

The 96.5FM News

Here is the news read by ...

Welcome to the second electronic e-mail newsletter for 96.5 Inner FM. We plan to send you a newsletter every two months. Our December edition will celebrate Christmas and the 21st birthday of 96.5FM. We began official transmission on Monday 10th of December 1990.

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The deadline for the forthcoming editions will be December 5 and February 5.

Kevin Trask



Featured Programme

Robert Morrison presents **Musical Theatre Melodies** each Tuesday night between 9 and 11 pm. This is a great programme of music from the stage shows and features interviews with interesting people. Rob regularly chats to **Peter Filichia**, a theatre critic for the New Jersey *Star-Ledger* newspaper; who also writes tri-weekly

columns for the *Theatermania* website, plus a weekly column for *Masterworks Broadway*; Peter also participates in podcasts for the *Broadway Stars* website and is the author of the books *Let's Put on a Musical!: How to Choose the Right Show For Your Theatre* and *Broadway Musicals: The Biggest Hit & the Biggest Flop of the Season*,

1959-2009. Peter Filichia is an expert on theatre and his reports from the US bring us all the latest news from Broadway. Each week Robert Morrison features a stage musical in his programme and sends out an e-mail to people all over the world promoting his forthcoming programme. Well done Robert; it is a wonderful, quality programme and a credit to 96.5FM.

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Editor

Presenter Profile ADRIAN HOOK

When Adrian Hook wandered into the Warrigal Shopping Centre one day in 1989 the founding fathers of Inner North East Community Radio Inc. were there on a hands-on recruiting campaign. In his own words, he said, *"Why not!"*

To say that 'the rest is history' is not enough. There and then our radio station gained its most energetic and devoted member. No one but Adrian knows what he has done for us over the past 22 years. We just know it is a great deal.

Adrian was the third of eight children born to Australian parents in November 1952 in the London 'home county' of Surrey. His mother's sister also produced eight...Eight cousins for Adrian.

His earliest recollections involved living in Cheshire. The family had moved there while our lad was still in nappies. Always prepared to have a go, young Adrian was trying to help a neighbour's dog to eat its supper and was rewarded with a bite on the nose. Jamming his fingers in a train carriage door and suffering an ingrown toenail only added to his early "painful memories".

When I ask about his extended family Adrian waxes lyrical about his maternal grandfather - Dr W.F. Liggins - who practised medicine in both Country NSW and in Sydney - virtually up to the day he died in 1976, aged 80. He served in both world wars as a Medical Officer; was as tough as nails and yet the greatest humanitarian Adrian has ever known.

Adrian used to try to do his morning exercise routine with him but could not keep up - and he was already in his late 70's. His wartime stories were enthralling. Adrian said *"His wife, our*

grandmother, was a diminutive but formidable woman whom we loved but were also just a little bit scared of, as well."

Adrian was about 15 when Mum and Dad (and the 8 kids) returned to Australia. *"All ten of us stayed with our Grandparents at their lovely Californian bungalow in Ashfield, Sydney, for a month till we could move into our own home."*

Living two doors down was another refugee from the Old Dart: entertainment historian David Stratton. He and his wife and daughter would come up to the Ashfield bungalow for drinkies before lunch on Christmas Day.

They enjoyed discussing 'films,' but Adrian thinks Mr Stratton thought of him and his siblings as *"a bunch of spotty little 'oiks' from the provinces. But we were from posh Surrey!"*

Adrian never met his paternal grandfather as he had passed away in the 50's. He was an ANZAC who met and married an "English Rose". After the Great War, they returned to Australia where he was the local butcher in Alstonville in northern NSW. After his death, "Granny" returned to the UK and lived in Sussex.

The Hook kids used to go to stay with her (on a one-or-two-at-a-time basis). *She was very demure, a proper "lady," they had to be on their best behaviour. In her later years, she came to Australia, staying with the family in Balwyn before going into a nursing home in Sydney where she passed away at the venerable age of 100. And, yes, she did receive her telegram from The Queen. Adrian's father was their only child.*

I ask about Adrian's education. *"My first school teacher was Miss*



Butlers in Heswall, Cheshire. She was the archetypal Margaret Rutherford type lady - a truly wonderful woman and a great teacher."

He went to Birkenhead Prep School, just across the Mersey from Liverpool, for a term in 1960, before moving back to London. At Donhead Lodge in Wimbledon the Headmaster was *"a wonderful (Jesuit) priest, Father (Eggy) Egan"* Despite the fact that Eggy thrashed me regularly with the dreaded ferula, I absolutely loved and admired him. He used to give me tickets to see games at The Oval, where he was a member, **DURING SCHOOL TIME!! Howzat?"**

And secondary / tertiary education?

