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96.5 INNER FM NEWS *radio*

Happy Christmas!

The festive season is fast approaching and the *Warringal Shopping Centre* is full of Christmas decorations. In the coming weeks we will be treated to a wide range of Christmas music by our presenters. *The 96.5FM News* is now seven years old. A happy and safe Christmas to all of our members and listeners. Looking back on 2018 it has been sad that we have lost many members and friends. Our thoughts are with their families at this time. Thanks too to our valued sponsors throughout 2018.

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Lets get the information flowing. We welcome contributions from our members. Love to see old photos about 96.5 Inner FM. Just send your information or article to kevintrask@innerfm.org.au

The deadline for the forthcoming edition will be March the 5th, 2019



Armistice Day

This item appeared in the *Herald Sun* Text Talk column on Tuesday the 13th of November.

In view of the oversight of supermarkets at 11 am on Sunday in not recognizing the 100-year anniversary of Armistice Day, perhaps in the future The Last Post could be played through all speaker systems instead of sales jingles.

Andy Mac, **Maddingley**

I am pleased to say that in the Warringal Shopping Centre on Remembrance Day 2018 we did it properly. I was asked by Irene Crook of the Warringal Shopping Centre to make the announcement for the minute's silence, which was played through all the speakers in the Centre. The silence was followed by our former manager, Ken Gillin, reading *The Last Post*. Ken's voice boomed throughout the Centre, and it was very fitting as Ken, who passed away almost twenty years ago, was a returned serviceman.

At the same time, David Kuchmar was on-air in the studios of 96.5 Inner FM, observing the one minute's silence at 11 o'clock for our listeners and also playing Ken Gillin's reading of *The Last Post*.

Lest we forget.

Kevin Trask



November 11
is a day we
remember.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello Members and Listeners

By now you may be aware that our Committee of Management (CoM) selected me to be the President of our radio station at our first meeting on Tuesday, October 30th.

As per our Constitution this is a one-year term and, if I wish to continue, I will need to be re-elected by the CoM after our next Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Being selected as President is an honour and responsibility I am prepared to accept with humility after what is really a very short time as a Member of our Station (less than six years).

For those who don't know what makes me tick and, if you wish to find out a little more about me, just visit our station's website, click on the "Our Team" button and have a look at my profile.

I'd like to thank outgoing President, and Station stalwart, Ken Petrucco, for his outstanding contribution to 96.5 Inner FM over more than two decades with the last 14 years filling the role as our leader.

Ken was suitably and appropriately acknowledged by a presentation plaque at the recent AGM, his last official role as our President. Ken is planning to continue as our go-to man for the VAFA coverage for the coming 2019 season.



Adrian Hook, Ken Petrucco, Paul Dellios, Greg King

Personally, I'd like to thank Ken for his friendship and guidance to all concerned with 96.5 Inner FM and particularly for continuing in his role of President for what was a couple of years longer than he would have preferred.

(I had expressed a willingness to take over from Ken but was unable to take up the position previously due to business and other commitments.) Once again a very big thank you Ken and we wish you and Anne-Marie all the best for the future.

If you are not involved in Facebook, or don't visit our website very often, let me present to you our new CoM that is committed to taking our station forward.

On Tuesday, October 30, at The Barkly Hotel, Burgundy Street, Heidelberg, the 96.5 Inner FM Community Radio Station held its first CoM meeting. This followed the AGM previously held on Sunday, October 21, at the Veneto Club.

Elections were held for the senior office-bearers of the Station and following this procedure our new governing team consists of:

Greg King (President), Dennis Gambrellis (Deputy President), Adrian Hook (Treasurer), Hamish Ross (Secretary), Tim Armstrong, Janice Brandon, Paul Dellios, Ben Golledge, Graham Laing, Brian Tyedin, and Joseph Zampichelli.

We welcome Brian, Graham and Hamish as new Members to the Committee and welcome back to one-and-only Joseph who has re-joined our team after an absence of a few years.

Congratulations to all CoM Members who have committed to serve on our governing body. There is one vacancy to be filled by appointment at a later date.

In the coming months there will be profiles on each CoM Member so readers will get to know who is who and who is helping lead us as we begin to look towards our 30th birthday celebrations (December 2020) and beyond.

Our radio station will not be able to advance as quickly as most of us would like unless we have more involvement by the Members, Friends and Listeners.

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Understanding this, our CoM Members have selected various "portfolios" in our cabinet style administrative structure. These roles include "Administration, Office Management and Volunteer Enlistment", "Presenter Training and Re-training", "Program Development and Presenter Liaison", "Membership Development and Relations (including Social Activities)", "VAFA Liaison and Support" and "Marketing, Sales and Promotion including Outside Broadcasts (excluding the VAFA)".

