



# THE GOLDEN BROADCASTER

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Newsletter of Golden Days Radio

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**PATRON:**  
Peter Smith OAM



## President's Message

Here we are at the end of yet another financial year! Despite pandemics, world unrest and the increased cost of living — Golden Days Radio I am delighted to report, is in great shape!

This is largely due to our dedicated group of volunteers, together with the extreme financial generosity from many of our listeners!

As President, I could not possibly operate without the support of the extremely versatile Committee of Management. So, I guess it's a big 'thank you' from me personally.

Please enjoy the many photos in this edition as they highlight so many happy moments we have shared together during the past 12 months.

Long may they continue.

**Ian McLeod**



## From the Station Manager

Happy birthday to Community Radio!

Did you know that the 20th of April 2024, marks the beginning of the celebration of 50 years of Community Radio in Australia. On that day in 1974 the first meeting with the Federal Government took place that

culminated in the establishment of licensed community radio stations in December 1974.

Australia was the first country to license community radio and now has one of the most well-established and longest running community radio networks in the world.

Over the last 50 years, Community Radio has become a key part of the Australian media landscape, with almost 5 million listeners and 358 not-for-profit community owned, volunteer-operated stations including Golden Days Radio which started in 1990 when Dom Iacono registered an "Expression of Interest". The rest as they say is history.

**Larry James**



## Congratulations Loretta!

### Order Of Australia Medal (OAM)

In the 2024 Australia Day Honours list, a name so well known to us was listed in the General Division of the OAM. Loretta Simmons OAM has been recognised for her contribution over many years to community involvement.

Loretta is one of those dedicated people who does what she can, when she can, and is always there to provide support and encouragement to those with whom she collaborates.

Loretta has worked tirelessly for improving the lives of many and it is a fitting tribute to her to be recognised in this way. When asked how she was feeling having been accorded such an accolade, with grace and humility she said, 'it had not sunk in but to be acknowledged by your country is the greatest of honours.'

Loretta Simmons is a most worthy recipient of her OAM and we salute her for flying the GDR banner amongst her many achievements.



## Annual General Meeting

Our next AGM is on Wednesday 14th August at 10am. The venue is the Uniting Church Hall in Centre Road Bentleigh (opposite the RSL). We look forward to see you there.

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## Heather's Recipe Corner

### OSSO BUCCO (Very easy)

#### Serves 4

4 beef Osso Bucco  
125ml dry red wine  
Plain flour  
1 cup beef stock  
Oil for frying  
400gm crushed tomatoes  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
2 tbsp parsley, chopped  
150gm onions, chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste

#### Method

Toss the osso bucco in the plain flour to coat evenly. Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the osso bucco and brown on all sides. Transfer to a casserole dish. Add the onion and garlic to the pan. Fry lightly then add the wine, stock, tomatoes, parsley, salt, and pepper. Bring to the boil, check the taste, and adjust if necessary. Pour over the osso bucco. Cover and place in oven at 160°C. Cook for 2½ to 3 hours. Reduce temperature to 150°C if cooking too fast. Serve with freshly cooked pasta and a green vegetable.



## From the Editor

We hope that you will enjoy this newsletter and tell your family and friends, especially if you are a member of a club or organisation — spread the good news.

Our programs are varied, you can listen to jazz, music from the shows, some classical, some comedy together with great stories and interviews.

We love feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

## Engineers

Our engineers are the people who keep all the equipment in order to keep us on the air around the clock. They are on call when we have a mishap. All are highly skilled and are at the studio every Tuesday to check the equipment. During their Tuesday stint they have coffee and biscuits and discuss how to fix the world.



Our friendly team of engineers

## Obituaries

**Julie Bastow:** Julie was a presenter for some 20 years as well as a former secretary and member of the Committee of Management. Julie loved her music, and her specialty was "The Girl Singers" where she played music and songs from the past as well as great singers of stage and screen.

**Brian Goldsmith:** Brian was a chief engineer for some 24 years with a break of a couple of years during that time. He helped to keep us on the air.

**Brian Crowe:** Brian was a member of the Committee of Management and had only been with us for a few short years, but he contributed much to the station which was appreciated.

*Valé Julie, Brian, and Brian*



## Listeners all over the world

Did you know that you can hear GDR on your mobile phone or computer in most countries of the world. We often get feedback from listeners in Britain, Canada, Africa, Ireland, Columbia, America, China, Singapore and even Mongolia. We also receive many calls from all parts of Australia. Isn't technology fantastic?

It's amazing how clear the reception can be. Everyone loves our music. In fact, each month we have between 6,500 and 7,500 listeners using our streaming service.



