The latest to join the ranks of Presenter is Rex Swindel-Hurst.

His interest in music of an earlier era started when he was a boy listening to the radio program My Music in the 60’s whilst helping his grandfather to repot orchids back in New Zealand.

Since then, throughout a busy career, along with his wife, in art education and art supplies to Australia schools, Rex has developed a keen interest in many musical genres over the earlier decades and has built up a library of opera, classical, operetta, big bands and music from the 30’s and 40’s.

Rex enjoyed the task on Reception before turning his hand to Presenting, thus being able to present music of his selection during his Monday 2-5pm slot. Rex is also active on the Station’s Strategy Sub Committee and is Chair of the IT Sub Committee.

Earlier this year we prepared an application to amend our Licence Area Plan with the ACMA. The application has proposed that the area boundary be expanded to take in the existing established coverage together with an increase in power to cover the new expanded licence area. This will take quite some time to be addressed by the AMCA and hopefully some good news will follow.

In April, we released our publicity DVD entitled “We Are Golden Days” at the Classic Cinema in Elsternwick. It highlights the volunteers that operate our wonderful radio station together with some samples of music which we can use to promote our station when doing talks. At the launch we had volunteers, partners, station sponsors, listeners and our patron Peter Smith OAM was there too. At the conclusion of the presentation a delightful morning tea was arranged. The event was a great success. This DVD also assists us when we play our promotional CD “A Taste of Golden Days Radio” which was released last year and is also used to promote our station when we speak to groups.

Both of these initiatives were ideas from our Strategy Sub-Committee and in particular I would like to thank Peter Thomas who produced both items and Cinematographer Chris Downey for the DVD vision. These items would not have been possible had it not been for some wonderful support from our principal benefactor Elle Gordon. Thank you very much Elle.

In May each year, throughout Australia, we celebrate “National Volunteers Week”. We at Golden Days Radio also salute our volunteers as part of this special week. The theme this year was “Give Happy Live Happy”. Volunteers play a very important part in our community with over 6 million Australians volunteering some activity to assist others they provide over 700 million hours of voluntary labour each year. Our dedicated volunteer team of nearly 100 makes sure that you continue to hear yesterday’s music today, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Congratulations to everyone and keep up the great work.

Larry James - President

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The climax of a Membership drive conducted by Presenter, Loretta Simmons, was "Lunch with Loretta". The winner was Fred McArdle, a retired Warrant Officer, active in another community project to raise funds for the Australian Peace Keeping Memorial project in Canberra.

During lunch Fred presented Loretta with Pte P. K. Bear who has now been deployed to Golden Days Radio for permanent duty Wednesday 27th April was a milestone in the history of GDR. A special presentation was held at The Classic Cinema in Elsternwick to launch our Golden Days promotional DVD and CD. Most of the volunteers, together with partners and friends of Golden Days attended, including our Patron, Peter Smith OAM and our major benefactor, Ms Elle Gordon.

During lunch Fred presented Loretta with Pte P. K. Bear who has now been deployed to Golden Days Radio for permanent duty to watch over and care for all volunteers, listeners and visitors so they may continue to enjoy the peace and harmony of nostalgic programming, and for those who have a love of wireless and those who can remember.

Loretta formally handed Pte P. K. Bear over to President Larry James at the Christmas get-together of Station volunteers. He now stands ‘guard’ in the Station foyer.

The Mulgrave Men's Shed is currently making a glass ‘guard house’ for him!

At the end of the Second World War, the UN Security Council took responsibility for the collective defence of member states. During the leadership of Trygve Lie, 1st Secretary-General of the United Nations, Peacekeeping was established. UN Peacekeepers are distinguished by their Blue Berets or Blue Helmets. In 1988, UN Peacekeepers were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Since the first Peacekeepers left Australia for Djokjakarta (Indonesia) in September 1947, over 30,000 Australians have been involved in Peacekeeping and Humanitarian operations. Australian Peacekeepers have taken part in over 50 operations, in more than two-dozen theatres of conflict around the world, as well as a similar number of disaster-relief operations.

