



ROXFM NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMITTEE:

At the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 12th November, ROXFM now has a new smaller Management Committee. Bringing with them some new and interesting ideas.

President:	Geoff Osborne
Vice President:	Ben Summerton
Sec/Treasurer:	Wendy Osborne
Committee Members:	Lyn Bishop
	Ray Goldie
	Teya Dunn
	Tracey Warneke

COMING EVENTS:

The Christmas pageant is getting closer, and ROXFM will be having an outside broadcast live at the event.

As well a small group will be marching as part of the pageant, there is lots of room for volunteers.

Has any one seen the ROXFM banner?

CHRISTMAS IS COMING:

Please contact Wendy with your availability during the Christmas period.

CHANGES WITH THE STATION:

ROXFM will always be a work in progress when will it be finished?

The simple answer is never.

PHONE SYSTEM

The MACATEL telephone system has finally been tamed and is now working. A small problem turned out to be a fault in a variable pot on the mixer unit. Several on air interviews have now been done.

Also some might notice a mono plug next to the unit on the left hand side, this is for recording from the actual unit.

It will fit most computers and recorders etc. there may be some recorders that will hiss a little, this will be due to a non-standard wiring set up.

ON-AIR-SIGN:

At the AGM Annette Jackson asked for the fourth time in four years "when will an on air sign be installed in the studio?"

I am pleased to say the "Annette Jackson on-Air-Sign" has finally happened and is activated by switching on any microphone. Also small LED's will be installed on each microphone indicating they are on.

DATA LOGGER:

The data logger is successfully being used by members to down load copies of their shows, I ask members to supply their own CD's not DVD's for this task.

Access to the logger file has been extended to now include the second 80 gig HDD drive



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and now enables access of files up to 90 days old.

The Data logger will fill two 80gig drives in 90 days making it impossible to store programs any longer.

Just 90 days is our legal storage requirement and this lack of space has been giving me a few problems during the year, when I missed the critical day of clearing out the older files, this caused the logger to stall. The logger's current default is set to clear the files after 99 days.

To fix this problem we could record at a much lower quality, the resultant files would not be suitable to be re-used on air.

To solve the problem a replacement 1 tet drive (1000gig) is being installed and should provide an entire year of storage. The new larger drive will also run much cooler than the current 80gig drives (anyone noticed the thermo display currently monitoring the data logger internal temp of 47deg)

The one "have to put up with" feature of running the larger 1tet drives is it will operate a little slower than the smaller drive.

THE RADIO MICROPHONES:

An "experiment" with the new radio microphones have shown the two new Shure radio microphones are capable of covering both ends of Richardson place, having used them successfully for live broadcasting from various locations including, the Police station, out the front of Woolworths, the Post Office and from inside the auditorium.

Being able to do a live broadcast from the street of the Christmas pageant should be easy. Volunteers?

NEW MEMBERS:

ROXFM has recently gained a few new members some are interested in evening spots, we will also have a football /sports show in the New Year, and possibly a breakfast show for three days a week, will have to look at making a few adjustments to the weekly roster, any ideas?

OTHER STUFF:

Ray Goldie has some interesting ideas and modifications for the outside broadcast van if any one is interested in helping; we are also looking seriously at some outside broadcasting equipment.

Painting the office.....



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GEOFF is more than happy to hand over the following projects.

- 1. THE SATELLITE LINK. (GRANT WRITTEN IN JULY 07 WAITING.)**
- 2. DIGITAL BROADCASTING SET UP SOMETIME IN 2010. (ON GOING)**
- 3. OUR LICENSE RENEWAL PROBABLY START THE END OF 2008 (ON GOING)**
- 4. INSURANCE. (LOOKING.)**
- 5. AUTONOMOUS SERVER AND COMPUTER SYSTEM. (SEE 6. BELOW. IDEAS)**
- 6. RAID COMPUTER LIBRARY AND INTERNAL NETWORK SYSTEM. (ROXFM SECURE)**
- 7. REGULAR WEB SITE UP DATE.**
- 8. REGULAR NEWSLETTER.**
- 9. MAIN STUDIO COMPUTER REPLACEMENT AND PROGRAMMING. (THE MAIN ON AIR COMPUTER IS NOW MAKING THE ODD FUNNY NOISE)**
- 10. OUTSIDE BROADCAST VAN AND BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT.**
- 11. CARBON CREDITS.**
- 12. UP COMING COMMUNITY EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR / ORGANISER. (SOCIAL CLUB?)**