

WELCOME to the SEPTEMBER edition of our newsletter! This month we have our regular contribution from our Acting President, Brooksie, snippets from a number of wonderful volunteers—with a big focus on the recent events—PLUS details of the upcoming AGM and Board nominees!

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S PEN

Greetings music lovers!

We are on the eve of the 2019 AGM and it's important the members are well represented at the meeting to ensure the Board positions to be voted in reflect a decision from the majority of members. With that in mind, I ask all members to make themselves available to view the profiles of the nominated members situated in the foyer at 99.7 Bridge FM and also on our web site (follow the links from www.997fm.com.au/agm). More importantly I ask that you attend the AGM to be held at the Belvedere Hotel, Woody Point on October 11, 2019 at 7.00 pm.

What a month we have had—but the prize for the biggest and best event has to go **Rockin 4 the Homeless** festival—a great collaboration including 99.7 Bridge FM and our amazing

volunteers. I will leave the details of the event's success to our Vice President Big Jon who, along with a team of great 997 volunteers, delivered a sensational event.

As is the case on the first Saturday of each month the **Scarborough Originals** event was well attended, with the weather delivering a fantastic Spring afternoon. Competing with the Redcliffe Food and Wine Festival only 3km up the road, the **Scarborough Originals** faithful attended in their hundreds. October's event will be one to put in your diary.



Rockin 4 The Homeless—oh what a night!

Clockwise from top: Sarah McLeod fronting *The Super Jesus*; Tim Rogers of *You Am I* with the ghostly image of lead guitarist, Davey Lane in the forefront; *The Picnic Hill* throng; *Tokyo Beef*; and some of our 99.7 Bridge FM crew hanging with some of the headline acts.

997 also attended the **Zillmere Festival** where I joined Johnny, Suzy and Lezley. It's fantastic the people you meet at these events—with Suzy and Johnny interviewing the first women to present on commercial radio in Queensland! That interview will be aired on Suzy and Johnny's Sunday program—**It Takes Two**. We were lucky enough to be set up near the Youth Stage where we were entertained all day with some very talented young musicians—interestingly there was plenty of great rock variety being covered by these young bands. Just goes to show that great music is timeless.



The **Harvest Moon Festival** held at Pine Rivers Park at Strathpine was a great success with the event organizers donating an awesome collection of raffle prizes to be raffled on the day with all proceeds from the raffle going to 997 FM. Again another great collaboration—this time with the Chinese Community. A special shout out to Maxine and her involvement in competition ideas and keeping the kids engaged.



Maxine at the Harvest Moon Festival

With Spring will come a host of events in the Moreton Bay Region and be sure 99.7 Bridge FM will be present at as many as practical. With that in mind, I ask all 997 members to contribute to the Events Team. Even if you are only available for one or two events a year, every hour you can contribute allows 997 to add value to more and more of our community groups. It's a great opportunity to meet some fantastic people and enjoy the plethora of events available in our region.

September saw the completion of another 997 FM Announcers Course with the participants working through the course curriculum over 10 weeks. I would personally like to congratulate those who completed the course and look forward to hearing their dulcet tones broadcasting on our 997 FM band. I would also like to thank our elite team of trainers for giving up their time to share their knowledge and to mentor the participants through the course—Rich, Grumps and Dave many thanks! The graduates of this course will be presented with their Certificate at the upcoming AGM. Our next Announcers Course is scheduled for March 2020, so don't hesitate to sign up. Positions on this course are restricted, so get in early!

Plans are in place for an 'All Members Meeting' late in October 2019—date to be confirmed and

pending the election of the new Board. We hope this meeting will give all members the opportunity to meet the new and existing Board Members, to discuss the events program for 2020, and provide an open forum for ideas or suggestion for the future direction of 99.7 Bridge FM. The meeting will seek out volunteers to join committees that will develop and implement the strategies that will be the driving force behind the station's goals going forward.

Gentle reminder: At the upcoming 2019 AGM (**Friday 11 October at 7pm at the Belvedere Hotel, Woody Point**) the Board will be seeking approval from the members to increase the number of Board Members from 5 to 7. The addition of a Board Member to lead our IT team and a Board Member to lead our Grants Coordination team will add much needed experience in these two areas and assist the Board in its strategy going forward.

