



THE GOLDEN BROADCASTER

Newsletter of Golden Days Radio

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PATRON:
Peter Smith OAM

President's Message



It goes without saying, running this amazing radio station through unprecedented times is a tribute to our family of volunteers, many of you having done extra shifts due to this hideous pandemic.

On a brighter note, our music brings much joy and pleasure to so many in the community. Our phone calls alone are in excess of 2,000 each month, many from interstate and overseas. Our streaming service is certainly appreciated by many.

The generosity of listeners has been quite overwhelming with some significant donations to help keeping us on the air. My personal thanks to our very active Patron, Pete Smith, and to the Committee of Management – all of you playing a significant part in 'Let's not stop the Music'.

There are some exciting and challenging times ahead and I look forward to a brighter six months as we move forward to having the best possible governance here at GDR.

Sincerely

Ian McLeod

From the Station Manager



At our last AGM, a question was asked about the age groups of our members.

Ken Vosper, our Membership Secretary, has provided the latest breakdown for your information. Remember, not everyone gives us this information, but it is a guide to see the age groups.

Age Groups as disclosed by members:

AGE GROUP	Members	AGE GROUP	Members
0-30	5	66-70	66
31-50	8	71-75	133
51-55	20	76-80	104
56-60	10	80+	196
61-65	42	Unknown	67

You may also be interested in the current mix of volunteers (male and female) in the various segments of the organisation. We are keen to encourage more female participation.

- Executive – 50% representation by females.
- CoM – 33% representation by females
- Reception – 42% representation by females
- Presenters – 28% representation by females
- Development Fund – 20% representation by females

In addition, the CoM at a recent meeting, agreed following a suggestion that we accept applications from volunteers with a disability. This would follow an interview with prospective volunteers at the station, to ensure we could in fact "host" volunteers who are disabled.

Happy listening!

Larry James

Annual General Meeting

Our next AGM will be held on Wednesday 17th August 2022.

Venue is the Uniting Church Hall in Centre Road Bentleigh (opposite the RSL) and commencement time is 10am.



Our Patron Pete Smith discussing our strategy for the future with Ian McLeod after our last AGM. Although we face difficult times ahead, the local support from our listeners has been most encouraging.

New Program on GDR

Starting on Saturday 25th June and every Saturday join host Josh Butler as he plays all the classic hits of Elvis Presley on "The Elvis Show" after the 6pm news, sport and weather.



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THE GDR MID-YEAR LUNCHEON

Members and listeners had a great time at our mid-year luncheon held for the last time at The Benthleigh Club – soon to be demolished. We're investigating new venues as we speak. Tribute artist Mike Cole performed as Elvis which was appreciated by the audience.



Keith Gulliver, Ian McLeod
and Mike Trickett



Peter Smith OAM
saying a few words



Station Manager
Larry James



Special Volunteer Awards 2022



Jack Saunderson



Mike Cole as Elvis
performing at The
Benthleigh Club



Renee Mascurine,
Barry Gomm and
Margaret Crowe



Kerin and Kayoko Greenwood



John Hoey and Keith Irvine OAM



John Grace and Jan Hindle



Helen Watson and Barry Gomm



Maureen Carroll and
Ian McLeod



Joan Krutli and
Brian Wann



Peter Smith with Pete Clemmens,
Heather Swift and Ian McLeod

It's nearly taxation time again!

How quickly the financial year comes around these days. You need to complete your annual taxation form or get a registered tax agent to do the work for you.

Now, if you desire to minimise your taxation, one way of doing that is to make a tax-deductible donation to the Golden Days Radio Development Fund. Donations of \$2-00 and over are treated as tax-deductible and we provide the necessary receipt to assist with your taxation return.

If you would like to contribute, please make your cheque in favour of "Golden Days Radio Development Fund" and post to PO Box 287 Glen Huntly 3163 or you can direct credit to the bank account. Our account is with Malvern East Community Bank BSB is 633-000 and account number is 145 041 794. Please make sure that your name and address is mentioned when using direct credit. We need to send you our official receipt.



A connection to Stanislaw de Tarczynski



The descendants of Stanislaw de Tarczynski enjoyed a memorable, historical afternoon at the Albion Polish Club at the unveiling of a replica portrait of Stanislaw. The original portrait by Colin Colohan perished in the London Blitz.

Stanislaw Victor de Tarczynski [1882-1952] a Polish born violinist

was educated at the Warsaw Conservatorium. At the age of 20 he was engaged for a year as leading violinist with the Moscow Grand Opera. He travelled to Australia in 1912 and began playing the violin in Melbourne theatres and taught at the Melbourne University Conservatorium of Music and at the Albert Street Conservatorium.

He became leader of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and from 1936 he led the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

The replica portrait was painted by Joanna Lang to honour Stanislaw's contribution to music and the Polish Community.

Stanislaw de Tarczynski is Lucille Crisp's grandfather.

Thanks Lucille for this item of interest.

GDR'S Lucille Crisp with the portrait



Congratulations George Rolfe

As part of National Volunteer Week, the Glen Eira Council were acknowledging local volunteers. Our own George Rolfe received a certificate as part of their Volunteer Recognition Program for 20 years of broadcasting at Golden Days Radio. At the ceremony, President Ian McLeod and Carmel Bolt were in attendance. Congratulations George!