So in the next few days, all Members with an email address will receive a request for assistance in "Working Groups" (or sub-committees). These working groups will have a CoM Member as the leader and will meet every couple of months to help develop their "portfolios" or areas of responsibility.

I hope you will consider your time as a Member of 96.5 Inner FM as an opportunity to help advance our station into becoming an important voice in our local community.

Volunteerism is a wonderful way for each of us to serve and I'm sure you'll find every little bit helps if we can each put in a couple of hours a month offering your skills and enthusiasm to our Station's development.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee of Management, I'd like to wish all Members, Friends and Listeners a very merry and joyous Christmas festive season and a sensational New Year.

Take care over this busy period and we hope you continue to listen to our wonderful collection of dedicated presenters heard each day on 96.5 Inner FM – "The Sounds of Our Cities!"



Greg King

PASSINGS

Alma Milne

Sadly, Alma Milne the wife of John Milne passed away on the 12th of October. Alma had been ill for several years. Alma had been a great supporter of 96.5 Inner FM and would ring in on programmes. She was a great fan of Elvis Presley and would request an Elvis song frequently. The funeral was held in Greensborough. John was too upset to speak and a note from John was read at the funeral. He was pleased to see people from Inner FM in attendance. John's daughter Kerri spoke about her mother and Granddaughter Chloe gave a beautiful eulogy for her grandmother. Our sympathy is extended to John, his daughters Kerri and Tracey and all the family.

Ethel Timms

Ethel Timms was one of our most valued listeners. Everybody knew Ethel and she would ring in on almost every programme. Sometimes our listeners were more well-known than the presenters. Ethel recently passed away peacefully at the age of ninety five. She loved attending our social functions in the early days. Our sympathy is extended to her loving family. God Bless you Ethel.

VALE ERIC ELDER

Inner FM has recently lost a dear friend and longtime member, Eric Elder. Aged 92, Eric derived huge pleasure from the friendships he made at 96.5 FM. Ever the gentleman, generous and kind, Eric from time to time appeared on-air as a studio guest presenting the music he adored -- that of the great British dance bands. He relished the station's social gatherings which were such a feature of the early years, such as the barbecues at Bill Gosstray's home.

Eric was a wonderful support "behind the scenes" to so many presenters over the years and will be hugely missed by a very grateful group of 96.5ers and so many from wider spheres as well.

Eric was born in Melbourne in 1926 but spent his very early days at Lalbert in central Victoria and then went to Bendigo where he attended the old Violet Street State School. In 1932 Eric moved to Union St., Brunswick attending the local primary school and importantly the Brunswick Technical School where his emerging talent for things technical was already blossoming. Back in Bendigo, he built and repaired valve radios and over time was to build four television sets. His talents were actually on show in Myer Windows at Bendigo -- Eric had constructed a television camera which beamed a picture to a receiver in another section of the Myer windows.

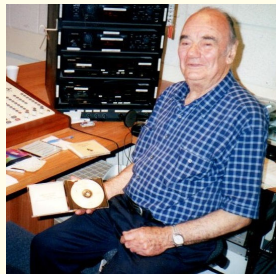
On a lighter note he used to tell stories against himself of struggling to learn the trombone at Brunswick Tech. Eric's teacher at the time was Melbourne trumpet ace Freddy Thomas' father. On one occasion Eric was riding down Pearson Street with the trombone and unluckily he, the bike and trombone all hit the bitumen. The slide of the old "slush pump" had fouled the back wheel spokes thus rendering the instrument a wreck of its former greatness. Eric hoped this event might liberate him from further stressful musical study. No amount of skill on the workbench out in the back shed at home could restore the trombone. Upon returning the wreckage to school, his teacher was most sympathetic and said, "No worries, my boy, here, you can switch to the euphonium."

Eric's first job after Brunswick Tech days was at Brashes as a radio technician. Eric's boss at Brashes owned the Tasma Theatre in Bell Street, Pascoe Vale, which led to a fine career for Eric as a film projectionist at the Tasma. While their Eric built a Simplex projector for the theatre including

all the castings and gears enabling the theatre to keep operating. Wartime shortages made it impossible to buy a new projector.

Eric's major career was to be with Mitchell's the brush people in Brunswick. He rose through the ranks of machinery maintenance to development and purchasing the latest brush-making machines which in later years involved Eric making regular overseas trips to study developments and trends. Much admired for his capabilities and his loyalty, Eric developed some long-lasting friendships among Mitchell's staff.

