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# 96.5 Inner FM News *radio*

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## Robert Williams Retires



Robert Williams and Sandra McCurdy

After 25 years at 96.5 Inner FM Robert Williams has retired from radio. Robert presented *Sentimental Favourites* on a Sunday afternoon for many years and was heard on other programmes. Here Robert recalls his memories of our radio station.

*It has been quite some time since I came through the doors of 96.5 FM to meet with Alan McCurdy and his wife Sandra. At that time their son Trent was working alongside Philip Brady and Bruce Mansfield. After joining as a member, I would find myself each Sunday along with Alan taking the phone calls for Kevin's program That's Entertainment.*

*It would be a big thrill for me to be able to meet up with the many celebrities from the stage, radio, and TV who were asked to appear on Kevin's show. A programme which went to air each Thursday was a request show called the P.A.N.C.H Hour for the patients at the old Preston and Northcote Community Hospital compered by Andi Kauer who would later leave the programme for an army life. I took on hosting the P.A.N.C.H Hour, for many months and then I was given the opportunity to present a programme of my own and so Music For Pleasure was born in the latter part of 1994.*

*Carousel was a program that gave our listeners and members a chance to present a programme of their own, bringing along their selections and presenting the programme themselves while one of the station's presenters would be on hand to do the paneling for them. Another memorable time was the many barbeques at the different members' places. We often had the chance to be present at the Princess Theatre to see the big productions and then go backstage to meet the artists. All these wonderful moments were made possible by Brett Bysouth. So many wonderful moments I've had, at 96.5FM even meeting my wife Estelle. **Robert Williams***

We've received some lovely comments from fans of Robert Williams since he retired. He has a wonderful nature and has always had a smile despite being handicapped as a result of polio which he contracted as a young boy. We are hoping that Robert will come and see us at the studios from time to time and we look forward to that. We miss him already. **Kevin Trask**



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## Here we are again

This is our first newsletter for 2017 and as we welcome the autumn season we also look forward to the Easter holidays in April. We have included lots of news and information in this issue. We produce four issues each year in March, June, September and December. This is our sixth year and remember this is your newsletter - we welcome your photos and stories.

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## KEVIN'S COLUMN



**George Bissett**

Our big outside broadcast of *Santa on the Boulevard* on Saturday 17th December 2016 was another great success. Paul Walsh and Santa have provided magic memories for thousands of children over some twenty years. Some of the parents these days were the "little children" when we first began the broadcasts.



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Vale to some radio greats. We have lost some of the great Australian radio presenters in recent times.

**Philip Gibbs** joined 3KZ in 1949 and is remembered for his football broadcasts. In 1964 he commenced at Channel 0/10 and had a great career in television. Phil passed away in Glenorchy, Tasmania.

**Jim Berinson** was a famous singer, radio broadcaster and voiceover artist. Jim was 91 and is fondly remembered.

**Bob Francis** was a popular radio broadcaster in Adelaide. He hosted the night time programme and enjoyed huge ratings. Bob's career spanned 57 years and he died suddenly at the age of 77.

**Dan Webb** What a gentleman ! We remember Dan from his days at 3DB and then at HSV7. We will miss him at the *Royal Children's Hospital Appeal* this April. Dan passed away recently at the age of 92. It was a joy to have him with us at 96.5 Inner FM several years ago during *That's Entertainment*.



**Dan Webb and Kevin Trask**

Our sympathy to Margaret Hassall, Alex, Tom and all the family on the passing of George (Russell) Bissett. Margaret and George been involved at 96.5 Inner FM on the *Local Theatre* programme over a period of 27 years. A memorial service for George was held on January 18 at the Heidelberg Theatre. Margaret and George worked with the theatre company for many years. George was in a country band in the 1980s and they reformed for the service to play some of George's favourite country songs.

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Now that that a certain commercial station has changed its format to "Lifestyle" it is all the more reason to listen to 96.5 Inner FM – the home of beautiful music.

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Don't forget to renew your membership in 2017 – we need you.

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Our Sunday night lineup has changed – John Gillespie presents *Memory Lane* from 7.00 pm till 8.00 pm. An hour of great nostalgia from the 1920s to the 1950s.

Tim Rivers presents *Summer of 63* from 8.00 pm till 10.00 pm with a fabulous line-up of hits songs from the 1960s.

And DJ Swey completes the evening with *The Jukebox* from 10.00pm till midnight. Tune in and enjoy the music from our Sunday night team.

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Why not attend one of the great society meetings?

*The Jolson Society of Australia* will meet on Tuesday 28th March at *The Collingwood Library*, Stanton Street Collingwood.

*The Australian Bing Crosby Society* will meet on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of April at the same venue. Both functions commence at 7.45pm. All welcome just turn up at the door.

*The International Sinatra Society* will have their next event Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April at the Box Hill RSL.

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

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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](http://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.

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We have received wonderful publicity through *The Melbourne Observer* and *The Heidelberg Leader* over the years and we thank them for their ongoing support.

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# Listener Comments

Compiled by Kevin White

Thanks again to our listeners who have provided great feedback about our programs. As always, your comments are greatly appreciated. Please send your comments, either good or bad, to us at [info@innerfm.org.au](mailto:info@innerfm.org.au)

Here are some recent comments.

