



THE GOLDEN BROADCASTER

Newsletter of Golden Days Radio

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PATRON:
Peter Smith OAM

President's Message



As President, I sincerely trust we never dismiss our number one objective of maintaining peace and harmony at GDR.

Covid has not left us, but nor has our beautiful Golden Days music entertaining so many lovely listeners throughout the world.

We have a unique group of Presenters and Receptionists all providing entertainment to our listening audience. So, a big thank you to all our volunteers. You are all very special.

For your information, we have advised the ACMA to delay our request for a new Ariel system. We have been transmitting from the Caulfield Racecourse for over 30 years, however due to the Melbourne Racing Club deciding on a total rebuild and the uncertainty of our situation, we have decided to exercise caution until we are guaranteed of a permanent stay.

Great to see our Outside Broadcast unit back in action with several very exciting events, the highlight being our invitation to be part of the Australia Day celebration at Government House.

Since our last edition, we sadly lost two wonderful GDR supporters, namely Joan Inman and Julie Bastow. They will be sadly missed.

It was great to see so many happy faces at our mid-year luncheon. Congratulations to our two 10-year certificate recipients - Peter Thomas and Pete Clemmens.

Likewise, heartiest congratulations to our latest Golden Days Ambassador awards - Leni Russo and Gerard Mansour (retiring Commissioner for Seniors Victoria).

Finally, my friends as Shakespeare once said - *'too much rest creates too much rust'*

Kindest regards.

Ian McLeod.

Annual General Meeting

Don't forget that our next AGM is on Wednesday 16th August commencing at 10am. The venue is the Uniting Church Hall in Centre Road Bentleigh (opposite the RSL). We look forward to seeing you there.

From the Station Manager



It was so nice to catch up with many listeners at the recent mid-year luncheon at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron. This location is just so good for us. We've found our new home for our twice yearly get togethers.

Whilst Covid is still around in the community, it is really good that GDR has maintained a healthy team as well. We still must be careful and look after each other.

A big thank you to our sponsors who have continued to give us confidence in what we do. Sponsors play a very important part in our finances and it is pleasing to note that we have a number of new sponsors that have joined us. Remember to utilise their services when you can and at the same time tell them that you heard about them through GDR. It works both ways.

Happy listening everyone.

Larry James

Thank you



Dear Kirsti and Lachie and All,

Thank you for sending this grand picture of your Anzac Biscuits baked to honour Anzac Day and celebrated by you in Copenhagen.....using the **Golden Days Food For The Body Music For The Soul** recipe book presented by GDR's own cooking expert Heather Swift!!

(The photo and message were sent across the world to GDR last Friday night 28th April Melbourne time by Kirsti and Lachie during my program and a thank you greeting was sent on-air back to them during a sunny Copenhagen morning!!)

Heather has been notified of the baking of her recipe when Anzac Biscuits became Danish Delights in Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen!!)

Cheers, Peter Lawlor.

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THE GDR MID-YEAR LUNCHEON

Members and listeners had a great time at our mid-year luncheon held Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron.



Annie and Jack of McKinnon with Station Manager Larry James



Robyn and Dale of Ashburton



Entertainer Matt Callan



Sandra Luxa and friend, Robert



Frederick, Tim, Loretta and Doris



Barbara Haydon and Graeme Standish



Jacqui, John, Sandra and Halina.



Kevin, Paul and John



Max Raynor, Jo Irvine, Margaret Pennicuik, and Keith Irvine OAM



John Grace, Carmel Bolt and Ian Jenner

In and around the Studio



Cr Hadi Saab Mayor of the City of Kingston with Ian McLeod



Cr Jim McGee Mayor of the City of Glen Eira being interviewed by Ian McLeod



Carol and Jack in the studio on Mother's Day



Loretta Simmons with Jo Goodridge EGM of Epworth Freemasons



Josephine Hewitt from Josephine's Shoes with Ian McLeod



The men from CATHS
Mike, Keith, Larry, Pete and Royce

CONGRATULATIONS



Peter Thomas receives his 10 year certificate of appreciation from Ian McLeod



Ian McLeod presenting **Pete Clemmens** his 10 year certificate



Dr Mark Cherny with his 10 year certificate from Ian McLeod



Ian McLeod presents retiring Commissioner for Senior Victorians **Gerard Mansour** with his Golden Days Radio Ambassador certificate



Wells Eden from Mentone also received a Golden Days Ambassador certificate for his support over many years from Ian McLeod.



Johanna and Larry



In December 2022 at our Christmas get together both **Doris Main** and **Joan Inman** received their Golden Days Ambassador certificates for their ongoing support over many years.



Lenis Russo (with Larry and Ian) was presented with a Golden Days Ambassador certificate celebrating her many years of contribution to GDR.

Telephone and Email Chatter



Margaret of Northcote tells us that Thursday afternoons are her favourite for programs. Good selection and variety at its best. Loves the music of the 70s rather than the "older" type music played. This is a great way to be going forward and encouraging younger listeners.

