



# THE GOLDEN BROADCASTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another year is nearly over. Where does the time go? I keep asking myself that question as I seem to fill up my days mostly with Golden Days Radio. We've just completed another successful Seniors Festival which is detailed elsewhere in this newsletter but I must thank so many of our volunteers who participated in the event. These types of events continue to raise the profile of the radio station and hopefully gain us more listeners. I do notice new names of listeners being broadcast when they have kindly telephoned the station with their favourable comments. It is very pleasing to hear the new names.

The 24th Annual General Meeting was held in August and the meeting saw Heather Swift retire from the committee after many years of dedicated service and Rex Swindel-Hurst join the committee as an elected representative. Thank you Heather and welcome Rex. A list of who's who on the Committee is shown elsewhere.

We also awarded Life Membership Awards to Heather Swift, Brian Goldsmith and Tom Wilson recognising some very talented people that have helped make Golden Days the station it is.

Our popular book "What's in a Name" has recently been updated and reprinted thanks to a grant from our sponsor the East Malvern Community Bank of Bendigo Bank. If you would like a copy please come in to reception on any day and if you belong to a club or organisation where your members would benefit from a copy you are most welcome to take more. There are 60 copies in a box and we would love to see these interesting books about the history of Melbourne's suburbs distributed widely.

In October we held our annual presenters open forum in the meeting room of the East Malvern Community Bank. This is where we get as many presenters as possible to come together to discuss issues pertaining to broadcasting. Our patron Peter Smith OAM also gave a very interesting and funny presentation. This type of get together helps us learn from each other and pass on those skills that have been learnt over many years.

On behalf of everyone at Golden Days Radio I extend season's greetings to you and your family. Please stay safe over the holiday season and may you have a healthy 2017.

Larry James - President

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

There is still time to book for the Christmas Lunch to be held this year a week earlier than normal, on Wednesday, 14 December, 12 for 12.30pm at the usual venue, the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh.

The cost is \$30. Vegetarian meals are available but advise your requirement at the time of booking.

**Ring the Station - 9572 1466 - to make a booking**



### Here's the ideal Christmas Gift, in fact a gift at any time.

It's one, or more, of the Golden Days Radio Golden Memories album series. Each with about 25 tracks of music from the golden years they provide great listening at home, in the car or even the portable player in the garden! Each CD has 24-25 tracks of true golden memories. The track lists are on the GDR Website under the tab "Downloads" Priced at just \$20 each if you collect and pay for them at Station Reception or \$25 if posted. There are some discounts for multi-disc purchases; you can discuss this with Reception when buying or ordering your CDs



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# AWARDS OF SERVICE TO GOLDEN DAYS RADIO



**FIVE 10-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS** were made at this year's Mid-Year Luncheon. They went to Brian Davis, Gerry Watts, Geoff Phillips, Bob Horsfall OAM and Larry James (pictured left to right with Vice-President Ian McLeod who made the Presentations)

**BRIAN DAVIS** walked into a shoe repair shop and heard the tomes of Golden Days Radio playing, asked the boot repairer the details of the station, went home, became a listener, in turn a Member and ticked the questionnaire that he would like to be a Presenter. A phone call and audition followed and before he knew it, Brian became the Wednesday morning breakfast presenter, a position he has held down ever since.

**GERRY WATTS** claims he was 'head hunted' by Robert Anderson from another Community Station they had both worked at. At first he was what he calls a 'marmalade' Presenter – spread around a bit to fill casual 'gaps' in the roster but he soon slipped into the 'winding down' the week 8-11pm Fridays. Gerry remembers one Friday evening there was a great downpour and he ended up sleeping a few hours at the Station until it was clear enough to drive home!

**GEOFF PHILLIPS** interest in radio began at an early age. In 1953 he was elected President of the Melbourne High School Radio Club and organised visits to 3DB, 3UZ and 3AW, a 'memory bank' for years. Retiring from corporate life, Geoff turned his hand to his dream of radio involvement being introduced to and joining Golden Days Radio. In February 2000 he went on air presenting the first Monday breakfast program on GDR. He went on to present Friday Breakfast and the Tuesday Drive program. Geoff served on the Committee of Management, Program Sub-Committee and Deputy President. He implemented a complete new business marketing plan, and introduced the 'new look' Golden Days sound jingle and our logo which is familiar to all. The marketing team conducted successful 'outside promotions', members drives and incentives, promotional materials, advertising and talks to community groups. This played a large part in growing awareness for our radio station, building membership and loyal sponsorships. His service was interrupted by family business commitments for 3 years or so, but he 'home' to Golden Days to share "beautiful music that will last forever" with our Golden Days listeners in his 'Nice and Easy' Thursday 11-2pm time slot.