From those early days, a parallel interest to that of radio technology was a fascination and love for old 78 RPM records. Eric traced his passion back to an event at the Brunswick City Council in his youth when he first heard *The Organ, the Dance Band and Me* played over the public address system. Eric loved that group forever after -- plus all the old classics of the time -- Al Bowlly, George Formby and so on.



Eric Elder

As a young projectionist, he often went back up to Bendigo to visit his Grandma and would wander down to the local Plaza Theatre to chat to the boys up in the bio box. On one occasion he observed they were splicing and repairing the titles and footage of a 1940s Esther Williams film called *Cover Girl*, and Eric asked if the boys could cut him a foot-long length out of the titles to keep. This was much prized and Eric often showed it to friends. Many years later Johnny Milne was trawling the op shops of Greensborough and saw a modern DVD restoration of that very film. Eric now had his own color copy of *Cover Girl*.

Over his lifetime Eric saw incredible achievements in technology and kept himself abreast of so much change. He was a wiz at computer skills and naturally predicted the development of the silicon chip along the way. Sincere, generous and caring -- he never forgot his friend's birthdays and we are all the richer for having known dear "Uncle Eck".

Thank you Eric for all you did for so many of us and for your loyal support here at 96.5 FM. God bless you.

VALE FRED LENNIE

We regret to advise that popular 96.5 Inner FM presenter Fred Lennie passed away on Monday 8th October 2018, aged 85 years. Fred became a member of our station in 2002 and was invited to be co-presenter of the program *A Touch of Brass* with Alan Moulton.

Fred brought to the program his 54 years of expertise as a musician on brass instruments in top A grade Victorian brass bands.

Fred presented his very popular programme *Listen To The Bands* on Monday afternoons for many years. He was a wonderful person and we have lost an excellent presenter.

When I visited Fred in hospital a week before he died he said that he wanted me to convey his thanks to all the people from 96.5 Inner FM who had visited him in hospital. (and there were many).

Fred would mentor the students from *Our Lady of Mercy College* during their weekly radio show. The students sent him the card below whilst he was in

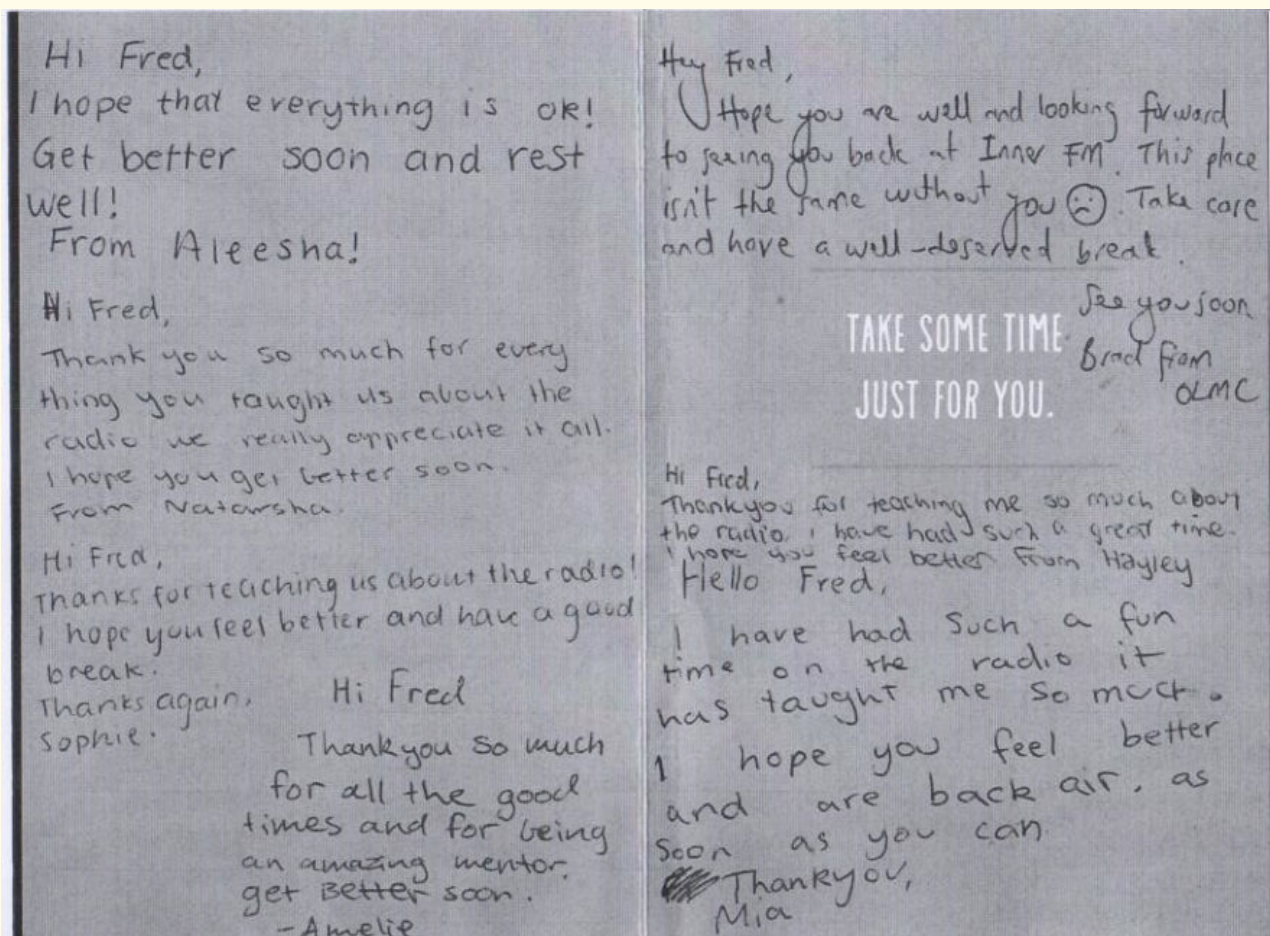
hospital and Greg King brought it to our attention. Fred Lennie told me that he was not a deeply religious man but if the students were an example of the Catholic Education system, then he was very impressed. He loved the students and they loved him.