The Federal Government has approved a Grant of $2 million to the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project to erect a Memorial on Anzac Parade in Canberra by the 70th Anniversary of Australian Peacekeeping in 2017 that will appropriately recognise the sacrifice and continuing contribution of Australians to international Peacekeeping.

DVD LAUNCH

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Dudley Chamberlain together with the members of the Strategic Sub-Committee hosted the event and guests were informed about the future prospects of GDR. A great time was had by all and some special nostalgic film clips were shown, courtesy of Ian McLeod to conclude the morning’s activities.

The team behind the DVD production and launch l. to r. Ian McLeod, Larry James (President), Peter Smith OAM (Patron), Chris Downey (Cameraman and producer), Peter Thomas and Dudley Chamberlain (Chair GDR Development Fund)
Here we are again almost half way through another year, and to date it has been busy at Golden Days Radio. Our three studios continue to provide listeners with quality broadcasts 24/7. During the year we welcomed some new presenters to the team and said farewell to others.

Incoming phone calls to the station have picked up a little, and these calls are being supplemented by quite a number of emails from listeners to our streaming from throughout the world. Our data shows that more and more people are finding Melbourne’s Seniors’ Broadcaster on the dial and are contacting us to thank us for “Playing Yesterday’s Music – Today”

There has been a steady increase in the number of people listening to GDR “on line” (the internet). In March 2011 there were an average of 1060 people listening weekly, in April 2016 we were at 4626. This is most definitely a growth area for us, which I believe will continue to improve.

Volume 7 of our very popular CD series “Golden Memories” has just been released and this and the other six volumes are steady sellers.

Alex Hehr

**Program Review**

**The Magic of Music**

*3pm Saturday presented by Larry James*

This 13 part series highlights the talents of Eric Jupp and singers Shirley McDonald and Neil Williams (pictured).

Eric Jupp first came to Australia in 1960 under a short term contract with the Australian Broadcasting Commission arranging music. On his second visit in 1961 he was invited to join the ABC as musical director of its light entertainment department, based in Sydney. He formed the Eric Jupp orchestra and then launched his popular and long running weekly TV series The Magic of Music. So popular was the TV series that it ran from 1961 until 1974 and was seen in 29 countries. Eric was also a composer for film and TV who wrote the theme music to Skippy the Bush Kangaroo among many others.

Joining Eric and his orchestra were also two singers, Canadian born Shirley McDonald who later became his wife and Neil Williams who won a radio show song contest in the 1950s to find a new Peter Dawson. It’s understood that Peter Dawson was very thrilled that Neil was chosen and that he would continue the music and the style of performance created by him. Neil later became very well known through his appearance on TV’s Sunnyside Up. He was more than the baritone and had the versatility to sing all sorts of things with all styles of accompaniments.

Shirley McDonald was very much a draw card for Eric Jupp, and it seemed like a marriage made in heaven.

**The Top 5 of 50**

Listeners that tune in to Golden Days on Saturday Morning will hear Alex Hehr presenting the brekkie session. One of his great loves is the music of the Sixties, and as a teenager he bought almost every 45 rpm disc that made the pop charts.

In addition, each Friday in the “Sun News Pictorial” they published the 3DB Top 40 chart for the week commencing on the date of publication. A suggestion was made that he re-create the Top 5 of 50 years ago based on those charts and his 45 record collection As a result, you can hear that countdown every Saturday Morning at approx 10.08, just after the 10‘o’clock News and Weather.

Alex publishes the original Top 40 chart on which the program is based on his and several Face Book pages including that of Golden Days Radio on Friday morning. The feedback coming from people always amazes him . . . “people just love to relive their lives though the music of the day”, Alex says.