## Welcome to our new presenters



### Robyn Giles Tuesday 6pm-10pm

Presenting on GDR is like completing a full circle for me. My working life began in the background at ABC Radio, assisting a talented crew of seasoned practitioners before I followed my instincts to complete my first degree in Theatre and Drama.

Learning my craft happened on the road with a touring company, developing works and honing my skills. Hard yakka but invaluable in defining professional standards, personal goals and what would become a significant life journey in both the Arts and Education.

Music has always been a staple in all I have done. Volunteering at GDR seems like a good fit; sharing great music throughout the years is a wonderful way to stay connected and enjoy the memories music can bring.

Robyn's program goes to air each Tuesday evening from 6pm to 10pm and captures the great music of yesterday and today and everything in between.

Robyn is also the secretary to the Committee of Management. It's great to have you with us Robyn.



### Geoff Phillips Wednesday 12 noon-3pm

Geoff has his "Nice and Easy" program each Wednesday afternoon from 12 noon until 3pm.

Geoff has been with us on and off since 2001. He has had a lifelong interest in radio starting at the age of 14. He has been on our program sub-committee and a member of the Committee of Management in those early years as well as involvement with marketing.



### Chris Miller Saturday 3pm-6pm

I emigrated to Australia from the U.K. in the 70's. I have always had a keen interest in music since my earliest days in the U.K. when my parents played 78's of Billy Cotton and his band, Flanagan & Allen, Bing Crosby etc.

My older brothers were heavily into modern jazz and band singers like Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra while I was more into pop music of the day and rock n roll. Then came the 60's with the Beatles, Rolling Stones and new singers like Tom Jones, Dusty Springfield etc. A great time when music changed the landscape.

Over the years I have often been a volunteer with various organisations including Vision Australia and through Robert Anderson who I met there, I became a volunteer at GDR.

I have never been a presenter before but I look forward to the challenge of presenting music across the decades to bring back some warm and pleasant memories. Plus, perhaps, introducing some lesser known artists that our listeners may enjoy.

Welcome Chris to the GDR team.

## Open Forum

From the outset, the purpose of this year's Volunteers Forum, held on April 5, was to provide a vehicle for discussion to consider our future. In doing so, we were able to reaffirm our values, reflect on our proud heritage as a 24/7 Seniors broadcaster and look to the next steps in our evolution.

Golden Days Radio exists because of the incredible people who give their time and energy broadcasting music to a more senior demographic. It is the only station that presents over 100 years of music to an appreciative older audience for more than 33 years. It was a great morning of ideas sharing and good companionship.

Thanks to all who contributed.



Volunteers at our friendly Forum



Heather Swift, Robert Anderson and Loretta Simmons OAM



Barry Gomm and Brian Moore



Rob Hudson, Peter Thomas and Robyn Giles

Farewell to Brian Davis

## National Volunteer Week

This year the important role of volunteers was highlighted and was held on 20th to 26th May with the theme "Something for Everyone".

GDR volunteers received a lapel pin (pictured) as a thank you from the GDR Committee of Management in assisting with the smooth running of the station.

Wear it with pride!



Lenis receiving her 20 year award as a volunteer from Station Manager Larry James



Deborah Schlesinger with Ian and Larry presents her 10 year volunteer certificate

## Thanks Phil!

We say farewell to Phil Dowse who joined us in 2009 as a receptionist. He now resides in Portarlinton living with his wife Pat in aged care.

Thank you, Phil, for your all the work you did and we wish you both happy times ahead.



## OUR CHRISTMAS 2023 LUNCHEON



Brian Davis and Jacqui Corry



Keith and Jo Irvine



Annie and Jack of McKinnon



Dr Maureen Carroll and Shu-Cheen Yu



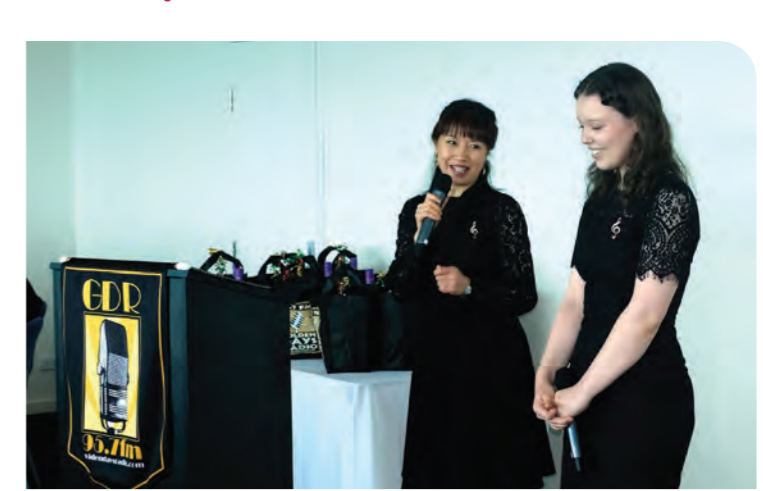
Carmel Bolt, Angela Brash, Mary Chetwin-Powell and Jack Saunderson



