

CLYDE SIMPSON

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of Clyde Ian Clark Simpson on the 18th August after a long illness.



Clyde had presented the Friday evening "Nice & Easy" program since November, 1991— making it one of the longest running programs on the station and had also served on the Committee of Management for over ten years.

The commercial radio industry is known for it's ruthless, dog-eat-dog mentality where ratings are everything. It's reputation for chewing up and spitting out people is renown. Obviously, nobody told Clyde as he loved it and in a career spanning almost fifty years he built a reputation as one of the most respected and loved operators in Melbourne commercial radio. More than anything, Clyde was a gentleman.

A master salesman, Clyde was one of the architects of 3XYs period of dominance in the 1970s with it's Top 40 format, then in 1980 he, along with recording entrepreneur, Bill Armstrong, Lee Simon, Billy Pinnell and a few other ex-3XY personnel, established Australia's first commercial FM station EON FM, beating Fox FM to air by two weeks. Clyde was General Manager. By 1985, EON FM had topped Melbourne's ratings but the following year it was sold to Triple M Sydney.

Fast forward to the early 90's and Clyde was General Manager of 3UZ (now Sport 927) which was owned by a horse and greyhound racing group. After the unrelenting weekly pressure of running the station and keeping the owners and sponsors happy, Clyde was looking for a bit of radio therapy and Inner FM was only too happy to oblige. The result: "Nice & Easy".

After leaving Sport 927, Clyde spent time managing radio stations in both Tasmania and on the Gold Coast before returning to Melbourne where he worked for 3MP for a short while before joining Magic 1278 and 3AW as a Senior Account Manager. At a time when most of us would have been long retired, Clyde's passion for radio saw him continue till last year when illness finally took it's hold.

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For anyone at the station who observed Clyde at work over the years in the studio on "Nice & Easy" it made it easier to understand his longevity in such a cut-throat industry as Melbourne commercial radio. Clyde was a perfectionist. His preparation left no stone unturned; he knew everything there was to know about the music he played and most of all, he simply loved being on-air and Inner FM was all the richer for it.

Always generous in passing on his wealth of knowledge and experience to anyone who sought it and with a boundless energy which left many half his age floundering in his wake, Clyde played a major role at the station for just on twenty years. He provided invaluable advice and counsel to Committee as well as demonstrating to his fellow presenters some of the finer points about program presentation.

To his wife, partner and best friend, (Nora) Nola, whose warm and friendly voice greeted callers to the station every Friday night; to his children and extended family we extend our sincere condolences. Clyde will be greatly missed by everyone lucky enough to have known him. May he rest in peace.

NEW VOICES ON INNER FM

It's always a pleasure to welcome new voices to the station. In recent weeks, Jerry Guirguis has been joined on the Egyptian Show by Nader Khalil, who only arrived in Australia six months ago and is an Architect by profession. Nader brings to the program a current perspective on Egypt, and is keen to pursue his interest in broadcasting.

Meanwhile, since June, listeners to "Breakfast" on Thursday mornings have been waking up to the delightful voice of Heidi Holmes. Heidi was previously on SYN FM but having passed the ripe old age of 25, she was no longer eligible to present programs there but SYN's loss is our gain! So, set your alarms and wake up every Thursday with Heidi.

Saturday mornings have never been the same since Kaos & Co (aka Peter Forbes & Frank Hayes) hit the 96.5 airwaves a year or so ago. Focusing on classic 60's, 70's Aussie rock & pop, the boys are the perfect breakfast companion for a Saturday morning. However, with Kaos taking a "well earned" break, Co has been joined over the next few weeks by his younger (and much better looking) sister, Soozie Pinder and from her debut this morning, Kaos could soon be redundant!

Soozie is already a seasoned radio presenter at Southern FM. Hopefully, she will be heard in her own right on a regular basis on Inner FM in the weeks and months ahead.

VAFA FOOTY UPDATE

With just a round to play before the start of the Finals, the four are already known: Current premiers, Collegians; Old Xaverians; De La Salle and Old Scotch.

Not too many surprises there with the top three regular finals contenders and Old Scotch only securing their berth after an exciting come-from-behind win over Old Carey in Round 16.

Reigning Premiers, Collegians, have been a model of consistency whilst their main rivals, Old Xaverians' form has fluctuated, particularly over the past three rounds which have seen them suffering defeats at the hands of a struggling Uni Blues, admittedly in terrible conditions at Parkville, and by fellow premiers contenders De La Salle. Despite this, the Xavs ability to win the games that matter is the stuff of legends so expect greater resolve come September.

If the makeup of the "four" has already been resolved, so too has the teams to be relegated: Old Trinity and Caulfield Grammarians. Caulfield were promoted this year but have not been able to post a win thus far whilst Old Trinity have been able to dodge the relegation "bullet" for a number of seasons but their luck has finally run out this year, despite the herculean efforts of VAFA legend, Andrew Ramsden who, at the age of 37 (or 38—he's not saying) leads the goalkickers table this season. From a station point of view, we will miss broadcasting games from the magnificent Daley Oval in Bulleen Road, quite simply one of the best surfaces in Melbourne. The club has been a great supporter of the VAFA Match Of The Day broadcasts over the past fifteen seasons and we hope that their sejour in Premier 'B' section will be a brief one.