We are glad he kept all that printed material and that amazing record collection.
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- 7.08am Morning Country
- 7.30am The Castlereagh Line
- 8.00am News, Sport and Weather
- 8.15am Wedding Anniversaries
- 9.00am Music From Home
- 9.30am The Passing Parade
- 10.00am News, Sport and Weather
- 10.07am The Garden Clinic
- 10.15am John the Vet
- 11.00am Nice and Easy
- 12.00 News, Sport and Weather
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- 1.00pm Comedy Time (30 mins)
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- 3.00pm Happy Music with Peggy Lee
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- 8.00pm Music to Relax By (2 hrs)
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- 11.00pm Golden Days Overnight
- Music with hourly time calls

### FRIDAY
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- 7.30am The Castlereagh Line
- 8.00am News, Sport and Weather
- 9.00am Penny’s Travels (15 mins)
- 9.30am The Passing Parade
- 10.00am News, Sport and Weather
- 10.07am The Garden Clinic
- 10.15am Community Magazine*
- 12.00 News, Sport and Weather
- 12.10pm Madeleine at the Movies
- 3.00pm At The Picture Palace (25min)
- 4.00pm News, Sport and Weather
- 4.10pm Lyrics of Love (15 min)
- 5.00pm Friday Drive – Your Night With The Stars
- 5.15pm Stars Downunder (10 min)
- 6.00pm News, Sport and Weather
- 6.15pm Top 500 Hits (15 mins)
- 7.15pm Sleeping Stars (10 min)
- 8.00pm Friday Kind of Music
- 10.00pm News, Sport and Weather
- 10.07pm Friday Kind of Music (cont)
- 11.00pm Golden Days Overnight
- Music with hourly time calls

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- 7.07am The Brekkie Program
- 7.45am Spotlight On (15 min)
- 8.00am News, Sport and Weather
- 8.15am Jazz as you like It (15min)
- 8.30am Dad and Dave (5 mins)
- 9.00am Something Special (30 mn)
- 9.30am On This Day
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- 11.00am Golden Days Music
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- 5.00pm Music
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- 6.07pm Country Music (30 min)
- 7.00pm All Stops Out (30 min)
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- 9.00pm Everything Old is New Again
- 10.00pm News, Sport and Weather
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- Music with hourly time calls

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**For Your Information:**

The community radio licence issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority requires us to restrict the strength of our broadcast signal.

If you live some distance from our transmitter at Caulfield, reception will be improved with a **vertical** external antenna.

An information sheet on antenna systems is available on request or you can download this information from our website (goldendaysradio.com). If your radio has a telescopic aerial, extend it fully.

Moving the radio to another part of the room may improve reception. We broadcast all programmes in stereo, but if your radio has a mono/stereo switch, switching it to “mono” may reduce the background noise.

*In recess Dec/Jan*
I first experienced the beautiful music of the Robert Stolz Viennese music Society at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church where they allowed Golden Days to have a promotions table. What a pleasant surprise it was when their President asked for a show of hands the people who listened to Golden Days Radio and with 250 people at least half of them put up their hands. The concert was superb with Shu-Cheen Yu, Peter Best and Jennen Ngiau-Keng, a wonderful violinist performing.

My next visit was to the Austrian Club, 76 Sheehan Road, Heidelberg where my friend and I enjoyed a lovely meal. The kitchen and Café Mozart, open at 12 noon where a continental or international meal, coffee, cakes and drinks may be purchased, before you enjoy the cultural spirit of Vienna.

We saw familiar faces from Golden Days Radio in the audience and were entertained by more wonderful singers and once again had a beautiful afternoon. I then became a member of this wonderful society.

In April it was back at the Austrian Club. This time I brought two friends. We had lunch, a superb meal of Goulash Soup, Pork Schnitzel and the afternoon tea is a wonderful array of European cakes including Strudel and Bee Sting and if you have eaten either, you will know they’re delicious.