Goodbye to a gentleman. Fred never got over losing his wife Barbara and our sympathy is extended to his two sons and all the family. We will miss him.

Kevin Trask



Fred Lennie



VALE KIM WEST (HARRY HEIDELBERG)

On Wednesday November 28, Inner FM lost a good friend as for 30 years he has entertained us with *The Wine Show* on Sunday mornings.

Westy had a passion for wine and he had a determination to share that passion with others. Over many years, Westy spent time travelling tasting and talking wine and he grew to know most of the identities of the wine industry and indeed to call them friends. Over the past few years I have been fortunate enough to know Westy and to call him a friend. When he was working or away, I would fill in as host of his programme. Kim's work life of 46 years with Victoria Police, saw him reach the rank of Detective Inspector and be well respected amongst former and current police hierarchy.

Westy was larger than life and that is how we should remember him. A husband, a father, a grandfather and a great friend. Rest in peace, mate.

Simon Nash

Simon will continue to host *The Wine Show* in Kim's honour. Tune in on Sundays from 9 am.



Kim West

LISTENER COMMENTS

Just wanted to thank Ronnie for a great show on *Saturday Express*. He started and ended with Craig Giles, whose music I know very well having attended more of his shows than I can remember. Tomorrow, my sister Gianna, will be back from her trip to Italy so we will be ringing each other again while we listen to your show to say: Did you hear that?! Thanks for the music. **Gina**

Thanks to the legends at 96.5 Inner FM for giving *To You In Time* a spin on *New Grooves*.

Miguel Cruz Music

Hi John,
Congratulations on having Jen Salisbury as your guest on *Jazz at Nine* this evening. She is really such a great talent and the songs from her latest album are wonderful. Please pass on my thanks to Jen for sharing her music with us tonight.

Stuart Winstanley

Just wanted to drop you a quick message to say a big THANK YOU to the team at 96.5 Inner FM and specifically *New Grooves* for recently ordering Kattimoni's newest singles *Ain't Gonna Give Up* and *I Do What I Want*

Kattimoni Management

Dear Kevin and Paul at 96.5 FM

Our sincerest condolences to everyone on the sad passing of station stalwarts Mr Fred Lennie and Mrs Alma Milne.

Blessings to all.

Sincerely

Daryl, Margaret and Melanie Thomas

The Al Jolson Society of Australia

P.S. Enjoyed the *Swanee/Swanee River* Toni

Lamond song on *That's Entertainment*.

KEVIN'S COLUMN

December is going to be a huge month for outside broadcasts on 96.5 Inner FM. Here's the line up.

Saturday December 15, a big *Christmas Market* broadcast from *The East Ivanhoe Village*, Lower Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe from 10 am till 3.00 pm. Ron Lopes will do a special *Saturday Express* show with all the regulars.

Saturday December 15 from 6.30 pm we will broadcast *Banyule Carols in the Park* at Ivanhoe Park.

