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We are very grateful to our listeners who have provided feedback about our programs. As always, all comments are greatly appreciated. Please send your comments, either good or bad, to us at info@innerfm.org.au Here are some recent comments.

*Rock n Roll Heaven: G'day Ilana, LOVE your show with an absolute, definite passion! Thank you so much for all your effort, energy & time to do this show. Fans for life. Best regards, **Denis, Sandra & Adrian.***

Dear Adrian and New Grooves team, Thank you so much for playing my music on your program and station! I'm working on new music this year, with a plan to tour in 2018. Thanks again for supporting me and independent Australian music! **Kate Fuller.**

I listen mainly on FM radio but webstream when I'm out of reception range. I must say that Inner FM's range for reception is very limited. I cannot receive Inner FM anywhere south of Brunswick, e.g. cannot receive at Melbourne University. I listen from home in Fairfield usually, though my interest is VAFA so it would be great to be able to receive live calls while watching the game. I do like the variety and the older music that is played. Also, one evening show that plays good modern music. Some programs are not my preferred genre of music but that is fine. Happy to give that up for variety. **Tom**

Dear Inner FM: This is a long overdue huge thank you for playing New Leaf's music on New Grooves! Being independent and locally produced, we're sincerely grateful for your support. We are making a list of the first 100 programs to host us and our music which is now up on our website (<https://www.natashapearson.com/new-leaf-radio-stations>) Thank you for being part of that list! Yours sincerely, **Natasha.**

John Crichton's 30th August show: Hi there. I've just discovered the station; listening on line and really enjoyed this show – John's knowledgeable no BS approach is great! And the other week, hearing the piano trios was a real treat, too. I'm mad for Ahmad Jamal meself. Cheers **Ken Howden.**

INTRODUCTION

Spring is here at last ... We have been through some very sad times since our last edition of this newsletter. Sadly, we have lost two of our popular presenters and it leaves a great hole at our radio station. We have paid tribute to Marie Ryan and David Small in this issue and our sympathy is extended to both families. But we must go on as we approach our 27th Birthday.

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THE SAD PASSING OF MARIE RYAN

It is with great sadness that we announce that our dear friend and dedicated presenter Marie Ryan passed away on Monday 12th June 2017. Marie was one of our most popular presenters, co-hosting *On Stage* with long-time friend Kevin Yates, as well as her own editions of *Morning Magazine* and *Readings & Writings*. Marie fought her battle with cancer with determination and optimism. Her enthusiasm, good humour, and friendship will be very greatly missed. We would like to pass on our deepest sympathies to Marie's husband John and their family at this very sad time. Rest in peace, Marie.



A Tribute

Marie was a great supporter of writers and actors. She attended countless shows, and promoted them before and during their run. After attending a play or musical, Marie would post a review on Facebook almost as soon as she left the theatre. She wanted others to enjoy what she enjoyed.

I was her guest twice on *Readings & Writings* and have dedicated my third novel, *Tricky Conscience*, to this kind and generous lady.

Cenarth Fox

My On-Air Partner in Crime

I lost my on-air colleague Marie Ryan on 12 June this year after her courageous battle with cancer. I first met Marie at the Yarrambat studios of community radio Plenty Valley FM on January 19, 1999. She was a trainee and I offered to let her gain some experience on radio. It seemed we had a common interest in theatre. I had been with Plenty Valley FM since 1991 and had a theatre review show called *On Stage* that I started back in 1992. I had had a succession of on-air partners and little did I know that Marie would stay with me for 7 years. She also had a *Morning Magazine* show as well and through her many contacts, got many great interviews. But then we both got our marching order from 88.6 FM in 2006. So one door closed and another opened. Marie and I were now off-air and radio refugees. I volunteered at 3INR from December 2006, and eventually by March 2007 Marie and I had settled in at 96.5Inner FM; she had a *Morning Magazine* program and I had a *Drive* show. Yeah! We're both back on the air. Soon we got a lucky break. Bill Watts relinquished his theatre show *Billboard* and we were offered it and we were joined by Max. Eventually we shortened it to an hour and changed the name to *On Stage* and the rest is history. My fondest memories of Marie at the radio station and in the outside world are many and include: Our differing of opinions of shows
The many guests Marie was able to conjure up
The presenters from other community radio theatre shows she introduced me to
The long, long lunches at various hotels
And most of all being a wonderful and loving friend. I will miss her greatly.

Kevin Yates

THE SAD PASSING OF DAVID SMALL

It is hard to come to terms with the sudden passing of our popular presenter, David Small.

David passed away suddenly at his home at the age of seventy nine on Friday July 21. He was born in Stoke On Trent in England in 1938 and faced his first audience at the age of four and, like many thus smitten, was never really the same again. His family emigrated to Australia in 1951 when David was thirteen.

