

The 96.5FM News

Our 21st Birthday

Welcome to the third electronic e-mail newsletter for 96.5 Inner FM. We celebrate twenty one years of broadcasting under our permanent licence since our first broadcast day on December 10. *Inner North East Community Radio 3INR* began official transmission on Monday 10th of December 1990. I remember saying in those early days that, "We could never find volunteers to operate this radio station twenty four hours a day." I was proven wrong and as I look at the fabulous station today I still cannot believe that we have done it. What a great achievement, due to the work of many volunteers who have given their time and talents to make our Community Radio Station such a success.

We can look back over the past twenty one years with pride. I believe 96.5FM has presented great entertainment for our loyal listeners and has also provided a wonderful community service. The standard of our programmes has been of a very high quality and we have provided diverse programming to appeal to a wide audience. The journey from the original test broadcasts to our present 24 hour service in 2011 has been due to the marvellous hard work and enthusiasm of our presenters, members and the support of our listeners. We must also thank our fabulous sponsors who have supported us and assisted in providing the financial income to operate the radio station.

My thoughts are also with those presenters, members and listeners who have passed on during the twenty one years – they are not forgotten. Now is the time to celebrate and to look forward with optimism to our next twenty one years. **KT**

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The deadline for the forthcoming editions will be – February 5th and April 5th.

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Seasons Greetings



To all our members, presenters, volunteers, sponsors and listeners, have a safe and merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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Inner FM beginnings

Opening Ceremony

On Saturday the 8th of December 1990 the Mayor and Mayoress from each of the councils served by Inner North East Community Radio were invited to attend the launch of 96.5FM onstage at the Warringal Shopping

Centre. Bruce Mansfield was the compere and four Mayors clutched the scissors as they cut the ribbon to declare Inner FM officially open. The Mayor of Northcote Bill Connors and the Mayor of Doncaster John Ridge were joined by our own Bill Gosstray Mayor of Preston and Bruce

Skeggs Mayor of Heidelberg. Mayoress Marie Gosstray, Evelyn Skeggs, Marie Connors and Mrs Ridge also participated in the launch.



21 Years of memories



An early committee meeting



Those early outside broadcasts
Bruce Mansfield, Bruce Skeggs, Gus Mercurio



Another outside broadcast
Bruce Skeggs and the Count of Coburg

Our old studios



Studios 1 and 2



Alan McCurdy at reception



Bill Gosstray and guest



Our new studios



Bill Corrie and the Rev. Tom

Kevin's Column

☆ Here we are with our third e-mail newsletter and the comments so far have been encouraging. Remember there are always hard copies of this newsletter available at the studio.

There are plans for a *Radiothon* during 2012. The *Radiothon* is a very important part of raising funds to ensure the financial stability of our radio station. It is vital that every programme supports the *Radiothon* and the regular presenter encourages their listeners to give generously. Other community radio stations in Melbourne have had great success in fund raising during recent times.

☆ I was listening to another community radio station and the presenter was playing two tracks whilst talking over the top of it all - it would never happen at 96.5FM because we wear our headphones and monitor what is actually going to air.

☆ Please support our valued sponsors as they support us.

☆ There many programmes on our station that we should be proud of. If I could mention two at this point – *Scouting Around* on a Thursday night at 6.00pm is exceptional. Trevor Dagley has been presenting this programme for the twenty one years and I love hearing the young people speaking. I also think that *Ivanhoe Grammar School Presents* on a Friday afternoon at 4.00pm and *Our Lady of Mercy College on Air* 2.00pm Wednesdays has been a tremendous platform for young students to go on air and present their own programme. Well done to all concerned.

☆ I have studied the original programme guide for during our final test broadcast and I think I have identified the programmes that have been on- air continuously since we started twenty one years ago. (Some may have changed timeslots)

Breakfast
Drive Time
Jazz (John Crichton)
Ivanhoe Grammar School
Scouting Around (Trevor Dagley)
Local Sports Round-Up
Music Go Round
That's Entertainment (Kevin Trask)
Local Theatre and
Memory Lane (John Milne)

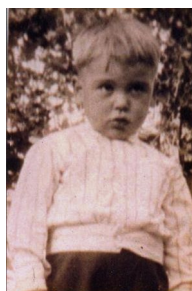
If I have missed any please let me know. There are plenty of presenters who have been with us from the start but not presenting a continuous programme. Twenty one years is a great achievement.

☆ There are several other community radio stations that were granted their licence at the same time as us – we wish them a happy 21st also.

Who is it ???

Last edition was a hard one – it was Bill Gosstray.

We need some childhood photos for next year please. Send yours to kevintrask@innerfm.org.au



Bill Gosstray

☆ Here is our “mystery child” for December - I'll tell you who it is in our next edition...



