

Golden Days Radio for Senior Citizens Incorporated Annual Report Year ending 30th June 2022.

Welcome fellow GDR members and listeners to the 31st Annual General Meeting of Golden Days Radio for Senior Citizens Incorporated.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has contributed over and above the normal expectation of duty. We have survived yet another twelve months of this insidious virus. GDR has been on the air 24/7 which is an amazing achievement, so thank you not just from me personally but from the entire management team.

The Committee at its first meeting following the 2021 AGM confirmed the following appointments.

President. Ian McLeod

Vice President. Carol Farman

Secretary. Graham Pack

Treasurer. Linda O'Meara

Volunteer Services. Pete Clemmens

Engineering. Graeme McKenzie

Asst Station Manager. Brian Crowe

Admin. Shirley Pascoe

At the same time we are blessed to have our ever reliable Patron, Pete Smith OAM and our amazing Station Manager, Larry James as part of the team.

We have had great support from our local Councils ,in particular Kingston and Glen Eira .

These Community partnerships are working well and we continue to provide ongoing support through our GDR airwaves.

Declining membership and depleted advertising remains an ongoing challenge for the Committee. We have an 'all stops out' at present in seeking solutions for an advertising executive and a marketing specialist to help us move forward. We were most grateful to Ms Sue Driscoll who kindly provided us with a plan for the future in terms of making some sensible changes going forward.

I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic support we receive from Melbourne Racing Club in terms of us being able to transmit from the Caulfield Racecourse and the Channel 9 news team for their ongoing delivery of news.

Our Christmas and mid-year luncheons were highly successful and were considered two of the best. Our next Christmas luncheon will be held at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron on Wednesday 30th November. We are limited to 120 places, so first in best dressed. Thanks once again to our two retiring 'lunch ambassadors' Heather and Pete.

Our engineering team together with 'IT' are currently upgrading many of our obsolete computers and equipment in providing a state-of-the-art platform to broadcast from.

Our GDR Development Fund deserves special recognition and is our GDR 'Reserve Bank' - they provide us with funding to ensure we can plan for the future in providing essential equipment and services. They also have been processing many generous tax deductible donations from both our listeners and volunteers.

During the year we presented Life Membership to the following volunteers for their outstanding contribution

Keith Irvine OAM
Grahame Pack
Graeme McKenzie
Robert Anderson.

Two special awards of appreciation were presented to
Dr David Dammary (our wellness programs)
Barry Skinner (Sounds of Sinatra)

Our 10 year Volunteer recipients this year included

Madeleine Swain
Deborah Schlesinger
Peter Lawlor
Mario Zanatta
Dr Mark Cherny

Sincere congratulations to all concerned. We also welcome a number of new presenters and receptionists to the Golden Days Musical Fun Factory.

The Outside Broadcast unit will be back in action supporting several council events this Spring / Summer. The OB van has been a bone of contention for some, but it's initial purpose in promoting the station and attracting new listeners has obviously been spoiled due to Covid. The Committee will review its future at the end of this next half and communicate to you accordingly.

Finally, at the end of the day, we only have one product and that is our music . Special thanks to Gwen and Linda in managing and maintaining an endless supply of Golden Days musical delights.

I wish everyone good health and happiness as we keep the music playing.

Ian McLeod
President.