Saturday December 22, *Santa on the Boulevard* with Paul Walsh and Santa on The Boulevard from 8–11 pm

A reminder to all of our on-air presenters to talk to Dennis Gambrellis about getting your own 96.5 Inner FM e-mail address. Dennis has done a great job of organizing the recording of the Christmas Messages from our presenters.

Check out our website – www.innerfm.org.au

We have now upgraded our streaming service to full HD sound quality while keeping data usage to an absolute minimum!! Click on "Listen Live" and hear the difference all day long! Your favourite community station is now sounding even better! (Works in all browsers except Internet Explorer)

It was great to see Robert Williams back in the studios of 96.5 Inner FM. Robert came in for *That's Entertainment* to help with the *Alan McCurdy*

Melbourne Cup Sweep. It was great that so many listeners had the opportunity to have a chat with Robert on the telephone.



John Gillespie, Robert Williams and Sandra Mc Curdy

We still need more blankets for *The Repatriation Hospital* - just talk to Rose Lacey.

Greg King is doing a great job with getting us new sponsors – but he can't do it by himself. Give Greg any leads you may have for possible sponsors on 0416 045 157.

I have seen two previews of the new film *Stan and Ollie* which opens across Australia in February. The film is about the tour of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in the UK towards the end of their careers. I loved it so much when I first saw it that I jumped at the chance to see it a second time. Don't miss this fabulous film in 2019.

Check out our 96.5 Inner FM website for the news on some important changes in our programme line-up. Remember it's possible to print a complete programme guide of all the programmes on 96.5 Inner FM from our website at www.innerfm.org.au Print it out and stick it under a pine-apple on the refrigerator.

Just a warning – be careful when parking in *Warringal Shopping Centre*. One of our presenters was recently fined for exceeding the three hour time limit but was "let off" with a warning. Beware - do not exceed the limit.

The Banyule Theatre is going to be demolished in the near future. It was opened by our former president the late Bruce Skeggs. I wonder what will happen to the plaque in the foyer.



Philip Brady, Peter Smith and Kevin Trask



SANDRA'S CHRISTMAS RECIPE

Hello Everyone and Christmas Greetings

We all look forward to Christmas Day to spend with family and friends and eat lots of wonderful food. Here is a couple of Christmas recipes to enjoy.

Roast Pork & Crackling

Serves 8

3 kg leg of pork

3 tablespoons olive oil

2 Tablespoons sea salt

Preheat oven to 220 degrees Celsius Place the pork into a large roasting pan ,rind side up. Using a sharp knife , score the rind at 1-cm intervals, cutting deeply almost into the fat layer.

Rub 2 tablespoons of the olive oil into the rind of the pork

Rub the salt into the scored skin, getting into the slits of the score marks The fat under the skin reacts with the salt, making it puff up and crisp up

Drizzle the remaining 1 tablespoon oil in the pan and roast for 20 minutes

Reduce the heat to 180 degrees C and cook for another 2 hours (or half hour per 500g)

Enjoy with your favourite baked vegies and some Apple Sauce

White Christmas Cheesecake

Serves 8

250g cream cheese softened

400g can condensed milk

1 –1/2 teaspoons gelatin

150g white chocolate broken or chopped

In medium bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth

Add the condensed milk and continue beating until well combined

Dissolve the gelatin in 3 tablespoons of warm water, stirring vigorously

Add the cream cheese mixture pour into your favourite crust (see options below) and chill for at least 4 hours

Line a baking tray with baking paper. About 30 minutes before serving melt the chocolate in a clean

Dry microwave safe bowl stirring every 30 seconds until nice and smooth

Pour the chocolate into the prepared tray and spread it out evenly.

Refrigerate for 15 minutes. Remove and with a sharp knife cut long thin shards from the chocolate enough to completely

Cover the top of the cheesecake

Optional: For a great base there a number of really easy recipes available short crust pastry, sweet biscuits crushed with butter and so on. Choose whichever you prefer for this fabulous filling

From my family to yours have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and thank you for supporting *Sunday with Sandra*, 2pm to 4pm on 96.5 Inner FM

BIRTHDAYS

December

7	Kerry Pedder
10	Betty Sonin
13	Julie Campbell
18	Anthony Caplan Addison Lowes
19	Lenny Everett
21	John Milne
28	Sandra McCurdy
30	Janet Parish

January

6	Scott McCurdy
9	John Crichton Robert Bell
10	Harvey Caplan
11	Marge Salter
17	Kevin Yates
20	Paul Walsh
24	Paul Delios

February

5	Ron Lloyd
9	Rob Morrison
23	Muriel Moulton
25	Ken Petrucco
28	Gordon Taylor