Some 96.5FM Milestones

1988 – Test broadcasts begin under the frequency 96.3FM from the Heidelberg Town Hall with the antenna strapped to the Clock Tower. Then we broadcast from original studios at Warringal Shopping Centre.

1989 We do our first OB from Northland Shopping Centre.

1990 We begin permanent broadcasting on 10th December.

1991 Talkback is introduced

1994 Harry Beitzel joins us and we begin broadcasting Collingwood Football matches for the AFL in association with 3WRB. Eddie McGuire calls games with Harry Beitzel, Graham “Smoky” Dawson, Laurie Sandilands, Brian Taylor and Tommy Lahiff. There was a court case initiated by a commercial radio station and we won the case thanks to input from our solicitor Paul Dellios.

1995 Our first *Santa Talk Back* goes to air hosted by Paul Walsh assisted by Bob Clavan.

1996 A man with a toy gun bursts into the studio office and is subdued by Ken Gillin.

1997 We begin calling VAFA football matches.

1997 Variety concert at Heidelberg Theatre involving most of our presenters.

1998 We began streaming for a short time with IIS Webnet thanks to Garry Cameron.

2000 Our new transmitter and antenna is moved from the Repatriation Hospital to the new Austin Hospital in Burgundy Street.

2001 We move into our new studios.

2005 Our Website is established through the work of several members including Brett Bysouth, Emile Bassil and Colin Rochford. Then Kevin White becomes our Webmaster.

2008 We begin streaming on the internet thanks to the sponsorship of the VAFA, Old Scotch and Old Xaverians. Now we are heard all over the world.

2011 We celebrate twenty one years of broadcasting.

Happy Birthday 3INR



The founding father and the first President of the Radio Station was the late Joe Rudnicki, a Councillor of the City of Heidelberg. Joe started the ball rolling by going to Wollongong NSW for the Community Radio Convention in the late 1980's for 3 days at his own expense and did not ask for donations to help out. So far, to my memory, no one ever acknowledged the existence of the

original founder of the radio station.

The first test broadcast was from the Heidelberg Town Hall Clock Tower but not all members were aware that we had actually started transmission. The members were notified about the test broadcast during the subsequent committee meeting called by the Hon. Bruce Skeggs MLC. Bruce was the second President of 3INR. Joe Rudnicki declined the position as Vice-President and Richard Kings became Vice President. The other original office bearers were, Maria Costolano - Secretary, John Crichton - Membership Officer, John Milne and Brett Bysouth - Studio operation and training, Tim Armstrong - Technical and myself as the first Studio Manager of 3 INR. Kerry and John Pedder were also greatly involved with activities from fund raising to every day running of the station. Bruce Skeggs continued as President until he resigned from the position due to ill health in 2004 and Ken Petrucco took over. Bruce Skeggs was installed as Patron after his last A.G.M., held at the Ivanhoe RSL.



I got the nick name of **George the Bolts and Nuts**, climbing antenna towers at 10pm in the wintertime to be ready for the Test Broadcast at midnight. We had a loan of an Antenna from Croydon Community Radio. Two or three weeks before the last test broadcast we applied for a Permanent Broadcast Licence Hearing.

The judge's name was Wilson and after two and a quarter hours he granted us the Permanent Broadcast Licence. From that last test broadcast until today we have been broadcasting continuously.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 3INR

I am George, the Bolts and Nuts Bloke - A Founding Member of 3INR

George Prillwitz (27th Nov. 2011)

Birthday Book

Best wishes to the following 96.5 members celebrating their special day

December

7	Kerry Pedder
8	Geoff Phillips
10	Betty Sonin
13	Julie Campbell
18	Anthony Caplan Addison Lowes
19	Lenny Everett
21	John Milne
28	Sandra McCurdy
29	Mary Balcombe



Christmas - Outside Broadcasts

We have 3 Outside Broadcasts planned over the coming weeks till Christmas

Rudolph's Warehouse

The first is the Rudolph's Warehouse O/B Friday 2/12/11 from 7pm till 9pm.

East Ivanhoe Traders

On Saturday, the 17th of December, we are broadcasting from the Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank in Lower Heidelberg Road, East Ivanhoe from 10am till Noon.

Santa Talk Back

On Saturday, the 17th of December Paul Walsh and Santa will be at the Boulevard Lights from 8pm till 11pm with our annual Santa Talk Back broadcast from the front lawn of 173 The Boulevard, Ivanhoe East. Sponsored by: East Ivanhoe & Heidelberg Community Bank Branches of the Bendigo Bank, East Ivanhoe Village Traders Association, McDonalds Family Restaurants and WG Miles Real Estate.

Come along and join in the fun at our wonderful outside broadcasts.

Send your contributions for our next edition of the 96.5FM News
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