**BOB HORSFALL** is a household name for seniors. He began entertaining in 1936 at the Tivoli Theatre as an acrobatic dancer. He was the Australian Tap Dancing champion for 18 years. At the South Street Ballarat's competitions he was boy soprano champion under sixteen for 3 years. His radio career saw him at the microphone at 3KZ,

Radio 2UE Sydney, 3AW, 3UZ and community station 88.3 for 14 years before moving to Golden Days Radio. He worked at GTV 9 for over 5 years and HSV 7 for 8 years. In that time at Channel 9 he appeared on IMT, compered Happy Go Lucky, BP Super Shows with Bob Dyer and was a vocalist with the Tune Twisters which was formed in 1944. This group also sang with the Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey orchestras. At Channel 7 he appeared in the Happy Show, Time for Terry, Sunnyside Up, Variety 7, Club 7 and World of Sport. Bob toured with the names of Frank Sinatra, Frankie Laine, Buddy Rich, and Mel Torme and has done shows with Johnnie Ray, Peter Dawson, Bob Hope, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong. Bob also appeared in popular TV shows such as Blue Heelers, Homicide, Prisoner, Power Without Glory, Division 4, Neighbours, Bellbird with a continuing role, Matlock Police and Ramsay. Bob received an Order of Australia Medal in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours for service to the Australian entertainment industry.

**LARRY JAMES** says he has always been interested in music, particularly the music that can be heard on GDR. A friend suggested he listen to GDR and once he did, he was hooked. He was also impressed with the professionalism of the station's presentation. Larry joined as a member in June 2003 and has been the Friday morning breakfast presenter since 1 June, 2007. He is the current President of Golden Days Radio.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS** Three long-serving volunteers at Golden Days Radio were presented with their Honorary Life Membership Certificates at the Annual General Meeting in August



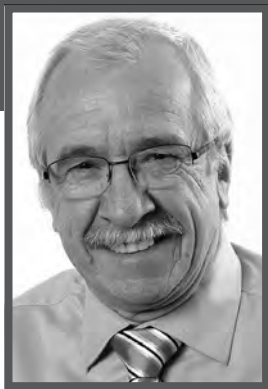
They were Heather Swift, Brian Goldsmith and Tom Wilson.

**HEATHER** has been a volunteer near 20 years. As well as a long-term Presenter, she has been a Committee of Management Member for near 14 years. She is well known for her organisation of the Christmas and Half-Yearly Luncheons and her contribution to most of the social functions held from time to time for fellow volunteers and the Station. She did not seek re-election to the Committee of Management at the AGM.

**BRIAN** has been involved with engineering at the station for many years taking over the position of Manager Engineering in 2002, a position he stepped down from in March.

**TOM** has been a long term on-air Presenter. For more than 10 years he held down the Monday 8-11pm segment. In the mid 2000's he was Chairman of the Program Sub Committee; later and more recently Chairman of the IT Sub Committee.





# STATION MANAGER'S REPORT

The year 2016 has been a busy one for all of us at the station, with a number of varying matters occupying our time. Not the least of those matters was the finalisation of our broadcasting licence renewal application, which happily has been renewed for a further five years.

Our three studios continue to provide listeners with quality broadcasts 24/7. During the year we welcomed some new presenters to the team and sadly said farewell to others. Incoming phone calls to the station remain steady, and these are being supplemented by quite a number of emails from listeners to our streaming from throughout the world. Clearly, more and more people are finding Melbourne's Seniors' Broadcaster on the dial and are calling to thank us for

## "Playing Yesterday's Music – Today"

There has been a steady increase in the number of people listening to GDR "on line" (the internet). In March 2011 there were an average of 1060 people listening weekly, in Sept 2016 we were at 7500. This is most definitely a growth area for us, which I believe will continue to grow. Our "app" for mobile devices is being downloaded by many people, and this adds to the ways that people can now access Golden Days programs anywhere, anytime.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their efforts this year. GDR is a wonderful example of how volunteerism works at it's very best. To all volunteers, members, listeners and our valued sponsors and their families, I send Seasons Greetings and hope that 2017 brings you everything you wish for and above all, good health.

