closing Statement:

Ian again thanked everyone for their support as we look ahead to our 20th year on air in 2027.

Date for Next A.G.M.

Wednesday 12th August 2026

Close Of Meeting : 7:00PM

Reports for 20th Annual General Meeting held on 12th August, 2026

President's Report

A big warm welcome to the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Goldfields FM. This is our 20th annual meeting, but next year will actually mark the 20th anniversary of Goldfields FM first going to air. (Apparently there was an annual meeting prior to us hitting the air waves)

A Time to Reflect

My own association with Goldfields FM began back in 2009. I remember arriving at the old studio across the road in Burns St to talk to Jan Tribe and Alan May about the possibility of doing a radio show. They found me a vacant time spot on a Wednesday night and I immediately started training with Dan, presenting my very first program in late August 2009. Little did I know at the time how important this radio station would be in my life. I have seen plenty of changes at Goldfields FM over the past 17 years. Presenters and volunteers have come and gone, some sadly have passed away.

Our infrastructure has improved out of sight with a dedicated transmission tower on Centenary Hill powered by solar panels.

Our current board of management is more stable and very experienced. There is now a certain harmony within the entire Goldfields FM family – presenters, board members and volunteers, which was lacking somewhat in the past. I believe our on-air presenters are now more skilled at their craft and our programs more professional and engaging than when I first arrived in 2009, although I suppose you would expect this after nearly 20 years on air. We have certainly come a long way since 2009.

2025/2026 happenings

We are continuing to further promote and advertise 99.1 in the Central Goldfields region with our program grid now being printed in both the Maryborough Advertiser and the Tarrengower Times in Maldon. We still run advertisements in the MEC annual yearbook and several local tourist publications.

In mid 2026 we completed our 5 year licence renewal application. This is a lengthy time consuming document that ensures we are allowed to continue broadcasting for a further 5 years. It was pleasing that the CBAA accepted our renewal application with a minimum of changes needed.

2025/2026 has seen several very talented new presenters join our ranks. A big welcome to Sue, Heath, Kat and Ang.

On a sad note we did lose one of our most experienced presenters Les Maygar who passed away in September 2025. His music however, does live on as his family has kindly donated his wonderful CD collection to the station.

To finish, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in some way to the success of Goldfields FM over the past 12 months – the board, our on-air presenters, our sponsors, our hub volunteers, our production team and of course all our valued listeners in the Central Goldfields area and beyond.

Ian Fetting,

President Goldfields FM

Treasurer's Report 2025 – 2026

Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio Inc, Trading as Goldfields FM Annual Financial Report 2025 - 2026

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.

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 and Audit reports for the financial year.

There were two major undertakings during 2026 which took up much time, but were ultimately positively resolved.

Firstly it was once again time to renew our permanent broadcast licence. The much touted easier licence renewal process by ACMA, proved to be extremely time consuming, but thanks to the hard working team involved we have been relicensed to broadcast for another five years.

Secondly the automatic banking system, with no notice or authority from the bank, shut down our bank account. After considerable angst, and redoing of processes that had been done many times before, we were able to use our account again. Apparently there was a gremlin in the independent bank security processes.

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 2025 to 30th June 2026

Opening Balance	\$24,860.18
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Income

Sponsorship	\$17,765.00	
Membership	\$90.00	
Donations	\$1,000.00	

<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$18,855.00</i>	\$18,855.00
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Balance before Expenditure	\$43,715.18
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Expenditure

Power	\$2,074.64	
Phone	\$2,217.93	
Fees	\$6,339.06	
News	\$4,260.00	
Stationary & Equipment	\$1,477.60	
Advertising	\$2,127.00	
Postage	\$0.00	
Insurance	\$3,765.00	
Misc	\$162.50	

<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$22,423.73</i>	Less Expenditure \$22,423.73
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Balance at 30th June 2026	\$21,291.45
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Term Deposit Opening Balance 1st July 2025	\$59,002.03
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Plus Interest	\$1,934.28
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Term Deposit Closing Balance 30th June 2026	\$60,936.31
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Goldfields FM Annual Treasurers Report 2024 to 2026

	2024	2025	2026
Opening Balance	\$32,279.46	\$29,570.34	\$24,860.18
Income			
Sponsorship	\$20,530.00	\$16,185.00	\$17,765.00
Membership	\$130.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
Donations	\$6,253.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Grants	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Misc	\$404.76	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$27,317.76	\$18,260.00	\$18,855.00
Balance before Expenditure	\$59,597.22	\$47,835.34	\$43,715.18
Expenditure			
Power	\$2,686.60	\$2,070.23	\$2,074.64
Phone	\$2,280.29	\$2,210.06	\$2,217.93
Fees	\$4,886.02	\$2,568.90	\$6,339.06
News	\$3,930.00	\$4,260.00	\$4,260.00
Postage	\$12.75	\$181.00	\$0.00
Stationary & Equipment	\$200.00	\$5,244.95	\$1,477.60
Advert	\$1,120.80	\$1,883.70	\$2,127.00
Insurance	\$3,440.00	\$3,710.00	\$3,765.00
Solar Equip	\$10,744.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc	\$725.95	\$846.32	\$162.50
Total Expenditure	\$30,026.88	\$22,975.16	\$22,423.73
Closing Balance	\$29,570.34	\$24,860.18	\$21,291.45
Opening Balance	\$55,057.61	\$56,877.63	\$59,002.03
Plus Interest	\$1,820.02	\$2,124.40	\$1,934.28
Closing & Bank Balance	\$56,877.63	\$59,002.03	\$60,936.31

