



# “Open Mike”

October 2013

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi All -

Since our last “Open Mike “ our station has continued to do well, thanks in the main to the commitment our volunteer presenters have to their programs, and of course the ongoing work done behind the scenes by the Committee of Management. We receive a great deal of favourable feedback from members of the community, which is very pleasing.

During Marks’ IGA 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations The Station presented quite a few live crosses to the weekly raffle draws and participated in a live broadcast during the birthday party in the High Street. Once again, many people expressed that it was great to see Radio Mansfield there, and I’d like to thank Woody, Keith Rogers and the members of Radio Mansfield team who helped out.

And to finish up, the Annual General Meeting will be on Novemeber 10<sup>th</sup> at Beolite Village centre, 2 p.m.

*Until next time, Marg*

### **Technical News – from Keith Rogers**

Overall: our systems seem to be holding up fairly well. Some items are ageing e.g. S1 console. Our major problem is the way the infrastructure has grown without the benefit of being able to plan from the ground up e.g. IT cabling, transmission systems, cabling in general including mains supply. We also have a dust problem in both studios, unrelated to the great work of our army of cleaners. Dust happens, and it is very difficult to keep it out of equipment.

\* Presenters are reminded that connecting hard disk drives to the S1 computers can lead to “stuttering” at the start of audio tracks. This effect is not connected to whether use is made of powered hubs or not, or direct connection to the computers without any hub. Keith has not seen such a connection totally successful over a number of differing HDDs. Advice would be to restrict your audio resource to USB flash drives, you can fit an awful lot of audio onto a 16GB flash drive which now are relatively cheap. Big problem: USB flash drives are easily mislaid, lost and run over by 4WDs (don’t laugh, it’s happened).



## Station News –

### **RM’s Day out in the High Street**

Plans are well underway to present a free music concert in Mansfield’s High Street on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from noon.

For some time the Committee of Management has toyed with the idea of staging an event to thank our community for its support of the Station over the years, as well as raise our profile. We have talented locals as well as some out of town performers who will present a varied program of music; something for everyone.

This will be a very good opportunity to renew, or indeed take out a Radio Mansfield membership, or discuss sponsorship with one of our representatives.

### **Family memberships \$30, Single \$20, Concession \$10**

Roy, the treasurer, and his very able helpers will be there to assist you. Additionally Radio Mansfield merchandise will be available for purchase.

We are very excited at the prospect of getting this event up and running, and do hope that you will bring a chair or a rug and come along and join in the fun.

### **Event sponsors – Martin’s Garage, High Country 4x4 and Godings.**

We are also very grateful to the following Mansfield and District businesses who have given so generously to support us –

*Pinnacle Valley Resort, Phudleys Jewellers , Jabetta fashions, Shop 27 Varieties, High Country Apparel, Mansfield Hunting and Fishing, Tango & Wallflower, Delatite Wines, Ochre Earth, Loyola, Sportfirst, Snowy Mountain Rug Company, Furniture One, All Things Natural, Any Room, Mansfield Parts 4x4, Stoltz, Foodworks, Snowgum Nursery, Shopping World, Amcal Pharmacy, Mansfield Lolly Shop, High Country Video, Dare to be bare, Home Station, Horse Power, High Country Bake House, Tolmie Tavern, Mansfield Cinema, Alpine Butchers, Mansfield Pet and Produce Supplies, Ruckle Hairdressing, The Mansfield Produce Store, Yencken’s Home Hardware, Motor Panel Repairs, Tea Emporium, Marks’ IGA Supermarket, High Country Tales, Mansfield Flooring Xtra, Pacific Hire & Toyota.*

**Raffle Tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5 –**

available for sale outside the studio almost every day.

## Marg's fundraising competition-

As many of you would be aware, Margaret Wilson, who is one of the community members on the Committee of Management, organised a competition earlier this year to guess the number of bread ties she had collected. The winners of this guessing competition were-

1st Prize	Pam Abbott	1463 tags
2nd Prize	Jodie Bell	1468 tags
3rd Prize	Michelle Padbury	1470 tags
4th Prize	Lyn Uren	1480 tags

The amount raised was – \$469.80 A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported this venture and especially to Margaret for her idea. **AND** she's at it again as part of our concert afternoon on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's a jar of jelly beans this time. The woman is unstoppable!

Radio Mansfield 99.7 FM  
Radio Mansfield presents  
**A FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT**  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND  
NOON 'TIL 5 NON-STOP MUSIC  
MANSFIELD HIGH STREET

Carter & Carter  
Uprising  
Ryan Daykin  
Hug the dog  
Little Ray  
Mark Gardener & The Broken Sweethearts  
The Vagrants  
Ian Castles  
Mick Hearn

## Program profile



'THE RANCH' is hosted by Brett Doornekamp, or as he prefers to be known, "The Wolf", and airs on Radio Mansfield 99.7FM every Saturday night between seven and midnight.

Over recent months the program has undergone a few changes to find a format that listeners want to hear on a Saturday night.

Brett features a variety of music on his program, from the classics to the latest releases in country and rock, along with interviews, gig guide, promotion of events in the High Country and music news from Australia and America.

It has gained a large following, not only here in the Mansfield but also to listeners across the world, via streaming on The Web.

'The Ranch' is supported by CRS Publicity, Sony Music and Universal Music, which means the show always has the latest information, releases and access to singers for interviews. The show is not only backed by these labels but listened to by the singers themselves.

You can find 'The Ranch' on Facebook [www.book.com.au/theranchaustralia](http://www.book.com.au/theranchaustralia) where you can interact with the program, request songs and get shout outs while the show is on air. So join "The Wolf" each Saturday night between 7- 12 for a great night in beside your radio.

*And that's all folks, Open Mike " signing off.*

### Radio Mansfield acknowledges its generous sponsors –

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