Alex Hehr

## NEW MONDAY MORNING FEATURE PROGRAM

Following hot on the heels of Presenting Ben Selvin comes the new program "Brian Lawrance – Australia's Mr Versatility" tracing the life and music of South Australian born musician and singer Brian Lawrance both here and in the United Kingdom.

Like Presenting Ben Selvin the Brian Lawrance program has been written by and is presented by Alex Hehr.

Brian was born in Adelaide in 1909 starting his career in show business at a very early age. He made his first recordings in Sydney in February, 1927. The next month he and his mother took the gamble to move to the UK

Initially his fortunes were mixed but eventually his career began to take off. Proficient on the violin, and an excellent vocalist, he worked with a large number of big name orchestras during his time in the UK.

Just after the outbreak of World War Two Brian and his wife Jill returned to Australia. He'd been invited to be the musical director at Sydney's "Romano's Nightclub" Within a week of him landing back home Brian Lawrance and his Romano's Sextette took to the stage with great acclaim.

Brian made his last commercial recordings for Regal Zonophone in September, 1940. After leaving Romano's in October, 1947, he joined the ABC Dance Band working both as a Producer and Performer. He retired from the ABC at the age of 65 and finally at 69, he retired fully from all forms of entertainment

He passed away in Sydney on 11 September, 1983.

You can hear Brian Lawrance – Australia's Mr Versatility on Monday mornings at 9am on Golden Days Radio 95.7FM and online at [goldendaysradio.com](http://goldendaysradio.com)

## WEB2TV AND GOLDEN DAYS RADIO

Golden Days Radio is heard through some 110 Aged Care and like facilities across Australia giving more than 7,000 residents the opportunity to listen to our station 24 hours a day.

In 2012, Golden Days Radio was approached by Ben Hannemann, the CEO of a business called Web2TV. Using the internet, they were planning to run an entertainment system into a number of aged care facilities. These would initially be in Melbourne but the plan was to expand nationwide.

We were asked to allow our broadcasts to be the default radio station in those facilities. We agreed to this. Our engineering team worked with the Web2TV engineers and in due course, aged care residents were able to listen to us in their own rooms, via a Television set.

Since that time the network of Aged Care facilities has grown dramatically. In recent weeks we know Golden Days Radio is being broadcast through the newly opened Aged Care facility in Waverley Road, East Malvern. Web2TV also offers foreign language radio stations in certain homes where there may be people of a particular ethnic background, for example Chinese, Dutch etc.

The company also provides a wide range of other entertainment to the residents in their rooms. As technology develops there are a number of exciting things planned by Web2TV.

You can check their website [web2tv.com.au](http://web2tv.com.au) and watch their promo video to see just how it all works. We look forward to a long and rewarding partnership with Ben and his team at Web2TV.



# GOLDEN DAYS RADIO PROGRAM GUIDE

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(Scheduled programs may change without notice)



### SUNDAY

**7.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**7.07am** Sounds Like Sunday  
**8.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**9.00am** Music and the Spoken Word  
**10.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**10.30am** Melody Time (30 min)

**11.00am** Sunday Serenade  
**12.00** News, Sport & Weather  
**12.08pm** Bands and Their Music (30 min)  
**1.00pm** My Kind of Music (30 min)  
**2.00pm** Sunday Afternoon Concert  
**3.00pm** With a Song in my Heart (30 min)  
**4.00pm** Musings & Impressions  
**4.30pm** Weather Update  
**5.00pm** Sunday Sundowners

**6.00pm** News, Sport and Weather  
**8.00pm** Thanks for the Memory (Includes Requests)  
**8.30pm** ABC of British Dance Bands  
**9.00pm** Hall of Fame (5 min)  
**9.30pm** Let the Bands Play (5 min)

**10.00pm** News, Sport and Weather  
**10.07pm** Sunday Night Special (30min)  
**11.00pm** Golden Days Overnight  
Music with hourly time calls

