

## 96.5 Christmas in July Celebration

On the 26th July, 2009 we had our "Christmas in July lunch event" for all our valued listeners, volunteers, presenters and sponsors to get together and enjoy a special day of socializing, eating, drinking, dancing and a chance to win some great prizes through out the day.

The Watsonia RSL turned out to be the perfect venue for our event, with one grand room to hold the 190 guests who attended. We were entertained by the fabulous Melbourne based duo 'Kato' with a touch of their best recordings and not to forget the talents of Glen Douglas, the true to life tribute to Roy Orbison which people were overwhelmed.

I am pleased to say that with all the raffles sold throughout the afternoon, we raised the great sum of \$850.00 towards improvements for our station.

We thank our listeners for all their support and would like to acknowledge the committee team which through their support and personal efforts, this day could not have been the success that it was.

Thank you to Dave, Dina, Joseph, Rose, Billie, Kerry and Lenny.

**A DAY THAT WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR MANY A DAYS TO COME!**

David Simpson, Christmas in July Co-ordinator



**Kato in full flight**

### 96.5 PRESENTER PROFILE

#### Kevin Yates

**When did you join 96.5:** November 2005.

**What were your duties on joining 96.5:** Office and admin. work.

**What was your first program:** Drive program on Monday.

**As a presenter what are your regular 96.5 programs:** Drive on Monday, Billboard, Breakfast on Friday.

**What currently are your station responsibilities behind the scenes:** I'm the station's secretary and on the committee.

**What are your favourite 3 Desert Island Discs:** ABBA's Greatest Hits; Barbara Cook, Better with a Band; Pet Shop Boys, Discography

**Favourite movie:** Casablanca.

**AFL footy team:** Carlton.

**Favourite hobby or interest apart from music:** Travel, theatre, movies, collecting model cars.

**How do you relax:** Read, listen to music.

**What fires you up in the agro department:** Discrimination, insincerity, politicians.

**Favourite 96.5 programs, Presenter:** Radio Playhouse, Concert Hall, Midnight Lounge.

**Favourite food:** Steak and chips, Tim Tams, veggie soup (Not all at once)

# SOL SONIN TRIBUTE



Family and friends gathered at the Fawkner Cemetery on Friday August 7, 2009 to pay their respects to long serving 96.5 presenter Sol Sonin. Presenters from 96.5 attended the service including station president Ken Petrucco. Sol was an enthusiastic worker and was always willing to fill in for presenters usually at a moment's notice. We understand that Sol's granddaughter Jessica is

keen to become a 96.5 presenter when she returns from overseas and play the music that her grandfather loved. Sol greatly contributed to the station particularly in the important area of hosting listener functions, morning teas and lunches. Sol would personally deliver prizes to his lucky and very loyal listeners.

The following article was published in the Melbourne Observer following Sol's passing which was written by our own Kevin Trask and included in our tribute with the approval of the publisher Ash Long.

## **The Passing Of 96.5 FM Personality**

Sol Sonin joined 96.5 FM in 1993 after he retired and worked in many areas at the Community Radio station. He became a very popular presenter with programs such as Music From the Movies, A Touch of Nostalgia and the 96.5 Breakfast program.

Sol loved the station and he worked as a co-ordinator and committee member.. He loved his listeners and his wife Betty would answer the many listeners' phone calls for him during his programs. His great passion was for the movies from the past and music from the thirties through till the seventies. I taught Sol how to panel the studio equipment when he first joined 96.5 FM.

He was a very generous man. Sol passed away last week after being hospitalized Sol Sonin will be missed by his colleges and by his listeners.

Our sympathy is extended to Betty and his children Debbie, Warren and Michelle.

**Kevin Trask**

The station is pleased to confirm that Betty will continue her important work with her front of house/reception duties on Fridays very soon.

## 96.5 VAFA News

With two home and away rounds remaining, the makeup of the VAFA "A" Section final four is still to be finalised. Old Xaverians, St Bedes Mentone Tigers and De La Salle have secured their berths with University Blues and Collegians fighting over the fourth spot. At the other end of the ladder, it's a three-way contest to secure the vital eighth spot with ninth and tenth relegated to "B" Section for 2010. Currently, the two teams promoted to "A" Section for 2009, Marcellin and Old Essendon, sit in eighth and ninth with 4 and 3 wins respectively whilst in tenth (and bottom) is Old Ivanhoe with just 2 wins but a superior percentage to both the teams above them. So, were Old Ivanhoe to win their final two games; Marcellin lost theirs and Old Essendon won one of their two, all three would end on four wins and the Hoers could stage a miraculous "escape" from relegation thanks to their superior percentage. It will be a fascinating two weeks with many a twist and a turn.

The Finals series this year is being played over three weekends, beginning Saturday, 5th September and finishing on Sunday, 20th September with the "A" Section Grand Final. Inner FM will be broadcasting all four "A" Section finals games plus both the "B" Section Preliminary and Grand Finals, all of which are being played at VAFA "Headquarters", Sportscover Arena in Elsternwick.