The concert started at 2:00pm so plenty of time to eat our meal. We were welcomed and greeted by most of the Committee who are such a friendly lot of people, they make you feel at home. The entertainment was nothing but the best again, A wonderful Soprano, tenor Raymond Khong and much more. We enjoyed songs from Fledermaus, Granada, and much more. I am awaiting the next concert. I have my fingers crossed that I can go along; maybe I’ll see you there too.

The Robert Stolz Society is a Golden Days Radio Community Group Member. You can get more information from their website www.rsvmsi.com

Pamela Young, Public Relations

Bequests

Golden Days Radio believes that sharing love and respect and bringing beauty into the lives of Seniors is essential in meeting the emotional needs of those in their mature years.

We honour all individuals by meeting the basic needs of the human spirit: to serve others, to love and to be loved, to belong and to enjoy life. This strong belief is reflected in the music and the entertainment programs Golden Days Radio brings to its special audience 24 hours a day every day of the year.

You can help keep this dream alive by remembering Golden Days Radio in your Will and thus help continue the comfort and enjoyment it brings to its listeners. We respectfully acknowledge the following supporters who have left a Bequest to Golden Days Radio:

Lucy Lyons
Ida Danuta Josem
John Knox Trezise
John Corbet

Joyce Wehsack
Jeffrey Coles
Edna Rose Sondergeld

Golden Days Radio has two Bequests officers with whom you can confidentially discuss issues around bequests. Just contact the Station and ask for one of them to contact you to further discuss the matter.
Weekday mornings at 10.15 provides listeners with a variety of topics that provide many with an item of interest.

**Monday**  
**Senior’s Update**  
This is a series of talks with Gerard Mansour, Commissioner for Senior Victorians providing information and updates affecting Seniors in our community. It will commence on Monday 11 July.

**Tuesday**  
**Madeleine at the Movies**  
Our theatre critic Madeleine Swain covers a wide variety of movie features, from current new releases to film festivals with frank comment that hopefully assists you in making your choice of a visit to the flicks. If you miss her comments on a Tuesday morning then they are repeated Fridays after the mid-day News.

**Wednesday**  
**Dr David Talks Wellness**  
Dr David Dammery joins us to talk on health issues that affect us all. Many of his talks are on current topical issues while others are on more general medical issues which particularly affect those of us in their senior years. Remember too, if you have a subject you would like him to discuss, ring the station and leave a message so he can respond. Many of Dr David’s talks have also been placed in our Podcast library for you to listen to any time on line.

**Thursday**  
**John the Vet**  
Local veterinary surgeon Dr John Parncutt talks on issues surrounding the health and welfare of your cat or dog from common issues through to complex ones. The reason your cat or dog to be ‘off-colour’ can be many and varied. Dr John speaks on many of these in this weekly talk.

**Friday**  
**Community News**  
Various Station Presenters discuss with people in our community, stories of their life, their interest or activities or simply something that is happening in our community of interest to our listeners. We really don’t know who and what is happening in our wide community and this program is an effort to bring some of those stories to our listener’s attention, perhaps provide them with an interest to become involved as well.

**Saturday**  
At a quarter past 10 you have missed the 10am News and Weather but you are in the middle of Alex Hehr’s **Top 5 of 50** featuring the top five of the 3DB Hit Parade of 50 years ago. You will remember to tune in earlier next week.

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**Life Membership Awards**

Three long-serving volunteers at Golden Days Radio have just been made Honorary Life Members. They are Heather Swift, Brian Goldsmith and Tom Wilson.

Heather has been a volunteer over 20 years. As well as a long-term Presenter, she has been a Committee of Management Member for nearly 14 years. She is well known for her organisation of the Christmas and Half-Yearly Luncheons and her contribution to most of the social functions held from time to time for fellow volunteers and the Station.

