



Annual Report 2023-2024



**Picture: Kerry Rooney
Berridale Easter Fair 2023
Live Broadcast**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023

It is my pleasure to report on the achievements of the members and presenters of Monaro Community Radio for the year ending June 2023.

We have made some fantastic inroads into studio improvements this year as well as consolidating the great work done by our members in the past.

We have purchased and installed new mixers into each of our Cooma studios and we have replaced the Nimmitabel studio mixer with one of the former and refurbished mixers from Cooma. The funding for the new mixers was made possible by grant funding through the Boco Rock Community Fund. We now have a compact but complete outside broadcasting unit which was assembled by Dave Miller and was partially funded by a volunteers equipment grant (to purchase a laptop computer for outside broadcasting) supported by our Federal member Kirsty McBain. Dave also donated a considerable portion of the equipment needed to set up the unit. We have received considerable grant funding which will be detailed in Kerry Rooney's Grants Officer Report. We purchased new computers for our 2 Cooma studios due to the former units reaching their use by date. A further computer upgrade will be necessary for our main broadcast control computer.

Financially, we have been able to hold our own this year despite the increasing cost of power and consumables due to the financial management of our Treasurer Pat Booker, thanks Pat. Our Treasurers report details our financial position which is healthy at this time despite having less sponsors this year compared to last. Fundraising has been undertaken once again by our regulars and I sincerely thank David Browne, Fay Freebody and Dave Miller for their great contribution in delivering a better than expected funding result to augment our funds. We held a very successful country music fundraiser again this year which was greatly supported by local artists who donated their time for the event.

PRESIDENTS REPORT continued

The audience was of a similar size as last years indicating the support of our community and the love of country music in our districts.

Our programming has been a thin this year with some presenters unable to do their regular spots due to illness. Our listeners really enjoy programs being presented live and so it is pleasing to see other presenters willing to take on additional spots. Of course we always have our back up music available for the times live presenters or fill in presenters are unavailable.

Our technical team, Dave, Harry and Bill have once again delivered the goods by keeping our station on air and relatively trouble free. We had an issue with our Bombala transmitter affected by water ingress but with the construction of a new roof over the cabinet and the affected transmitter repaired, seems to have solved the problem. The standby transmitter which was used in Bombala needs to be serviced/repared and we really need to purchase a standby transmitter for our translator sites.

Possibly, our most pressing issue which will need to be addressed in the coming year is the lack of storage space in our Cooma studio. We resolved to construct a storage facility at the back of the studio to allow us to de-clutter our equipment room and kitchen.

I thank David Browne who, as vice president and the “in town” go to person for his support, all of our office bearers and coordinators for their ongoing commitment to the success of our station and of course all of our presenters who have willingly continued to deliver quality broadcasting.

Thank you one and all.

Phil Daley

President August 2023

Treasurers report to AGM August 2023

The statement of financial position and statement of cash flows for the financial year to 30 June 2023 are attached.

Some features of the accounts are:

1. Total revenue \$57785, expenses were \$57418. Cash at bank has grown from \$69536 to \$69903.
2. Net assets after depreciation are valued at \$189854, an increase from \$180805 in the previous year.
3. Income from sponsors of \$19721 was achieved this year, compared to \$26016 last year. The number of sponsors each month has averaged 17.
4. Fundraising of \$7674 was achieved, again a very good achievement.
5. Grant income provided \$21459, comprised of:
\$10112 CBF D&O (Transmission Expenses) grant 2022/23
\$11346 Boco Rock Community Fund
6. Major donations received were:
Cooma ExServices Club \$2897
Snowy Monaro Regional council \$500
Hinton family \$650
7. GST payment of \$84 was made to the ATO.
8. Cash at bank is held at ANZ \$308, Bendigo Bank \$3701, AMP \$10894, ME Bank Term Deposit 1 \$30000, ME Bank Term Deposit 2 \$25000.

Comments

An overall successful financial result was achieved this year, maintaining a healthy cash balance while providing a number of asset improvements to enhance the ongoing operation of the association. Financial support was provided by fundraising efforts, achievement of grants and ongoing support from sponsors. Thanks to all members involved in contributing to those outcomes.

There are no current liabilities.

Our principal business banking activity has now switched to Bendigo Bank which now incorporates our previous provider Service One Alliance Bank.

A draft budget for 2023/2024 is provided, which anticipates an end of year cash position further improved by approximately \$9000. This projection relies on no major capital expenses (unless grant funded).

My thanks to the committee executive and members for their support and cooperation throughout the year as we look forward to a successful 2023/24.