Vols gather to farewell Philip Dowd



Linda O'Meara and Graeme McKenzie



Shu-Cheen Yu and Emily Chapman

# OUR MID-YEAR 2024 LUNCHEON



Anne McLeod, Pete Smith OAM, Ian McLeod, Ken Keech



Carmel Bolt, Dee Lancashire, Geoff Hutton, Maureen Carroll, Peter Lawlor and Robert Anderson



Mick Potter and Dee Lancashire



Anne and Ian McLeod



Nick Charles



Evan Laios and Prudence Vernal



Kayoko and Kerin Greenwood



Marta Bassanetti, Sandra Bassanetti and Lucy Cobal



Jacqui Dinor-Corry and Danny Miller



Barbara Haydon and Paul White



Keith Gulliver and daughter Sue Gulliver



Helen Watson, Barry Gomm and Christine Vaffallo



Award Recipients 2024 L-R Robert Anderson and Gwen Puché both 20 year Awards for outstanding contributions, Keith Gulliver with an Ambassador Award with Pete Smith OAM



Sandra Bassanetti and Graeme McKenzie



Robert Jones and Sandra Luxa



Max Raynor, John and Margaret Sutcliffe



Rhonda Lewis and Heather Swift



Barbara Haydon and Graeme Standish



Cliff Dodd and Anne McLeod

## Email Corner



From: Fred A.  
Subject: Love the music  
Message Body: Keep up the good music from not so sunny London United Kingdom.

From: Scott F.  
Enjoying your show here in Rochester, New York State, home of the Eastman School of Music and the Eastman Philharmonic Orchestra. 12:10 am here.  
Long Live GDR

GDR is my must radio station when I'm at home, I absolutely love it, with so much variety. It is more relaxing to listen to, as it does not seem to alter the sound like some platforms. I'm in Scotland and at 19:15 GMT local time, you played Leo Sayer's One Man Band. A track I can honestly say I have never heard since the 1970s, and also a David Soul number that was real thinking music. Thank you for these tracks. Such a superb radio station I tell all my friends. I am totally hooked, thank you Melbourne for your musical choices.  
Best Regards,  
Andrew B

I was on the 6.55am train to Sydney from Canberra. I thought it was amusing that the first song was about trains "a hundred miles away....." and then the following song started off with the word 'train' about the time I was settling in my seat.  
Michael A, member

Listener from Brazil  
Good afternoon people from GDR.  
Here in Brazil we are 14 hours before you. Now here it's 11:25pm. You have an amazing musical programation I have ever listened. I have listened to you for many years, and I can't sleep without it.  
Thank you very much. I love you all.  
Paulo P.

A fan from Ireland  
I just found your radio station recently and I love it. It's great to find a station that plays such a wonderful selection of non-stop enjoyable music, and it often gets me dancing around my kitchen!  
Best wishes and thanks to all you seniors.  
Mairéad

SMS received  
Good morning all! ... Recently discovered your radio station, and thoroughly enjoy the music you are playing.  
Cheers, Peter in Brisbane!

## Email Corner continued...

From Pamela C

What a delight. I never listen to evening radio. However tonight I switched on. Your programme is without doubt a beautifully selected musical delight.

Thank you,

*Warm regards from Husband Ken and 'yours truly'  
Pamela from Rosanna*

Hi from B.C...

Good morning Golden Days Radio...

Thank you for all of the beautiful songs ...especially 'In My Adobe Hacienda'... I haven't heard that for many, many years! I love listening to GDR radio.

*All the best, Graham H in British Columbia*

From: Gary S. 3:46am

Subject: Great listening

I'm in Geelong and just discovered your station on the TuneIn Radio app and now have your GDR app from the Apple App Store. What a wonderful station indeed with music from decades past... quite addictive!

Thanks for providing music that is unavailable elsewhere but greatly enjoyed!

SMS received

Thank you for playing those wonderful songs from "Godspell". I remember seeing the movie at the Palais in the early 70s with my school class and we were so inspired we danced along St Kilda beach afterwards recreating scenes from the movie!

I also enjoyed hearing Jona Lewie.

My very best to all at your wonderful radio station.

Regards,

*Linda of Burwood*

Hi to the Team at GDR

I work from home and have my radio permanently tuned to your programs. I enjoy the huge variety of songs played and listening to the presenters.

Thank you

*Doreen B, Caulfield*

'love the bright toe tapping music-'

Always a delight to hear you on streaming.

*Lu Feng, Hong Kong*



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