### MONDAY

**7.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**7.07am** The Brekkie Program  
**7.30am** The Castlereagh Line  
**8.00am** News, Sport & Weather  
**9.00am** Brian Lawrance, Mr Versatility  
**9.30am** The Passing Parade  
**10.00am** News, Sport & Weather  
**10.07am** The Garden Clinic  
**10.15am** Senior's Update

**12.00** News, Sport & Weather  
**12.10pm** Hot, Sweet & Jazzy (30 min)  
**2.00pm** Monday Matinee  
**3.00pm** Australian Radio Theatre<sup>(25m)</sup>  
**4.00pm** News, Sport & Weather  
**5.00pm** Golden Music  
**5.15pm** Theatreland\*

**6.00pm** News, Sport & Weather

**7.30pm** Sinatra –The Albums  
**9.00pm** Popular Music (30min)  
**9.30pm** Hits of the 50's

**9.00pm** Spotlight on Nat King Cole  
**10.00pm** News, Sport & Weather  
**10.07pm** Night Music  
**11.00pm** Golden Days Overnight  
Music with hourly time calls

### TUESDAY

**7.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**7.07am** The Brekkie Program  
**7.30am** The Castlereagh Line  
**8.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**9.00am** Music We Grew Up With  
**9.30am** The Passing Parade  
**10.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**10.07am** The Garden Clinic  
**10.15am** Madeleine at the Movies  
**12.00** News, Sport and Weather  
**12.10pm** Lunchtime Music

**3.00pm** Trivia/Home Grown  
**4.00pm** News, Sport and Weather  
**5.30pm** Roundabout 60s (30 min)  
**6.00pm** News, Sport and Weather  
**6.30pm** Cool, Calm and Composed (30 mins)

**7.30pm** Cruise Control (30 mins)  
**8.00pm** Best of the 50's, 60's & 70's

**10.00pm** News, Sport and Weather  
**10.07pm** Best of the 50's, 60's & 70's  
**11.00pm** Golden Days Overnight  
Music with hourly time calls

### WEDNESDAY

**7.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**7.07am** The Brekkie Program  
**7.30am** The Castlereagh Line  
**8.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**9.00am** Australian Archives (25 min)  
**9.30am** The Passing Parade  
**10.00am** News, Sport and Weather  
**10.07am** The Garden Clinic  
**10.15am** Dr David Talks Wellness  
**12.00** News, Sport and Weather  
**12.10pm** Seniors in Focus\*

**1.00pm** More Music  
**2.00pm** Pleasant Memories  
**3.00pm** On-Air with Bing (30 min)  
**4.00pm** News, Sport and Weather  
**5.00pm** Something Light and Bright  
**6.00pm** News, Sport and Weather  
**6.10pm** Something Light & Bright

**8.00pm** Toe Tappers from the '30s, '40s and '50s

**10.00pm** News, Sport and Weather  
**10.07pm** Wednesday Night Romantics  
**11.00pm** Golden Days Overnight  
Music with hourly time calls



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### THURSDAY

7.00am News, Sport and Weather  
7.07am The Brekkie Program  
7.08am Morning Country  
7.30am The Castlereagh Line  
8.00am News, Sport and Weather  
8.15am Wedding Anniversaries  
9.00am Music From Home  
9.30am The Passing Parade  
10.00am News, Sport and Weather  
10.07am The Garden Clinic  
10.15am John the Vet  
11.00am Nice and Easy  
12.00 News, Sport and Weather  
12.10pm Nice and Easy

1.00pm Comedy Time (30 mins)  
2.00pm Anything Goes  
3.00pm Happy Music with Peggy Lee  
4.00pm News, Sport and Weather  
4.07pm What's in a Name (5 mins)  
6.00pm News, Sport and Weather

6.30pm Latin Rendezvous (30 min)  
8.00pm Music to Relax By (2 hrs)

10.00pm News, Sport and Weather  
10.07pm Gentle Music for Relaxation  
11.00pm Golden Days Overnight  
Music with hourly time calls

### FRIDAY

7.00am News, Sport and Weather  
7.07am The Brekkie Program  
7.30am The Castlereagh Line  
8.00am News, Sport and Weather  
9.00am Music for Brekkie  
9.30am The Passing Parade  
10.00am News, Sport and Weather  
10.07am The Garden Clinic  
10.15am Community Magazine\*  
12.00 News, Sport and Weather  
12.10pm Madeleine at the Movies