I first met David during a season of *The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby* at Heidelberg Theatre in the late 1980's. He worked with many theatre companies over the years as an actor and director. David served as a VDL Awards judge and a *Theatrecraft* reviewer. He won the VDL award for Best Actor for his performances in *The Woman in Black* at Peridot Theatre in 1997 and *Shadowlands* for Encore Theatre in 2007. Onstage he appeared in more than one hundred and thirty productions. Among the occasional musical theatre roles that he played over the years are those of all three senior male leads in *My Fair Lady*, (Higgins, Pickering and Doolittle) – which may be an unchallenged as a world record. David loved the theatre and it gave him great satisfaction and enjoyment.

His screen credits include *Consider Your Verdict*, a guest appearance in ABC TVs *MDA* and a variety of educational and training films and community documentaries.

David Small may just have been one of the best actors I have seen and perhaps he should have been a professional actor. He was a wonderful person and made many friends through his theatrical involvement.

David was a presenter at 96.5 Inner FM for twenty eight years and I asked him to join our station during the test broadcasts. David was a wonderful impressionist – he could do about eighty character voices and his best in my opinion was his "James Mason". He was a religious man and enjoyed presenting his popular radio programmes *Small Talk* and *Worship on the Wireless*. Eric elder recorded every edition of *Small Talk*. David spent many hours working on his programmes and it showed. My wife Cate and I were delighted to attend a service about twenty years ago when David and his wife Joan renewed their wedding vows. Sadly, Joan passed away in 2010.

He directed and narrated four consecutive productions of the annual *Melbourne Passion Play* performed in Doncaster's Ruffey Lake Park.

Last year David made his final trip to England where he caught up with relatives and his daughter Meredith.

David had a great sense of humour. A few days before he died he arrived at a Probus Club to give a talk. When David opened his presentation, he said he had considered bringing along a Gladstone bag stuffed with a thick pile of papers, placing them demonstratively on to the front table, to frighten the audience into thinking that his presentation might be a long one. The talk went extremely well and the organiser said to him, "It would be great to have you back then for a return appearance", to which he replied "I'd like that".

I enjoyed directing David in our Melbourne tour of the play *The Real Sherlock Holmes* written by his friend and occasional presenter on 96.5 Inner FM, Cenarth Fox.

I was honoured to speak at David's funeral at The Manningham Uniting Church. His three daughters Leigh, Trudy and Meredith gave loving tributes to their beloved father, and his grandchildren took turns to talk about their treasured memories of their Grandfather. The church was packed and the Rev Jason Kioa conducted a wonderful service.

The funeral service was broadcast on 96.5 Inner FM and it is a podcast on our website. Some listeners have requested personal copies. David was loved by his listeners and we have been pleased to receive many tributes over the past few weeks.

David Small was an exceptional person and a dear friend. We will all miss him.

Our sympathy is extended to his daughters and all the family.

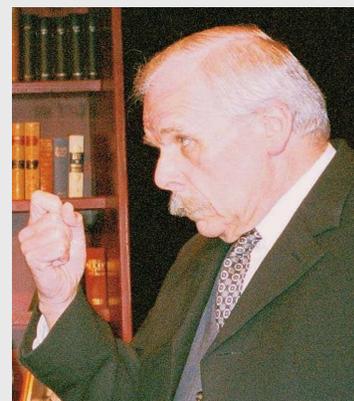
David Small tributes

Vale to dear David. Loss of a great friend and presenter.

Regards **Bill Gosstray**

Hi. I just wanted to offer my sympathies to the Inner FM Family and relatives of David Small. I'm a relatively new listener but from the start I've looked forward to Sunday mornings (when not working) and David's adventures and enlightening comments that set the day up for one of great programming. I'll miss his wonderfully rich voice and the lovely rapport of friendship he conveyed so easily. A very special person indeed. I guess the one consolation is that he is now back together with his wife, who if I'm not mistaken has also passed away. Sincerely, **Kellie Lacy**

Hi. Just writing to say thank you for broadcasting the thanksgiving service for David Small. Although related as distant cousins, back in the UK David was counted as a family member. Saddened as we are at his passing, we are glad to have known him and your broadcast enabled us to share with his closer family in a special thanksgiving. Thanks again. **Frank Wray & family** Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, UK.



David Small as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

MUSICAL THEATRE MELODIES

Rob Morrison
Tuesday 9pm

The "Pure Imagination" of Leslie Bricusse

Rob Morrison recently renewed his acquaintance with the Oscar, Grammy and Ivor Novello award-winning composer, lyricist, librettist and screenwriter, Leslie Bricusse, for a further series of three interviews on his Tuesday evening **Musical Theatre Melodies** programme in late-July into early-August, (bringing the total to 16 interviews with Leslie since 2012.)