As in 2011, the Finals series for Premier and Premier 'B' sections will be played over a three week period, commencing Saturday, 8th September. Premier 'B' games will be played on Saturday, Premier Section on Sunday. Inner FM will be broadcasting both sections Finals games from Sportscover Arena, Elsternwick over the three weekends and in addition, the Saturday morning "VAFA Footy Show" will also be broadcast from Elsternwick over the three weeks, as well.

Mirroring the Premier section ladder, the Premier 'B' four has likewise already been determined, with Uni Blacks unassailable Minor Premiers followed by St Kevins, Beaumaris and Old Melburnians. Old Haileybury, currently in fifth spot, are a mathematical chance of overhauling OMs but face St Kevins in the final round on Saturday whilst OMs face the almost-certain-to-be relegated Oakleigh.

This winter has been perhaps the coldest and wettest in

years which has tested the resilience of our broadcast team lead, as always, by our President, Ken Petrucco and our terrific team of callers: Simon Petch, Michael Crooks, Chris Venus, Jo Wotton, Andrew Holmes, Damian Tardio, Barnaby Willis and Peter Curtin. Tim Armstrongs technical finesse has kept us on air once again throughout the season, sometimes in very challenging conditions, whilst doing all the "heavy lifting" and collecting the scores from around the grounds with undiminished enthusiasm has been Glen Dragomire. Thanks, too, to our Production guru, Chris "Dr Keats" Keating for his fantastic work.

A very welcomed addition to the team this year, providing incisive and always entertaining special comments, has been John Kanis, former Premiership coach of Uni Blues. All together, the team have provided accurate, exciting coverage of our broadcast games and we look forward to more of the same as the season heads to it's climax in September.

There is no doubt that the stations coverage of VAFA football each season is it's biggest undertaking in both manpower and time. It's also our biggest single revenue source thanks to the support of our fantastic sponsors, lead by the VAFA and it's major sponsor, Sportscover. The Old England Hotel, Heidelberg, once again sponsored the weekly Best On Ground award, much loved by the players who, let it not be forgotten, play not for the money ('cos they don't get any! Ed), but for the love of the game. It has become an even more sought after prize this season as the management of the Old England doubled the value of the Award to a fantastic \$100! Now that *is* generous.

Quarter Sponsors for the season have been the magnificent Skyhigh Restaurant on Mt Dandenong; Westgarth Fish & Chips and our wonderful friends at BL Fitzgerald, who operate McDonalds Family Restaurants right across the North East suburbs of Melbourne. In addition, the Premier section clubs once again provided terrific support to the broadcasts through the "Name The Game" promotion, enabling the clubs to offer their own generous sponsors an additional platform to promote both their businesses as well as their support for the clubs. We thank the clubs and their sponsors for their great support in 2012.

Lion Nathan, through their Boags Draught brand, also provided generous sponsorship for the U23 Rep game broadcast in June and Winning Edge Presentations has come on board in recent weeks to provide sponsorship for the VAFA Footy Show as well as the Finals series broadcasts. To them and to all our sponsors, we again say a huge "Thank You".

Which teams will hold premiership flags in September? Haven't a clue. Any one of the eight teams contesting the two finals series are a possibility but pushed, Collegians are looking good for back-to-back flags and Uni Blacks have been strong all season. But then again, what do I know.....

Enjoy the Finals — only on 96.5 Inner FM, of course.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS - 19th SEPTEMBER 2012

Official notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 9.0-9.7 and 11.0 of the Rules of Association, the Annual General Meeting of members will be held at the Veneto Club, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen, at 8.00p.m. on Wednesday, 19th September, 2012.

AGENDA

- 1. Reading of the Notice of Committee calling the Annual General Meeting of Members.**
- 2. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.**
- 3. To receive the Report of the Committee and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year to June 30, 2012.**
- 4. To fill vacancies on the Committee in accordance with Section 11.7, 11.8 and 11.15 of the Rules of Association.**
- 5. To elect an Auditor or Auditors for the ensuing year.**
- 6. To transact any other business for which at least seven days notice has been given.**

NOTE: In accordance with Sections 11.7, 11.8 and 11.15 of the Rules of Association the following members retire from the Committee and are eligible to offer themselves for re-election:- Ken Petrucco, Paul Dellios, Tim Armstrong, Jerry Guirguis, Ken Hodgson & Simon Williams

Applications for Nomination forms should be made to the Secretary, Kevin Yates, at PO Box 410, Heidelberg 3084. All nomination forms must be signed by a Proposer and Seconder who are financial members of 3INR and over the age of eighteen years and returned to reach the Secretary at PO Box 410, Heidelberg 3084, by the 5th September, 2012.

ONLY FINANCIAL MEMBERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

APPLICATION FOR POSTAL VOTES

Members are reminded that under the provision of the Rules of Association Section 10.1, members unable to attend the Annual General Meeting are entitled to record postal votes:

10.1 *"A member may vote either in person or by sealed ballot with the members name shown on the outside of a sealed envelope"*

To Apply for a postal vote, complete your membership details and return to the Public Officer at PO Box 410, Heidelberg, 3084. Ballot papers will be forwarded to applicants following the closure of nominations of members wishing to stand for election to the Committee of Management, on Wednesday, 5th September 2012.

I/We would like to apply for a postal vote and my/our membership details are printed below:

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