She plans to step down from CoM at the next AGM. Brian has been involved with engineering at the station for many years taking over the position of Manager Engineering in 2002, a position he stepped down from in March. Tom has been a long term on-air Presenter. For more than 10 years he has held down the Monday 8-11pm segment. In the mid 2000’s he was Chairman of the Program Sub Committee; later and more recently Chairman of the IT Sub Committee. Their Life Membership Certificates will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 17 August.
Burt Bacharach and Hal David were a musical combination that provided us with popular songs from the late 1950’s right through to the 1980’s.

Bacharach wrote the music, David wrote the words, many songs specifically for and performed by Dionne Warwick.

However, their earlier work (1957-1963) saw the composing due work with Marty Robbins, Perry Como, Gene McDaniels and Jerry Butler. They went on to write hits for Gene Pitney, Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield, Jackie DeShannon, Bobby Gentry, Tom Jones, Herb Alpert, B J Thomas and the Carpenters among numerous others.

Burt Bacharach and Hal David met in 1957. at the Brill Building (which Bacharach described as a “music factory”) in New York City, and began their writing partnership. Almost a year later, they received a significant career breakthrough when their song “The Story of My Life” was recorded by Marty Robbins for Columbia Records, becoming a number 1 hit on the U.S. country music chart and reaching Number 15 on the Billboard Hot 100 in late 1957. Soon afterwards, “Magic Moments” was recorded by Perry Como for RCA Records, and became a number 4 U.S. hit in February of that year. These two songs were back-to-back No. 1 singles in the same year.

In the early and mid-1960s, Bacharach wrote well over a hundred songs with David. He produced a number of songs on New York soul singer Lou Johnson, including the original recordings of “Always Something There To Remind Me”, “Kentucky Bluebird (Message To Martha)” and “Reach Out For Me”, but the two were mainly associated throughout the decade with Dionne Warwick, a conservatory-trained vocalist.[9] Bacharach and David started writing a large portion of their work with Warwick in mind, leading to one of the most successful teams in popular music history.[12]

Over a 20-year period, beginning in the early 1960s, Warwick charted 38 singles co-written or produced by Bacharach and David, including 22 Top 40, 12 Top 20 and nine Top 10 hits on the American Billboard Hot 100 charts.

The first was in 1962 – Don’t Make Me Over. In the years to follow there was the likes of Wishin and a Hopin, Anyone Who Had a Heart, Walk on By, I Say a Little Prayer and Do You Know the Way to San Jose.

In between, they wrote a host of hits for other artists – hits like Only Love Can Break a Heart, Twenty-Four Hours from Tulsa and The Man who shot Liberty Valance for Gene Pitney, What’s New Pussy Cat for Tom Jones, Alfie for Cilla Black, Blue on Blue for Bobby Vinton, The Look of Love for Dusty Springfield, Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head for B J Thomas, Arthur’s Theme for Christopher Cross and This Guy’s In Love With You for Herb Alpert. By 2014 Burt Bacharach had written 73 US and 52 UK Top 40 Hits.

Bacharach composed and arranged the soundtrack of the 1967 film Casino Royale, which included “The Look of Love”, performed by Dusty Springfield, and the title song, an instrumental Top 40 single for Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass. Bacharach and David also collaborated with Broadway producer David Merrick on the 1968 musical Promises, Promises, which yielded two hits, the title tune and “I’ll Never Fall in Love Again”, for Dionne Warwick. The year 1969 marked, perhaps, the most successful Bacharach-David collaboration, the Oscar-winning “Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head”, written for and prominently featured in the acclaimed film, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

They won six Grammy Awards Burt Bacharach and Hal David won an Academy Award for Rain Drops Keep Raining on Your Head in 1970 while Bacharach along with Carol Bayer Sager, Christopher Cross and Peter Allen won the 1982 Academy Awards for the best original song, Arthur’s Theme.

Burt Bacharach was born in Kansas City, Missouri on 12 May, 1928; he’s 88. Hal David was born in New York City 21 Mat 1921; he died 1 Sept, 2012.

“A Man and His Music” featuring the music of Burt Bacharach, presented by Peter Thomas, is heard every Wednesday at 7pm