This is Inner FM's twelfth season broadcasting VAFA football and it has again eclipsed the previous eleven thanks mainly to three factors: the improved sound quality delivered by the station's new Tieline digital outside broadcast equipment, financed by the wonderful \$10,000 Community Grant to the station from the East Ivanhoe Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank. The second factor is the station's "streaming" of our broadcasts over the internet which means that our broadcasts can now be heard right across metropolitan Melbourne and, indeed, right across the world. The VAFA itself, along with Old Xaverians and Old Scotch, were very keen for the station to begin streaming so much so that they each generously agreed to assist in meeting the costs of providing such a service over a three year period. The third and final factor that has contributed to the success of this year's VAFA coverage is the extended "VAFA Footy Show" (Saturdays 9 - 11 am) which for the first time in

2009 has included news and interviews from all sections of the Competition. Heading the team, as always, has been our President, Ken Petrucco, ably assisted by Norm Nugent, Michael Fitzgerald and two of our great callers, Jo Wotton and Michael Crooks. Michael's contribution cannot be understated as he has assumed the role of Producer of the program, organising the many phone interviews each week and providing a lot of background information which has made the program "must listen to" amongst the VAFA fraternity each Saturday morning. The efforts of Ken Hosking should also be acknowledged here as it is Ken who manages the phones during the program, chasing down interviewees and lining them up to go to air.

As with any successful enterprises, it all comes down to teamwork and at Inner FM our VAFA Footy "team" is No. 1. Our callers just get better and better: Michael Crooks; Simon Petch; Jo Wotton; Barnaby Willis; Peter Rosenthal; Peter Curtin and Chris Venus with Ken Petrucco and Andrew Holmes providing inciteful Special Comments. Tim Armstrong provides the technical know-how, ably assisted by Glenn Dragomire who is also responsible for all the Round-the-Ground scores which is such an important part of the station's Match of the Day broadcasts. Having provided a most comprehensive weekly preview with the "VAFA Footy Show" each Saturday morning, the station then wraps the day up with a full VAFA results service in "Local Sports Round-up" from 6 p.m., presented by Alan Riddle and Andrew Hook.

Support for the stations extensive VAFA coverage is generously provided by the VAFA itself, along with The Old England Hotel, Heidelberg; SkyHigh Restaurant, Mount Dandenong; Courtney & Patterson Honda; PEP Signs Heidelberg; Dellios West & Co; Ausfund and McDonalds Family Restaurants. In addition, we thank Old Xaverians; Old Scotch; Old Brighton; Old Ivanhoe; Collegians; St Bedes Mentone Tigers and Marcellin for their sponsorship through the "Name The Game" promotion scheme.

With little more than a month to go, there is still a lot of great VAFA footy action to come. Catch it every Saturday (and Sunday through the Finals) - you'll be pleased you did!

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# **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 18th SEPTEMBER 2009**

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 of 3INR will be held at the Veneto Club, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen, at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 18th September, 2009.

## **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.**
- 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, Kerry Pedder & Janice Brandon 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 Friday the 4th September, 2009.

**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 Friday, 4th September, 2009.

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

**Members Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Digital Radio in Australia

## The facts about digital radio—at a glance

Digital radio is free to-air. All you need is a digital receiver and that's it, just tune in. A new experience.

Pause and rewind radio, extra channels, download music, slideshows, updated news and sports results and much more.

### **Simple to tune.**

Digital radios display the name of the station.

### **What is the digital technology ?**

Australia has adopted the DAB *Plus* format which delivers more stations and multi media experience for the listener.

### **Do I need a new radio?**

Yes. You'll need to buy a new radio. Currently for sale from around \$130 upwards.

### **Will AM and FM broadcasting continue?**

Existing broadcasters will continue for many years to come. Over 45 million radio sets are in Australian households.

### **Will all stations offer the same digital features?**

Some stations may offer extra audio or text based channels.

### **Are the trials still taking place?**

Yes, extensive on-going work is required to test and develop the best digital radio transmission network for Australia.

### **What is the Australian Government's policy?**

The government has legislated to enable existing wide-coverage community radio broadcasters and commercial stations to provide digital radio services.

Our thanks to Digital Radio Australia for these details.

## **96.5 Station News**

- Adrian Hook has lodged our special broadcast licence for the Microwave link to carry the station's signal to the Austin Hospital and our transmitter.

Both Centro Centre and Austin management have both agreed to the link and that once the approval has been received from the ACMA the station will switch to the new link. This has been caused by the closure by the end of the year of Telstra's Analogue Audio Network which currently carries our signal to the transmitter at the Austin Hospital.

- A big friendly welcome to two new station sponsors to 96.5: **The Manningham Club Bulleen** and the **Heritage Bar and Grill Receptions High Street Epping**.
- Press reports indicate that the Centro Warringal Shopping Centre has been sold to an undisclosed buyer. No other information is available at this time regarding price paid, settlement period etc. This information will be passed on to all members once an official announcement has been received.