



Happy New Year to all our member 'Stars'



"We'll lie in shadows of them all, as we listen to 'great rock', somewhere not alone, to heal our very soul' (Adapted from Foo Fighter's February Stars, 1997)

A huge THANK YOU to all our loyal, kind-hearted listeners who have persevered with us through our recent antenna relocation trials and tribulations.

Message from President Moreton Media Group Inc aka Big Jon

"In December we finally got our big antenna reinstalled but still not running at full capacity. The tech guys have continued working on it over the Christmas/New Year period with some adjustments still occurring. We ask for your patience during this time and please believe me when we say we are doing everything we can in our power to get it sorted, which we anticipate will be very soon if not by the time you receive this newsletter.

Please remember we are all volunteers and we all donate our time to Bridge FM because we love connecting with you our community of loyal listeners and sponsors.

Once again we apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for patience. On behalf of the Board and Management at Bridge FM we would like to wish you and your families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year ahead".



INTRODUCTION TO RADIO BROADCASTING COURSE

***** Only few places left**

**Starting Monday evenings, 6.30pm from 19 February,
75 Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe**

Cost \$50 - must be a financial member to enrol in the course

Please contact Ken at: kenmaxwell@997fm.com.au

Message from Ken:

At 99.7 Bridge FM, it takes a proud team of volunteers to fill several roles that make 'the magic' happen. It's not just the voices you hear on-air. So many people work tirelessly behind the scenes - every day. Apart from the operation team in their respective admin roles, there are a bunch of others who support the announcers in areas like copywriting, news, production, research, program content. They are the silent ones whose talent adds a professional edge to what you hear on the radio. Each year, we recruit and train > a dozen people to fill those roles as well as on-air broadcasting. The initial training is a six week course, once a week: an "Introduction To Radio Broadcasting", followed by on the job training for those who make the grade.

Not everyone who completes the course will make it as an on air announcer with a limited number of air shifts available.

At the end of the course we will select and offer them to those that we believe will be the best fit. The course covers announcing, community news, programs producing, off-air production, research and more. These are all roles we are also keen to fill this year.

99.7 Bridge FM is growing and we are keen to get the best people from our community to assist in taking the station onward and upward. If that's you and you have a burning desire to help make great radio with us, just send your letter of interest via email before 12th February, to our Program Manager, Ken Maxwell kenmaxwell@997fm.com.au.

Please include your name, phone number and email address and tell us why you are keen to be involved and what you can bring to the team.



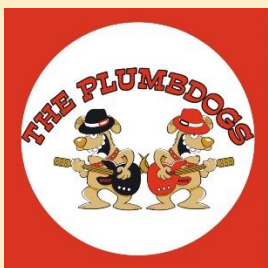
*Join the fun this Sunday 28 January 12-5pm
Deception Bay Club, 32 Bayview Tce, D'Bay*



*Kicking off from midday with 99.7 Bridge FM's hostesses **Lezley & Bev** from the **Toy Box**, Aussie idol runner up in 2006 and outright Aussie legend, Luke Dickens starts us off at 12.15pm.*

*Then local rockers **Head Room** will hit the stage and have you up dancing.*

*At 2pm (**Aussie Aussie Aussie**) will have you singing along with some great Aussie tunes, followed at 3pm by International chart toppers and Brisbane rockers **BLACK WHISKEY** who will have you rocking out.*



4pm The Plumbdogs, charity legends, who have help raise over \$40,000 for the community in the last 5+ years with their band.

We also have some amazing raffles prizes on the day to be won and all this for just \$5 entry fee on the door which all goes to 99.7 Bridge FM.