3.00pm A Night at the Theatre (25min)  
4.00pm News, Sport and Weather  
4.10pm Lyrics of Love (15 min)  
5.00pm Friday Drive – Your Night  
With The Stars  
5.15pm Stars Downunder (10 min)  
6.00pm News, Sport and Weather

6.15pm Top 500 Hits (15 mins)  
7.15pm Sleeping Stars (10 min)  
8.00pm Friday Kind of Music

10.00pm News, Sport and Weather  
10.07pm Friday Kind of Music (cont)  
11.00pm Golden Days Overnight  
Music with hourly time calls

### SATURDAY

7.00am News, Sport and Weather  
7.07am The Brekkie Program  
7.45am Spotlight On (15 min)  
8.00am News, Sport and Weather  
8.15am Jazz as you like It (15min)  
8.30am Dad and Dave (5 mins)  
9.00am Something Special (30 mn)  
9.30am On This Day  
9.45am Two Roads to Samarra  
10.00am News, Sport and Weather  
10.15am Top 5 of 50  
10.30am Requests

11.00am Golden Days Music  
12.00 News, Sport and Weather  
12.07pm Recollections (15 min)  
2.00pm Gardening with Paula  
2.08pm Sentimental Journey  
3.00pm Sing-a-long (15 mins)  
4.00pm Gems from Vic Readers  
4.30pm Weather Update  
5.00pm Music

6.00pm News, Sport and Weather  
6.07pm Country Music (30 min)  
7.00pm All Stops Out (30 min)  
8.00pm Saturday Night inc Requests  
9.00pm Everything Old is New Again  
10.00pm News, Sport and Weather  
10.07pm Saturday Night inc Requests  
11.00pm Golden Days Overnight  
Music with hourly time calls

### For Your Information:

The community radio licence issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority requires us to restrict the strength of our broadcast signal.

If you live some distance from our transmitter at Caulfield, reception will be improved with a vertical external antenna.

An information sheet on antenna systems is available on request or you can download this information from our website ([goldendaysradio.com](http://goldendaysradio.com)). If your radio has a telescopic aerial, extend it fully.

Moving the radio to another part of the room may improve reception. We broadcast all programmes in stereo, but if your radio has a mono/stereo switch, switching it to "mono" may reduce the background noise.

\* In recess Dec/Jan

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# GLEN EIRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND GOLDEN DAYS RADIO PRODUCE AUDIO TOUR2

The Caulfield Historical Society was formed in 1972 but with the changes to Council boundaries in 1994, it renamed itself to the Glen Eira Historical Society.

The Society is committed to the collection, preservation and promotion of the history of Glen Eira. As a result of work by past and present members, assistance from the Council and members of the public, an invaluable collection of material on the history of the area has been collected.

Part of the Society's charter is to produce a World War 1 Walking or Self-Driving Tour where people can visit a variety of sites significant to World War 1 within the City of Glen Eira.

Distributed as a mapping guide, it lists various places of significance and how the buildings, memorials and parks were utilised during World War 1.

Recently, Golden Days Radio was approached to produce an audio description service to accompany the guide to better enhance the tours experience, similar to an audio guide that you can access at a museum or art gallery.

One of our volunteers Tim Symons was given the task of producing this audio production. Working in conjunction with the Office of the State Member for Caulfield David Southwick and the Glen Eira Historical Society, it was Tim's job to liaise with stakeholders to gain a background of what information needed to be collected, to select narrators and to produce the audio tour that would bring to life the various sites being visited.

Another Golden Days Radio volunteer Ray Stewart was selected to voice the main narration, similar to how David Attenborough narrates his nature documentaries, along with Carol Farman who lent her voice to the sites at the beginning of each segment. Other voices were also used as 'colour' pieces to compliment the audio recordings.

Launched in 2017, the World War 1 Walking or Self-Driving Tour audio commentary will be available for download on the Glen Eira Historical Society website, <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~gehs/>. Golden Days Radio is proud to be part of this living history of Glen Eira.

## THE GERSHWINS – GEORGE AND IRA

George Gershwin was an American composer and pianist who with his younger brother Ira, a lyricist, had a profound influence in American music of the 1920's and 30's, much of which is as popular today as it was in the days it was written.