"I got into Wimbledon College (across the road from Donhead Lodge - also run by the Jesuits). Got thrashed regularly there too and it was from there that my scholastic career began its freefall. Along the way, I graced St Aloysius College in Milsons Point, Sydney (directly opposite the Opera House), then Ku-ring-gai High School where I had a great time, (it being co-ed). then finally Balwyn High in Melbourne where I underperformed, to put it mildly, on the relatively few occasions I attended. I somehow managed to pass the HSC and vowed never to set foot inside a learning institution ever again because, well, I knew it all and hated being told otherwise."

Adrian Hook

Adrian has had several jobs over the years, but when leaving his academic phase, had absolutely no idea what he wanted to do – apart from being a pop star - *even though I couldn't sing or play an instrument. Could gob, though – rather well, as it happens....*

His longsuffering father helped to get him an interview at BP in Albert Road, South Melbourne.

I thought "great" I'm in Motor Racing (one of his great loves). But no. A vacancy existed in the Computer Department: Control Clerk – the lowest of the low, who spent all their days decollating and dispatching boxes of paper which spewed off printers day and night. It meant working shifts but it was a job. It was 1971 and therefore in the still embryonic world of Information Technology (IT).

Adrian progressed from Control Clerk to Computer Operator and started to get a hang of the IT caper. Over the next 30 years, he managed to find employment both here and back in the UK in IT.

As well as working for the rural company Dalgety/Wesfarmers in both Sydney and Melbourne, this dark horse also had a most interesting and enjoyable two years working for WEA Records in Sydney from 1976 – 78. Here he rubbed shoulders with some 'Big Names' such as Leif Garrett and Shaun Cassidy (Who?). Well, they were big names back then. He also witnessed an hilarious encounter between GM, the late Paul Turner, and the members of AC/DC, who took liberties in the Boardroom whilst waiting to do a phone interview with a US radio station ... *I thought murder was a possibility which could have changed the course of Rock History!*

By the start of the new millennium, the IT industry had left Mr Hook behind and he now supervises Wool

Auction Salerooms in Melbourne - a role he thoroughly enjoys and hopes to continue doing until retirement.

Asking what were a few of his favourite things, I get: "*Michael Caine and Helen Mirren*", the late UK comedian *Tommy Cooper* (Jus' like that). He favours Palm Cove in Far North Queensland as a holiday spot and the movies *Alfie* and *Some Like It Hot*.

What about eating out? "*Smorgies. Records? "Captain Fantastic & The Dirt Brown Cowboy - Elton John."*

Singer? "*Linda Ronstadt."*

Although occupied with footy at Inner FM, he favours cricket, motor racing and soccer.

OK, What about theatre? "*Harold Pinter's The Caretaker, Behind The Fridge with Peter Cook & Dudley Moore.*" TV? "*Doc Martin.*"

I ask what does Adrian Hook like to do in his spare time. "*As little as possible!*" And the way to dress? "*To quote my wife, 'Like a hobo.'*"

Adrian has been married to Mary for 26 years. They have two children: Andrew 24 and Victoria 23, and boasts how he survived both births without fainting. "*I put this down to Minties.*" Could there be anything Adrian is not so proud of? "*Running out of Minties!*"

Andrew presents "Friday Sportsfest" and "Local Sports Round-up" on Inner FM.

What about food? "*Anything with chips and a good cuppa.*" Pets? "*Our dog, Richo - a bishon/westie cross. Lovely natured, spoilt rotten and as thick as two short planks.*"

When we get on to subjects like fear and embarrassing moments, Adrian recalls sitting in a dentist's waiting room as a child, listening to "*that drill*" in pre-anaesthetic days.

As for embarrassments, Mr Hook says: "*There were many instances of flies undone on the bus, train or tram.*" He then adds that he is not a pervert or flasher. "*The electric shock treatment fixed that. I'm just forgetful.*"

Adrian hates litter and loves radio: "*I love radio; I love the people; I love the involvement and I particularly love seeing people achieve things they never thought possible. That's the best thing.*"

Adrian is currently on the "Nice & Easy" Presenter Roster and also helps out on "Local Sports Round-Up"

He has been on the Committee since the Middle Ages; served as Secretary for years and is the current Treasurer.

The many less-official tasks he undertakes would seem humanly impossible, and receiving a Menzies Award last year for services to our radio station was a mere token of appreciation.