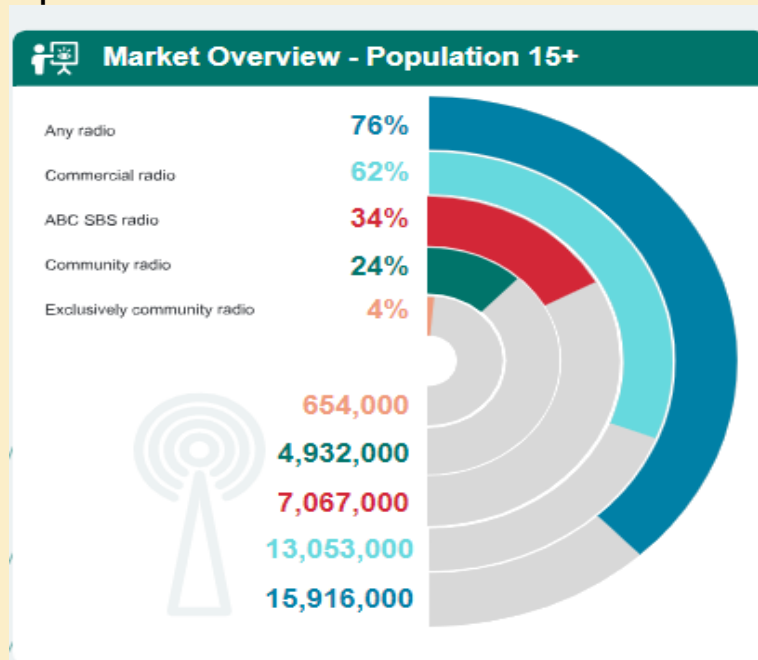
News from Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA)



CBAA Conference 17-19 October, QT Gold Coast, Surfers Paradise. Early bird registration opens in May. Stay tuned for more updates.

In good news for community radio:

CBAA reports that “Listener numbers grow in a boost for community radio. In the latest wave we saw community radio listenership reach 4.93 million among Australians aged 15+ each week. This is an increase of 4.7% over the last wave and a figure equalling almost a quarter of the population”.





Who is who at ... 99.7 Bridge FM 2023-2024

Moreton Media Group Inc Board

Jon Twartz	President
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Ken Maxwell	Assistant Station Manager/Programming

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Dave Andrews	Content Manager
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IT/Tech: Shaun Carrett, Roger Hagelaar and Ken Maxwell

Production: Mr Grumpy and Josiah Goodrich

Administration Staff

Di, Georgia, Shelly, Denise, Sharon, Johnny, Pam, Chris, Richard

Website: Peter Browne (Brownie) & Cheryl Barrett: <https://997fm.com.au/>





Jay Schouten
Sundays 12-3pm



Bernie O'Bryan, Bridgin' the Blues
Mondays 7-9pm

Don't forget to check out 99.7 Bridge FM's website: <https://997fm.com.au>

Facebook page: <https://.facebook.com/997bridgefmradio/>

Community Hub on fb

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1939270186397349/>

If you have any items/comments/contributions that you would like considered for the next, or future Editions, please contact: secretary@997fm.com.au

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99.7 Bridge FM - MORETON MEDIA GROUP INC

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For our new members, here is a 'snapshot' of some of our 2023 99.7 Bridge FM activities (rotate counter-clockwise to avoid a twisted neck!)

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MORETON MEDIA GROUP INC

Year in Review 2023

***Registered Charity Status** (ACNC logo)

New signage courtesy Hycraft Automotive

New shows 2023: Voice of Youth All Abilities NO Limits, Sunday Session w/ The Foxx, Sat B'Fast w/ Scotty

Antenna relocation project

Obs Redcliffe & Pine Rivers Shows

Australia Day, Bramble Bay Bowls Club

Big Jon - Anzac Day collaboration with Redcliffe RSL

99.7 Bridge FM's 30th Birthday celebration

Christmas Appeal 2022 again raised > \$8,000 for toys - Redcliffe Breakfast Club & Sandbag, Sandgate

Blueswater Festival Live Broadcast: Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race/Simulcast Fireworks

Milestone B'Day

Radiation - Raise It For Redcliffe 2023

Inaugural Sponsor Golf Day

Another successful Easter Appeal

School Obs

Brackenridge Lions Train Day

The 99.7 FM SURVEY

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Redcliffe Hospital Giving Day

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