The first programme paid tribute to the 50th anniversary of the 1967 film musical **Doctor Doolittle**, starring Rex Harrison, for which Leslie wrote the screenplay and provided both music and lyrics, subsequently winning his first Oscar for 'Best Original Song' with "Talk to the Animals". (Even after 50 years Leslie remains the only person to have single-handedly written and composed two major movie musicals, the other being **Scrooge**, starring Albert Finney, in 1970.)

The second programme featured Leslie's 1982 stage adaptation of the 1969 film musical version of **Good-bye Mr. Chips**, (which starred Peter O'Toole and Petula Clark), for which Sir John Mills took on the title role for the Chichester Festival Theatre season and the third programme featured Leslie's 2006 musical adaptation of the classic French historical romance **Cyrano de Bergerac**, on which he collaborated with theatre composer, Frank Wildhorn. The latter show recently opened to great acclaim in a production in Seoul, South Korea and has also enjoyed great success in Japan, where it has been staged in four separate productions to date, although, ironically, it has yet to open in a major production in an English-speaking country!

At the age of 86, Leslie shows no sign of slowing down and currently has a number of musical theatre projects in various stages of preparation, including a revival of his 1998 stage version of **Doctor Doolittle** scheduled for London next year; a U.K. tour of **Pure**

Imagination – The Songs of Leslie Bricusse; a possible animated film version of a **Noah's Ark** musical that he first wrote in the 1960s; a U.K. tour of his Sammy Davis Jnr. bio-musical **Sammy** and the London premiere of a brand new musical comedy **Sunday Dallas**, plus the staging of a work for which he set himself the task of writing lyrics to all of George Gershwin's orchestral and instrumental music, inspired by a suggestion of Liza Minnelli.

Next year will mark the 60th anniversary of Leslie's marriage to his beloved wife "Evie", (former film actress Yvonne Romain, whose credits include starring as the *femme fatale* in the 1967 Elvis Presley film **Double Trouble**), who has also provided the inspiration for many of Leslie's songs including the 1961 hit for Matt Monro, "My Kind of Girl" and the Petula Clark standard "You and I".



Leslie Bricusse

KEVIN'S COLUMN

Our popular president Ken Petrucco had a bad fall at Sports Cover Arena in St Kilda several months ago after broadcasting one of our VAFA football games. The road to recovery has been a long journey with a stay in hospital and considerable time convalescing at home. But Ken is on the improve and hoping to be back for the 2018 season and his wonderful programme *The Supper Club* on 96.5 Inner FM.

Wishing our beloved Joyce McCrow (the mother of Sandra McCurdy) all the best. Meanwhile her grandson Trent McCurdy is doing very well at 531 3GG in Gippsland. Trent started in radio at 96.5 Inner FM and recently surprised his mum with a studio visit during *Sunday with Sandra*.

Greg King is doing a great job with getting us new sponsors – give Greg any leads you may have for possible sponsors on 0416 045 157.

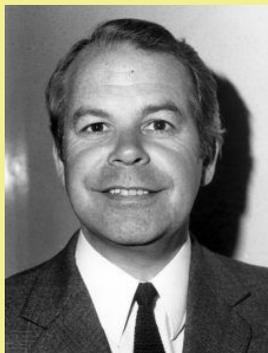
Passings

We must mention the passing of Harry Bietzel in this newsletter. Harry was well known as a VFL football umpire and then a radio broadcaster. In 1993 Harry approached our station with a proposal to broadcast the Collingwood games simultaneously on 3INR and 3WRB in Footscray. The idea eventuated and it was a joy to see our 96.5 Inner FM banner hanging out of the press box at the MCG during the AFL football broadcasts. There was a legal challenge at that time and thanks to Paul Dellios we won the court case. Harry Bietzel passed away on the 13th of August at the age of 90.



Our condolences to Fred Lenne and all the family on the recent passing of his dear wife Barbara.

One of the great voices of 3DB in the 40's, 50's and 60's Don Kinsey also passed away at the age of 86. Don, who received an AM in the Queen's Birthday honours list, was also a well known Victorian historic motor sport announcer and eventual station manager at Channel Seven.



Robert Morrison will be presenting a special programme on Tuesday 26th September at 9.00pm during *Musical Theatre Melodies*. Robert will feature a presentation on the opening night of *West Side Story* on Broadway in 1957.

We are starting the VAFA finals series and our superb team of football experts are ready to bring you all the action and excitement on 96.5 Inner FM.