To Adrian Hook, New Grooves: G'day Adrian. Season's greetings. Thanks for your support, it's sure appreciated. Cheers, **Hank Vann**

From Malcolm in Rosanna: To everyone at Inner FM, thanks for another year of entertainment! I especially liked the Star Wars themed special on *Morning Concert* the other week. Really interesting to know the inspirations behind such classic music. Hopefully you'll do more like that in 2017! Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



## Vale Jack Tanner



We regret to announce that former 96.5 Inner FM presenter, Jack Tanner, passed away on Sunday, March 5. Jack was 89 years of age and left behind his wife of 63 years, Nancy and their family of children and grandchildren.

For more than 18 years Rotarian Jack

Tanner was one of the voices of the Tuesday afternoon program then known as *The Rotary Hour* since renamed *Rotary in Action*. The program has been on air continuously since July 4, 1995. Jack's passion had always been promoting Rotary and he felt 96.5 Inner FM was a wonderful medium to get the organisation's service message out to the community. Jack was last on air on September 16th, 2014, a two-hour celebration of the 1000th "Rotary in Action" program. Jack will be missed by all his friends at 96.5 Inner FM.

## Bob and Joan meet Issi Dye

The occasion was a "crooners tribute show" last December, featuring the forever young Issi Dye. (He's actually 70 but don't tell him, he still thinks he's 20) Gary Johns was featured and also blissfully unaware of his age.

The venue was the *Marquee Lounge, Trak Centre*, Toorak Rd. Toorak. A nice place for a drink or a drink and food or just sit down for a gig. The show was great fun; you sing along, clap your hands and enjoy a drink or two or three or four.

Also in the audience was the legendary Gary Mack with his delightful wife Joni. It was a pleasure to hear Gary speak. I stand in awe of his vocal control - a pure delight to be in their company. **Bob Clavan**



Issi, Joan and Bob





## Sandra McCurdy's Kitchen

Great to be back with you for some delicious recipes I hope you take the time to try.

### LAMB SHANKS WITH CAULIFLOWER MASH

Serves 4

Prep 15 min—Cook 1 hour 30 mins

4 small French – trimmed lamb shanks, trimmed of visible fat.

1 onion diced, 4 garlic cloves crushed

1 each carrot and celery stalk diced

1 tablespoon plain flour

2/3 cup each red wine and beef stock

400g can crushed tomatoes

1 each bay leaf thyme and rosemary sprig

Cauliflower Mash to serve

Heat a large flameproof casserole dish over medium high heat and spray with oil. Season the lamb shanks with pepper and brown in Batches for 2-3 min Set aside.

Add 2 teaspoons olive oil to pan. Add onion garlic carrot and celery.

Cook stirring for 5 min or until softened.

Add flour stir 1 min. Add wine stir 30 sec. Add stock tomatoes herbs and 3/4 cup

Water to the pan and bring to the boil.

Reduce heat to low return shanks and cook covered for 1 hr 15 min

Stir occasionally move shanks to a plate bring sauce to a boil. Cook 10 min

Or until reduced to your liking. Return lamb and heat through.

Serve with Cauliflower Mash and roasted baby carrots.

Garnish with roasted thyme if desired.

### CAULIFLOWER MASH

Steam or boil 1 small head of chopped cauliflower until tender

Place the cooked cauliflower

2 tablespoons skim milk and 2 cloves chopped garlic into a food processor

And blend until smooth season with pepper

### MINT ICE CREAM BISCUIT CAKE

Serves 12 Prep

Prep 15 min—Freeze 12 hours

2 x 200g packets malt flavoured biscuits

600ml thickened cream

395ml can sweetened condensed milk

Few drops of green food colouring gel if possible

2 x 35g Nestle Peppermint Crisp Bars finely crushed

Plus extra bar for garnish

1/2 x 220g bottle chocolate topping such as Ice Magic

6 Mint Slice biscuits halved

Line an 20cm x 30cm slice pan with baking paper. Arrange half the malt biscuits

Into the base of pan trimming to fit

Place cream condensed milk and a few drops of food colouring into a large bowl.

Using electric beaters beat until thick and creamy. Add the crushed Peppermint Crisp

Bars and fold to combine. Spread cream mixture over the biscuits in the slice pan.

Top with remaining malt biscuits following the same pattern as you put down for the first layer of biscuits.

Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for 12 hours or overnight.

Remove biscuit slab from freezer and turn out onto a board. Using a large knife cut into 12 squares. Place ice cream squares onto a serving platter stacking in 2 layers.

Drizzle top and sides with Ice Magic. Sprinkle top with extra chopped peppermint crisp bar and Mint Slice biscuits. Garnish with fresh mint leaves. Serve immediately.

I hope you enjoy the recipes. Don't forget to tune into SUNDAY WITH SANDRA

Sunday's 1-30 pm to 3-pm on 96.5 Inner Fm

## Birthdays

### March

- 7 Harald Aide
- 14 Pat Clayton  
Bob Stevenson
- 20 Nathan Zwar
- 26 Eric Zwar
- 28 Pam Smith
- 31 Denise Kuchmar

### April

- 1 Joan Zwar
- 4 Daryl Lynch
- 23 Stan Sizeland  
Ken Woolfe
- 26 Terry Dreir
- 30 Ilana Lyngoln

### May

- 7 Jenna Bogle  
Leonie Trask
- 19 Peggy Procter  
Shirley Stevenson
- 20 Robert Williams
- 25 Pam Sizeland
- 26 Mark Rudnicki
- 28 Gary Cameron
- 31 Jackie Maud Cameron