Reports Provided to the Board by Auditor Jeff Rickerby

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Balance sheet for the year ended 30th June 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Asset			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	82,228	83,863
Total current assets		82,228	83,863
Non-current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	5	21,428	23,809
Total non-current assets		21,428	23,809
Total assets		103,656	107,672
Liabilities			
Current liabilities		-	-
Total current liabilities		-	-
Total liabilities		-	-
Net assets		103,656	107,672
Equity			
Accumulated Funds		103,656	107,672
Total Equity		103,656	107,672

Income statement for the year ended 30th June 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Income			
Revenue	3	20,789	20,389
Total Revenue		20,789	20,389
Expense			
Advertising		1,827	1,884
Audit		600	500
Bank Fee		9	67
Caravan		68	-
Community Development		500	200
Depreciation		2,381	2,559
Electricity		2,075	2,070
Fees		-	1,653
Filing Fees		49	248
Grant(s) Returned		10	-
Insurance		3,765	3,710
Lease		541	-
Licence Fees		4,680	101
Postage		192	181
Printing & Stationery		638	850
Repairs & Maintenance		720	2,700
Small Equipment		35	48
Staff Amenities		200	163
Subscriptions		4,260	4,260
Sundry		36	140
Telephone		2,218	2,210
Total expenditure		24,804	23,544
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(4,015)	(3,155)

Production & Training 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.

Since Chris's sudden passing many more of our presenters have stepped up and produced more of their own broadcast material. We certainly checked all our powerboards after the Coroner's report about the fire that took Chris's life. We all still miss him, but his legacy and "magic dust" lives on.

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 35,000 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

Maintenance Manager's Report

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

Both of our backup generators are once again functioning properly in automatic mode as repairs were completed during the year, but they are rarely used.

Hopefully in the near future, some interior painting and refurbishing will occur in the broadcast studios, although this may have to be reorganised as the Central Goldfields Shire is under extreme budgetary pressure.

As in past years, we have replaced some of the CD players and microphones in the studios.

The swipe card security system has again been repaired and is functioning properly. Fortunately the access door has a good old fashioned lock as well if it fails again!

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

Gordon Pettingel

Maintenance Manager

Membership & Grant Manager's Report

It is once again a privilege to present my annual report as Membership & Grants Manager for Goldfields FM. On behalf of the station, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of our members, supporters, and life members. Your ongoing commitment ensures that we can keep local radio thriving across the Central Goldfields and keep our global online listeners connected to home.

We currently have 93 ordinary and corporate members on our register alongside our 18 life members, bringing our total membership to 111. This includes seven new members who joined during this financial year—one more than we welcomed last year! In a time when household budgets are under real pressure, growing our numbers is a fantastic outcome that we are very proud of. Sadly, during the last financial year, we also lost 3 of our valued members who passed away, and we hold them and their families in our thoughts.

We have proudly held our membership fee at just \$10 for five years running, making it one of—if not the—most affordable community radio memberships anywhere in Australia. As it is now five years since we first launched our \$10 for 5-year membership deal, many of these memberships will be coming due for renewal over the next couple of months. We very much hope to retain all of these valued members as their renewals fall due. Maintaining a strong membership base is critical to our station's future, allowing us to deliver a rich variety of programs, music, and companionship day in and day out, and we remain dedicated to exploring new ideas to continue growing our membership base in the year ahead.

On the grants front, while there are no new completed projects to report on this year, we are currently investigating and looking to prepare a grant application with the Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF). We are exploring funding possibilities for a backup stereo receiver at our transmission site, as well as crucial backup computers and IT assets. Our current equipment is ageing, and a critical component failure would be catastrophic for our broadcasting ability, so securing reliable backup hardware remains a key priority for protecting our station's future.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued belief in Goldfields FM. Whether you present a regular show, assist as a volunteer, or simply tune in every day, your support is what makes our station such a vibrant part of the community.

Robyn Hunter

Membership & Grants Manager

Broadcast Manager's Report

As Broadcast Manager, I'm proud to report that this past year at Goldfields FM has been one of growth, collaboration, and genuine community spirit. Our team continues to show remarkable dedication, creativity, and resilience, and it's been a privilege to work alongside such passionate presenters and volunteers. We've welcomed several new voices to the station, each bringing fresh perspectives and greater diversity to our programming. Their enthusiasm has enriched our on-air content and strengthened the sense of connection we offer to listeners across the Goldfields region.

This year also brought moments of deep sadness, particularly with the passing of our dear friend and long-time presenter, Les Maygar. Les was a cherished part of the Goldfields FM family, and his contribution to local music and community broadcasting will be remembered with gratitude. In a final act of generosity, Les' family donated hundreds of CDs to our station library, a gift that will continue to support our presenters and delight our listeners for years to come.

Despite the challenges and changes, what stands out most is how well our team works together. There is a genuine camaraderie among presenters, committee members, and volunteers — a shared commitment to keeping Goldfields FM vibrant, welcoming, and community-focused.

I'm incredibly proud of what we've achieved and grateful for the spirit of cooperation that defines our station. As we move forward, I'm confident that this strong foundation will continue to support our growth and ensure Goldfields FM remains a trusted and uplifting voice for the Central Goldfields region.

Susan Day

Broadcast Manager

Sponsorship Manager's Report

Many thanks to all our wonderful sponsors that have supported Goldfields FM. We are a non-profit organisation 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 your notices about community events and fundraisers in the Central Goldfields of Victoria.

When you hear a sponsorship announcement on 99.1 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.

We have different payment options for your sponsorship. Payment plans are available monthly, quarterly, bi-annually and annually.

Send an email to rderobertis@goldfieldsfm.org.au or give us a call on 5461 3570 or 0407 632 468 to organise your announcement.

Once again, thank you for your generous support.

Renee DeRobertis

Sponsorship Manager

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