The Melbourne Observer has been a favourite in Melbourne for many years but now there is an additional new paper being produced by Ash Long called *The Local Paper*. It is free and serves the country areas in the Murrindindi Shire which includes areas such as Kinglake, Whittlesea, Mernda and Doreen where many of our listeners live.

Our Hollywood reporter Tommy Garrett from *That's Entertainment* was involved in the popular television series *Game of Thrones*. Tommy spent a few days in Iceland as part of a team scouting the area for a location for the big battle scene in the last episode of the current season.

Still need those blankets for *The Repatriation Hospital* - just talk to Rose Lacey.

Caught *The 45 RPM Club* with Ian McGrady recently and it is a fun show. Have a listen on Tuesdays at 11.00am for some rare material and great memories.

Why not attend one of the great society meetings? *The Australian Bing Crosby Society* will meet on Tuesday 17th October at *The Collingwood Library*, Stanton Street Collingwood.

The Jolson Society of Australia will meet on Monday 27th November at the same venue. Both functions commence at 7.30pm. All welcome; just turn up at the door.



The International Sinatra Society will have their next event Tuesday 31st October at the Box Hill RSL.

We are fortunate to have people who give their time and effort to run these great societies.

It is possible to print a complete programme guide to all the programmes on 96.5 Inner FM from our website at www.innerfm.org.au Our website has all the latest news on what is happening at 96.5 Inner FM thanks to our webmaster Kevin White.



Sandra McCurdy's Kitchen

Nice to be back with you for some easy recipes I hope you will try and enjoy.

SAUSAGE Mac' N 'CHEESE

Serves 6 Prep 20 minutes COOK 30 minutes

- 500g macaroni
- 500g cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 1 tablespoon light olive oil
- 4 thin Italian-style sausages
- 1 red capsicum sliced
- 2 bacon rashers rind removed, chopped
- 1 cured chorizo sliced
- 4 green onions sliced
- 60g butter
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 3 cups milk warmed
- 1 cup pizza cheese, plus 1/2 cup extra
- 2 tablespoons sliced black olives
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley to serve

Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling salted water for 10 minutes or until tender

Adding the cauliflower in the last 4 minutes of cooking. Drain.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a Large frying pan over moderate heat

Squeeze sausage meat from casings into pan breaking up lumps with back of a spoon

Discard casings cook and stir for 5 minutes or until browned

Add capsicum, bacon, chorizo and onion cook and stir sausage meat for 3 minutes or until golden

Melt butter in a saucepan over high heat

Add flour cook and stir for 1 minute or until bubbling

Gradually whisk in milk until smooth

Cook and whisk for 3 minutes or until sauce boils and thickens

Remove from heat stir in cheese until melted and smooth

Preheat an oven-grill to high spoon pasta and cauliflower into a 3-litre (12cup)

Ovenproof dish. Pour cheese sauce over and mix through sprinkle with cooked

Sausage mixture and extra cheese. Scatter with olives. Grill for 5 minutes or until golden

Stand for 5 minutes serve sprinkled with parsley.

BANANA FRITTERS WITH ICE-CREAM

Makes 8 Prep 10 minutes Cook 10 minutes

- 1 cup plain flour, plus extra to dust
- 2 teaspoons baking powder, pinch of salt
- 1 1/3 cups chilled water 4 small equal-sized bananas halved lengthwise
- Vegetable oil to deep fry Golden syrup and vanilla ice-cream to serve
- Place flour baking powder and salt in a large bowl

Make a well in centre, whisk in the water, dust banana in extra flour shake off excess

Heat enough oil in a large deep frying pan to reach a depth of 5cm to deep fry 2 banana fritters at a time

Dip banana into batter allow excess to drip off. Deep fry for 2 minutes or until golden brown and cooked.

Drain on paper towel. Drizzle with golden syrup Serve with ice-cream delicious.

I hope you try and enjoy these easy recipes.

**And don't forget to join me for Sunday with Sandra in the new time slot
2pm to 4pm on 96.5 inner FM**

BIRTHDAYS

September

- 1 Nola Simpson
- Joan Schink
- 2 Mary Odgers
- 4 Dennis Gambrellis
- 5 Kevin Trask
- 7 Anita Zampichelli
- 8 Tom Procter
- 10 John Ferragu
- 13 Angelina Zampichelli
- 14 Laurie Marr
- Horrie Ward
- 16 Eric Elder
- 17 Dave Simpson
- 20 John Portelli
- 29 Gwen Lacy

October

- 2 David Kuchmar
- 15 Joyce McCrow
- 27 Ron Lopes
- David Miller
- Arlene Miller Jnr

November

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- 14 Potsie
- 18 Tim Armstrong
- 20 Larry Stephens
- 28 Rose Lacey