Email Corner

'Hearing you loud and clear in Hong Kong, love the Gershwin selections. Best wishes and thanks.' – **Lu Feng**

Massimo and I just love your classical romance segment every Wednesday evening. – **Patricia, Coolangatta**

Good morning John and Jackie,
Thank you John for putting a spark in my 'soul' with your always entertaining music. Recovering from being a little unwell. It's amazing what GDR music does. Looking forward to the rest of your programme. Thanks Jackie for your continued support. Have a wonderful week filled with joy, good health and happiness. Stay safe. Kind regards – **Renee from Clarinda**

Thank you so much.

We were very happy to waltz to it in my study where the radio is placed. (our favourite dance). Added hugely to the day.

Regards – **Arthur from Hampton**

Dear John,

I am overwhelmed by your tribute to my birthday and also of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth who is 96 today. Freddy Mercury's arrangement of 'God Save The Queen' as 'we've never heard it before' and Handel was most appropriate for both of us! Queen Elizabeth does indeed know of Golden Days Radio as many years ago I sent her GDR CDs 1, 2 and Volume 3 which includes Victor Silvester's Ballroom Orchestra (Exhibition Swing) of which she is very fond. Thank you for your thoughtfulness to all of us in today's listing in the Birthday Book, your program is always most enjoyable and musically intellectual! Kindest regards – **Loretta Simmons**

From Our Favourite Tasmanian listener – Michelle

Last year when I discovered GDR, I became somewhat housebound for three hours every Thursday afternoon as I could only get the station on my ipad. I would be carting my ipad into different rooms of my house so I could listen to my favourite presenter, Prudence, while I went about my daily chores.

It was then suggested to me that I download GDR on my mobile phone. Not being particularly tech savvy that thought hadn't crossed my mind. I did download GDR to my mobile giving me the freedom to go outside and not miss a minute of entertainment.

Fast forward to this year. I have recently been fortunate enough to upgrade my vehicle. One with all the mod cons – paying extra for the entertainment package.

This particular day the drive into town was uneventful and quiet. However, on my return journey I decided to turn the radio on and pressed the Media button. What was I listening to? This is not the local station programmed in for me by the salesman when I bought the car.

I heard a GDR announcer on the radio. How can this be possible? I didn't think I could get this station in my car. This was not the first time I had taken my car out yet it was the first time GDR had come out of my car speakers. I kept thinking – how? How did my car radio know to play GDR? My mobile phone was in my handbag and through APP Connect it sensed GDR. I had a pleasant drive home thinking it doesn't matter how it happened just go with the flow and enjoy the GDR music.





Our Golden Days Senior Celebrity

The music of Shu-Cheen Yu continues to bring much joy and pleasure to so many listeners world wide. Shu-Cheen is a great ambassador of GDR and has kindly performed for us on many occasions.

Shu-Cheen Yu is one of Australia's most delightful and sought-after sopranos. Her powerful voice and shimmering presence have helped nations bridge the east/west divide. Born in China, Shu-Cheen began her career in Chinese traditional opera. Both her parents were involved with the Shanxi province local opera company so she grew up in the theatre: Whenever they needed a child, rabbit, dog or cat, that was me! Before migrating to Australia in 1987, Shu-Cheen was one of China's best known folk singers, making regular television and radio appearances and releasing five successful albums.

Shu-Cheen performs a wide range of repertoire from Western and Chinese Opera, oratorio, Lieder, Chinese folks and Art Songs, musicals and ensemble works. She has performed in productions by Opera Australia and other State Opera Companies and Symphony Orchestra and has been a soloist with the Welsh National Opera, the London City Philharmonic Orchestra, the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and the Chinese National Beijing Opera Company.

In 2014 Shu-Cheen played the role of Lady Thiang (the King's Head Wife) in Opera Australia's & John Frost's production of 'The King And I' and was nominated for 'The Best Actor in a Supporting Role' in the 2014 Helpman Awards Greenroom Awards. At the invitation of the Governor General of Australia and the NSW Premier's Office, Shu-Cheen and for the Chinese President Xi Jinping in both Canberra and Sydney when he visited Australia in 2014.

Shu-Cheen performs regularly in her native China and in music events across Australia. She has four classic CDs produced by ABC Classics: 'Lotus Moon', 'Willow Spirit Song', 'Serenade' and 'Lotus Dreams' which include Western operatic arias and art songs as well as Asian folks and art songs.

Shu-Cheen's latest project has been establishing and training a delightful group of gents and ladies in singing both Chinese and classic Australian folk songs. The 'Lotus Wind Ensemble' is now ready to perform and we look forward to having them sing for us at one of our future GDR luncheons.



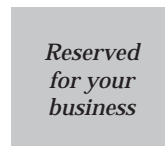
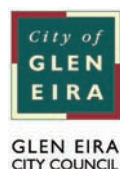
Our Outside Broadcast Van

Our OBV ventured out after a period of some 2 years locked up due to the pandemic and lockdown. We went to the Cine Fair in Seddon for CATHS. (Cinema and Theatre Historical Society).



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