As you may have gathered, Adrian has an infectious sense of humour and a wonderful 'home counties' voice.

Hook is hooked on Inner FM and we are hooked on Hook ... Adrian Hook.

By the way, Adrian. What do you drive? "*A car ... and the wife mad.*"

David Small

Kevin's Column

☆ The feedback on our first electronic newsletter was great. Thanks to everyone who sent through their kind comments. We are reaching about 60% of our members instantly via the e-mail and hoping to reach more in the future. There are always copies of this newsletter available at the studio.

☆ There are over 270 community radio stations on air across Australia, from stations in remote regions to stations in the heart of our cities. Every two years the McNair Survey is conducted to measure the listeners to Community Radio stations. There has been a steady increase in listeners over the past six years. The next survey is due in 2012.

☆ We are still in need of volunteers to work at reception at the station. If you know of any retired people who may want to become involved at 96.5FM Please advise Adrian Hook 9457 1718.

☆ We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our loyal listeners over many years, Jean Mack (Ralph) at the age of 92.

☆ Please support our valued sponsors as they support us.

☆ We are all very proud of our

own Joan Gillespie who has been with 96.5FM for about twenty years. Joan spent thirty years in an iron lung after contracting polio as a child. Joan was freed thanks to portable respiratory technology and her husband John. Joan works as a volunteer at the Austin and Repatriation Hospitals visiting the patients in her wheelchair accompanied by her little dog "Charlie." Joan received the *Veteran Community Award* at Government House from Premier Ted Baillieu as a lead up to the Victorian Seniors Festival. There was an article about Joan in the *Leader Newspaper* and *The Melbourne Observer*. Joan was also invited to a luncheon with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during the Queen's recent visit to Melbourne. We are so proud of "Our Joan." Listen to Joan when she fills in on "Sunday with Sandra" which becomes "Sunday with Joan" once a month at 1.30 pm. Joan has a great taste in music.

☆ Chris Keating was checking the listeners on the internet who were tuned to 96.5FM during our special coverage of the Vafa voting results in October. Chris was amazed at the number of listeners and the areas of the world

where people were tuned into 96.5FM. I'm told our Vafa broadcasts will be bigger and better (if that's possible) during 2012.

☆ Another of our loyal listeners passed away during October. Marie Rice of Ardeer was a keen listener right from the beginning of our radio station. A lovely lady. Our sympathy is extended to John and the family.

☆ Congratulations to our sister station 3RPP 98.7FM on the move into their new home at Wilsons Road, Moorooduc with new "state of the art studios". A huge opening was held recently with a large number of invited guests.



I am pleased to say that many people identified our "mystery child" as Robert Williams –

well done everyone.

Here is our "mystery child" for November - I'll tell you who it is in our next edition.

Clue: He is a presenter.



Kevin Trask

AGM



The Annual General meeting of 96.5FM was held at the Veneto Club on Wednesday 12th of October 2011. Ken Petrucco chaired the meeting. Adrian Hook presented the Treasurer's report and questions were invited from the members present. The reports were passed by the membership. As there were sufficient nominations for the vacant positions the five candidates were duly elected.

The new committee for 2011/2012 is

President **Ken Petrucco**

Vice President **Paul Delios**

Treasurer **Adrian Hook**

Secretary **Kevin Yates**

Committee members - **Janice Brandon, Jerry Guirguis, Nick Juliano and Joseph Zampichelli.**

We wish the new committee all the best for the coming year and thank our 2010/2011 committee members for a job well done.

Picture from AGM with the President and the Treasurer

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Birthday Book

Best wishes to the following 96.5 members celebrating their special day

November

- 9 Trevor Dagley
- 14 Potsie
- 18 Tim Armstrong
- 20 Larry Stephens
- John Murphy
- 24 Edna Brown
- 28 Rose Lacey
- 29 Estelle Williams

December

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

Evelyn Skeggs

Evelyn Skeggs, the wife of our patron Bruce Skeggs, passed away on September 12 aged 79 and just four days after their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Evelyn was at the opening of 96.5FM, in her capacity as Lady Mayoress, as Bruce and the other local mayors cut the ceremonial ribbon to open our radio station in December 1990. Evelyn gave tremendous support to 96.5FM and attended many functions in those early days.

The funeral was held at St George's Anglican church in East Ivanhoe. Our sympathy is extended to Bruce, Phillip, Julie, Margaret and all the family. Sadly Bruce and Evelyn lost their son Robbie several years ago. Evelyn was a wonderful lady and we were privileged to have known her.



Evelyn and Bruce Skeggs

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