Their compositions spanned both popular and classical genres. The most popular melodies are widely known. Among George's best-known works are the orchestral compositions *Rhapsody in Blue* (1924) and *An American in Paris* (1928) as well as the opera *Porgy and Bess* (1935).

George and Ira Gershwin were both born in New York City of Russian and Ukrainian Jewish descent, Ira the eldest and George the younger brother. George Gershwin studied piano under Charles Hambitzer and composition with Rubin Goldmark, Henry Cowell and Joseph Brody. He began his career as a song plugger, but soon started composing Broadway theatre works with his brother Ira and Buddy DeSylva. George moved to Paris intending to study with Nadia Boulanger, who refused him, where he began to compose *An American in Paris*.

After returning to New York City, he wrote *Porgy and Bess* with Ira and the author DuBose Heyward. Initially a commercial failure, *Porgy and Bess* is now considered one of the most important American operas of the twentieth century. George Gershwin moved to Hollywood and with Ira composed numerous Broadway shows and film songs featuring songs such as *I Got Rhythm*", *"Embraceable You"*, *"The Man I Love"*, and *"Someone to Watch Over Me"*.

As mentioned, Ira, along with DuBose Heyward were responsible for the libretto to George's opera *Porgy and Bess*. The success the brothers had with their collaborative works



often overshadowed the creative role that Ira played. However, his mastery of songwriting continued after the early death of George. He wrote additional hit songs with composers Jerome Kern (*"Long Ago (and Far Away)"*), Kurt Weill and Harold Arlen.

His critically acclaimed book *Lyrics on Several Occasions* of 1959, an amalgam of autobiography and annotated anthology, is an important source for studying the art of the lyricist in the golden age of American popular song.

The Gershwin compositions have been adapted for use in many films and for television. Several became jazz standards recorded in many variations. Many celebrated singers and musicians have covered their songs which are heard regularly on Golden Days Radio.

George Gershwin died from a malignant brain tumor in 1937 at the age of 38. Ira Gershwin died at the age of 86 in 1983.

# RIGHT INTO SENIORS WEEK

Golden Days Radio played an active role in the recent Senior's Week at both city and suburban locations.

We again had a very active stand at the Federation Square Opening Day with many of our presenters and volunteers spending time meeting both present and prospective listeners. We had visits from a number of celebrities, not the least singer Normie Rowe who later featured on centre stage at the Official Opening of Seniors Week.

We had a presence at The Hub in the lower Melbourne Town Hall and on the Friday we sponsored a Lunchtime Concern hosted by Peter Hitchener which featured "The Louisiana Shakers".

On Tuesday President Larry James, Vice President Ian McLeod and Presenters Peter Thomas and Ian Cochrane represented us at Government House for the announcement of the Senior of the Year, Gwen Smith of Echuca. Peter was able to interview Gwen with the interview going to air after the 12 mid-day news the following day.

Larry and Ian also took the opportunity to present the Governor, The Honourable Linda Dessau AM with a copy of the Station's Golden Memories Volume 7 CD.



Larry James, The Honourable Linda Dessau AM and Ian McLeod

## In the suburbs too

Manager Public Relations Pam Young and Volunteer Lenis Russo spent Senior's Week Opening Day at the Mulgrave Farmer's Market where they played Golden Days music, created awareness and distributed Golden Days shopping bags to many well loaded buyers at the variety of stalls.



Manager Public Relations Pam Young and Volunteer Lenis Russo

## Station Tours

Station tours were held twice weekly during Senior's Week. In addition, Pam Young organised for groups from the Monash City area to visit each Wednesday.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME

A second edition of our What's in a Name booklet has just been released. It contains a dozen or so additional suburbs, in all 72 pages.

The booklet has again been sponsored by the East Malvern Community Bank, the Bendigo Bank where you can call and get a copy, or at the office of GDR. In addition you can send your name and address and a \$2 (or 2 x \$1 or Concessional Stamps) to GDR, PO Box 287, Glen Huntly, 3163 and we will post a copy to you.

## PROUD GRANDMOTHER AND THE LENS

Renee Brash, grand-daughter of our great volunteer Lenis Russo, entered a photo in the recent Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBA) photo competition.

Renee says the interpretation of her photo is to illustrate a mystical atmosphere by using light to depict the presence of lingering radio waves. Golden Days Radio brings forth music from older years to the community within the confining walls of a studio.