A fantastic program as usual.

I especially loved the brilliant Kings Returns and the tracks by KD Lang and Keith Urban. Keep it rolling. Cheers - Tess of Hampton

Really enjoying the music on GDR tonight Joan especially Helen Shapiro and Marty Robbins and the news about "Stage Door" was interesting. Big Cheers to Chris and welcome to Golden Days. Cheers - **Peter of Hawthorn**.

Good morning Robert.

Loving the great selection of perfectly divine music. Yours and our lovely friendly receptionist Sandra. She comes over the Golden Days airways, beautifully. As you do. You have competition, Robert. You make a terrific twosome. Ken and yours truly, Pamela, wish you both and your families, a wonderful weekend. - **P & K from Rosanna**.

Hi Australia Golden Days Radio

Love the oldies love this station. Streaming via my Sonos system, age doesn't matter, music is for all ages;-) Keep up the good work. Hope to visit again someday in the future. Love Australia - Greetz from out of the Netherlands, Breda

Special hello to Charles Pompe, brother of my father in law who lives near Wollongong from Jip, Pim, Lonneke & Maurice. It's 10:21 CET European Time (morning) - **Greetz Maurice Labordus**

Howard Kaplan



Howard (born 1943 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa) obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1965 and started in the computer industry in 1966. After 40+ years building a successful career in the industry in South Africa and Australia, he retired in 2007, except for some occasional consultancy work.

Howard has lived in Johannesburg, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, NSW Mid-north Coast and Launceston. He migrated to Australia in 1978. He has played rugby union, cricket, squash and golf; achieved National Master status in bridge; and won the Launceston Poetry Cup in 2017.

His involvement with community radio began in 2014 with Launceston's City Park Radio, presenting the breakfast program twice a week. He joined GDR in July 2022 and currently presents Wednesday's breakfast program. He loves music and has an extensive, varied and growing collection from which to draw for his program.

Howard lives in Port Melbourne with his partner Nancy, and has four daughters and seven grandchildren.



Our Golden Days Senior Celebrity

It is 28 years since Graham Pack became GDR's youngest volunteer and presenter at the tender age of 43, and despite being off-air at the moment due to recent health issues, he is still working behind the scenes as Secretary of the station.

Graham came across the station quite by chance in 1995. After dining at the Caulfield Racecourse Tabaret Bistro with his family one evening, he picked up a brochure about improving listener reception of weekend test broadcasts of community radio station Golden Days Radio, which was operating from the Racecourse, having relocated there from Dom Iacono's East Bentleigh home's garage the previous year.

After tuning in the following weekend, Graham joined up as member No. 56. He started working as a receptionist then was subsequently trained as a presenter under the watchful eye of Fred Cross after GDR's licence was extended to four days. He initially shared the Saturday drive time slot with Max Davis and Doug Grant.

In those early days, GDR only had one studio, so changeovers were done extremely carefully. Fortunately, it wasn't long before a second studio was built, constructed during the days the station wasn't conducting test broadcasts.

One of Graham's funniest experiences comes from the early days when the overnight music was recorded onto E240 video cassettes and played back on-air at half speed giving 480 minutes (or 8 hours) of music, which was started by the presenter finishing at 11 p.m. and stopped by the incoming presenter starting at 7 a.m.

Presenting his Saturday drive program whilst playing cassettes, Graham smelled something burning and looked up to see wisps of smoke coming from the VCR that was waiting to start playing at 11 p.m. He quickly unplugged the VCR but it triggered the smoke detector. Other volunteers at the station rushed into the studio with a fire extinguisher but found things were

under control. After a quick call to Station Manager John Amor, Graham relocated to the other studio.

While this was going on, six musical tracks had played, so Graham back-announced those when he returned to air, before playing some sponsor's messages and station announcements. Working down his music playlist with a ruler as a guide, Graham started to announce the next song, "Let's listen to...", before moving his ruler down to the next item scheduled to be played, at which stage he burst out laughing. After regaining his composure, he announced, "For those in the know, it's ironic, but next we are going to listen to The Mills Brothers with 'Smoke gets in your eyes'."

Graham credits Station Librarian Gwen Puché, with helping him create several of his popular program segments, especially the Home Grown Half Hour which features local Australian talent and helps GDR meet our local content quota.

Awarded Life Membership in 2021, Graham is still active in the station and will retire from the Committee of Management following the AGM but hopes to return to the airwaves later this year following his bout of ill health.

Our Outside Broadcast Van

Our OBV Volunteers Carmel, Brian, Sandra and Ian.



Carol Farman at Food Bank following food donations from GDR volunteers

Sponsors

We sincerely thank GDR95.7fm sponsors for their continuing support throughout the year. We encourage everyone to use our sponsors where possible and always tell them where you heard about them. Should you know of a business that may benefit from a GDR sponsor partnership, please contact us on 9572 1466 or email: sponsorship@goldendaysradio.com



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