If the majority of members present vote 'yes' to the additional Board Members, a request for nominations to fill these positions will be called from the floor.

I look forward to getting together with you at the **All Members Meeting** in October and working with you to deliver the best community-focused station in our region.

Kind regards—Brooksie (AKA Darryl Brooker)

Running a successful community radio station takes a lot of time, expertise and a whole bunch of wonderful volunteers. Here's a brief overview from a selection of departments that keep 99.7 Bridge FM running 24/7.

BIG JON'S JOTTINGS

(Jonathon Twartz: Events)



In the last few weeks we have had some amazing events happen. Of course we had the **Rocking 4 The Homeless** which was a HUGE success raising \$63,625 for the Breakfast Club. We also had the **Zillmere Street Festival** where we sold merch and promoted our station to Festival goers. Last weekend we had the **Harvest Moon Festival** at Pine Rivers Park where the team sold raffle tickets to raise money for our station.

I would like to make a special mention to our caretaker president Darryl Brooks who has attended all of these events over the last month. In the next month we have our monthly **Scarborough Originals** as well as outside broadcast at one of our proud sponsors—the Belvedere Hotel.

I can't stress enough that we need more active volunteers for our events, as the same people are doing the all of our events every time. If you can spare an hour here or there to come along and support these events as a volunteer that would be awesome. If you can spare some time to help our Events Team, please give the station a call on 3284 5000 and leave a



Why not join us at Scarborough Originals?



RICHES FROM RICH (Rich Haddock: Training)

Another training round is complete with six more outstanding announcers about to jump on board. We are really looking forward to seeing them bring enthusiasm and energy to 997.

Some of you may have heard them on air already—on specialty shows—and some are brand new to our station. Stay tuned for more.

A big thank you to all our announcers who have given their time to help train this group.



DAVE'S DELIVERY (‘Chopper’ Dave Andrews: Programming)

It's a busy time of the year coming up in programming with the end of the year and Christmas holidays now in sight! 2020 not too far away now.

We're looking forward to a great new year on the air. With all the new talent coming through our doors, this year we're going to call for show proposals for 2020.

This will include everyone who currently has a show on air and wants to continue it, those who want to have a show, or those who have a new show idea.

More details will be disseminated soon, but we're looking forward to seeing all the great shows we can get onto the air next year to really freshen up the sound of the station. Our focus will also be to serve our local community, and to increase and polish everyone's radio skills! It's a great industry to be a part of and exciting to have so many wonderful volunteers wanting to get involved!



Do you have any comments or contributions?
Don't be shy—please email your ideas via
reception@997fm.com.au marked
'Attn: For Broadcast Newsletter'.

DO YOU REMEMBER GYAN?



Suzy and Johnny recently interviewed legendary Aussie singer Gyan on Sunday's 'It Takes 2'. It all happened after 99.7 member Phil from Margate enquired about a song he heard which turned out to be Gyan's 1989 hit 'Wait'.

After Suzy contacted Gyan, who has a company called Museagency, we were invited to an album launch at Byron Bay for one of her proteges, Merryn Jean. During a later interview with us, Gyan revealed that there were "things in the pipeline, I'd love to do a TV series and I'm writing a short memoir of a coming of age story. It's all things that I haven't done. Next year is the 30th anniversary since my first album, so I am putting together a retrospective with people who were involved in those early albums and doing a coming together of all those songs."

When asked how the music industry had changed, Gyan recalled "mine was the last vinyl record to be cut at Warners in Sydney before digital. I was present at the vinyl pressing and it was beautiful to see that lump of wax go down, get squashed and the grooves go in and now it's coming around full circle after 30 years."

It was a pleasure reminiscing with Gyan and great to know that she is considering performing in this area next year.

Thanks to Phil from Margate for your enquiry.

Suzy and Johnny

...and the nominations are in!

Nominations for vacant Board positions for the Moreton Media Group for 2019 closed COB Thursday 26 September.

We are excited to announce the following nominations:

President: Darryl Brooker (AKA Brooksie)

Secretary: Sharon France (AKA Rosie)

Public Relations: Bev Dawson

SEE YOU AT THE MORETON MEDIA GROUP AGM

Friday 11th October, 7–9pm
Belvedere Hotel, Woody Point