Overnight music is played until the next morning, thus, the light figure depicts a presenter controlling sound, quality and music.

The photo was judged third in the competition but gained many comments on its originality and futuristic image that radio still has to an important sector of our community.





## 3 NEW PRESENTERS



We have three new presenters joining the Golden Days Radio air waves since our last issue.

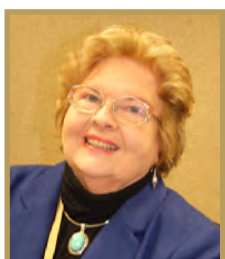
**TIM SYMONS** has taken over Tuesday nights 8-11pm with a program of 50's, 60's and 70's music. He started his radio career 37 years ago in Adelaide with 5DN in the

days of 'carts' for commercials and assisting the Adelaide icon of the time Jeremy Cordeau. A stint in the Riverland and then back to Adelaide and into the 'then' new radio medium of FM radio.. In 1985 he moved to Sydney working in advertising and promotions at Network Ten and as Production Director of 2DAY FM. In 1991 he moved to Melbourne as Production Manager of Triple M, before a move to a long career with AAV Australia working on inflight entertainment for Ansett, Jetstar, Vietnam Airlines, Qantas and Gulf Air. More recently he was Content Manager for Deluxe Entertainment. Radio and music is in Tim's blood. He grew up listening to the Top 40 hits of the 50's, 60's and 70's so Tuesday nights is a 'natural' As a teenager Tim even built a radio studio in his backyard to practice being a DJ. He loves to travel and thanks to many years of working in the airline industry has travelled the world.



**BRIAN YOUNG** is originally from Scotland discovered Golden Days Radio on the recommendation of a friend. He's been an avid listener ever since. "The radio is never off the frequency" Brian says Professionally, his background has been in the shoe business, both manufacturing

and wholesale. Brian is a big fan of the music of the '40s and the great American Songbook and enjoys the "crooners" as well as jazz standards from performers like Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra. He also enjoys the local cabaret scene as well as musicals and loves going to see West End shows when in London and of course Broadway when visiting New York as he has done on many occasions. Brian is holding the chair in the 1-4pm Monday spot but hopes to eventually move to a 'drive' time slot



**ANNABELLE BROWN** a 'Melbourne girl' Annabelle has loved music from here childhood. Confined to bed over the long winter months in Melbourne with childhood asthma 'the wireless' was her only means of entertainment. Listening during the day and into the night she learned to

appreciate all sorts of music and started to enjoy the music of the 1940's and 1950's. In 2015 she joined Golden Days Radio as a volunteer receptionist and later as a presenter. It has allowed her to meet so many new and interesting people associated with the Golden Days Family. Annabelle is currently undertaking 'relief' roles but will take up a permanent position when one becomes available



## GOLDEN DAYS RADIO HAS WON THE 2016 CBAA TONY STALEY AWARD.

The award was presented to GDR President Larry James at CBAA Gala Annual Conference Dinner, this year held in Melbourne, on Saturday, 12 November.

Apart from receiving a magnificent quality glass award and certificate, the award carries a \$2,500 prize as well –courtesy of the Community Broadcasting Foundation. The award is for a community broadcasting organisation or initiative that actively promotes the values of community broadcasting in the areas of democracy, diversity, success and independence. Awarded annually by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA), the Tony Staley Award honours the then Minister for Post and Telecommunications, Tony Staley AO who was supportive of the formal establishment of community radio and played a big role in its early development.

Peter Thomas produced the DVD about GDR which we launched at the Classic Cinema in Elsternwick earlier in the year. The DVD played an important part in GDR winning the award. The DVD will be screened at the Christmas Lunch.

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT (CoM) FOR 2016-2017

Following the Annual General Meeting in August, the new Committee of Management met on 18 August, 2016, and elected office bearers and allocated responsibilities for the current year. They are:

President: Larry James  
Vice President: Ian McLeod  
Secretary: Graham Pack  
Treasurer: John Amor  
Station Manager: Alex Hehr  
Program Manager: Graham Pack  
Engineering Manager: Graeme McKenzie  
Public Relations and Special Events: Pam Young  
Promotions and Publications: David Pollock  
Marketing and Information Technology: Rex Swindel-Hurst  
*Seconded to Committee*  
Volunteer Services Manager: Peter Clemmens



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