Pat Booker, Treasurer

10 July 2023

MONARO COMMUNITY RADIO INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash assets	69 903	69536
Total current assets	69 903	69536
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	119 951	111 269
Total non-current assets	119 951	111 269
TOTAL ASSETS	189 854	180 805
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	(0)	(0)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(0)	(0)
NET ASSETS	189 854	180 805
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	189 854	180 805

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2022/23

	MONARO COMMUNITY RADIO													
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Total YTD Budget	
INCOME														
Donation	195	550	50	2,947	50	575	50	56	140	85	50	125	4,873	1,100
Fundraising				200	1,721	1,091	500		925	680	2,557		7,874	3,400
Grant		10112		11,346									21,459	15,009
GST													0	200
Interest	19	84	84	82	84	163	162	171	156	174	169	180	1,631	845
Membership	280	40	10		80		20	20				230	680	670
Other inc. reversals			50				25						75	0
Rent				1,772									1,772	1,700
Sponsor	2960	996	2065	1194	1882	1011	1917	735	1672	735	1560	2793	19,721	21,600
Total	3464	11792	2260	17541	3817	2840	2874	982	3096	1675	4336	3328	87785	44,524
EXPENDITURE														
Advertising													0	400
Bank fees													0	0
Capital	9780	3372		10678			2218	434		459		337	27,278	12,397
Consumables	172				42		47	88	78			58	486	430
Electricity	1097	1743		1130	1818	467		317	1883	295	2250	653	11,652	12,000
Equipment hire													0	150
Fees	691	79	29	29	29	29	1794	75	229				2,982	2,808
Fundraising expense			220				24				330		574	400
GST	84											2477	2,477	2,500
Insurance													0	0
Interest													0	0
Licence						897							897	200
Membership	638												638	638
Other							550						550	0
Postage		55					55						110	220
Printing													0	300
Rates	320	174			171		307	171	317		171		1,631	1,590
Refund										439			439	0
Registration													0	0
Rent		433	217	217	217	217	217	217	365	217	217	217	2,748	2,733
Repairs	462	154	316								455	154	1,541	400
Satellite	714												714	650
Tax													0	0
Telephone/internet	218	218	218	218	218	218	218	218	218	218	436	218	2,616	2,616
Total	14005	6400	999	12271	2494	1828	6429	1620	3091	1409	3869	4114	57,418	40,433
Cash bal (bf 69536)	58986	64366	66628	70899	72222	73235	70479	89941	69946	70211	70689	69903		73,628

MONARO COMMUNITY RADIO PROJECTED BUDGET 2324

	MONARO COMMUNITY RADIO												Total YR	
	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24		
INCOME														
Donation	50	50	250	50	50	50	50	50	50	250	50	50	50	1,000
Fundraising					1,000	2,000	500				1,500			5,000
Grant	11969													11,969
GST														0
Interest	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2,400
Membership	280	20	20	20	10	10	10				20	300		680
Other inc. reversals														0
Rent	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1,800
Sponsor	14299	2070	4070	2050	3050	4060	2560	2050	2270	2050	3570	2350	44449	
EXPENDITURE														
Advertising			200			200								400
Bank fees														0
Capital			2000					2000						4,000
Consumables		80		70	50		50		50			200		500
Electricity	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	14,400
Equipment hire			150					1800						150
Fees	850	100									100			2,750
Fundraising expense						200	200							600
GST														0
Insurance														0
Interest												2500		2,500
Licence														0
Membership														200
Other														700
Postage	60				60						60			180
Printing	300													300
Rates		600			180	400		180	400		180			1,940
Refund														0
Registration														0
Rent	217	217	217	217	217	217	217	217	217	370	217	217	217	2,753
Repairs			200			200							200	800
Satellite			700											700
Tax														0
Telephone/internet	218	218	218	218	218	218	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	2,688
Total	2845	4115	4085	1705	2125	2635	1697	5627	2397	1860	2127	4347	35,567	
Cash bal (bf 69903)	81357	79313	79298	79643	80569	81994	82857	79281	79154	79344	80787	78791		

Grant Applications Submitted in 2022-23

Date of Application	Name of Grant	Organisation	\$ requested	Purpose	Outcome
11-Jul-22	Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund	SMRC	\$20,627	Two audio mixer consoles	\$11,346
21-Sep-22	Volunteer Grants - EOI	Kristy McBain MP	\$3,267	Three computers	Unsuccessful
07-Mar-23	Development & Operations Grant	Community Broadcasting Foundation		Transmission costs & rent	\$10,881
15-May-23	Donations & Sponsorships	SMRC	\$1,500	Rates, water and sewer	\$1,000
Total					\$23,136

Fund Raising Report 2022/2023

We have had a very good year with the fund raising. We worked at the Berridale Spring Fair, the Car Club do at the Showground; the Christmas Raffle over 3 months; the Jindabyne Australia Day; the Dalgety Show; the Berridale Easter Fair and top it off with the concert in May. All together I think our small group made over \$7,400 which was a fabulous effort.

I would like to thank the mainstays of the group, Fay Freebody, who worked tirelessly and full credit to her given she has been supporting Ned, her brother, through his illness. We have depended on Fay to know what we need and where it is when needed and also ordering supplies. The President, Phil Daley, who because of Ned's illness has some how been lumped with transporting our goods, as well as selling them, at all our functions With out their dedication we would not have a fund raising group. Thanks is also extended to the following for their contributions at various functions Beryl Macklin, Colleen Macklin, James Hind, Margaret Faulkner, Claire Numeyer, Trish Brown. Also, my thanks to businesses which sold raffle tickets including the Federal Hotel Nimmitabel; Monaro Meats in Vale Street and The Fabric Salon in Vale Street. Thanks also, to Nell's Coffee Shop for the Christmas cake and likewise to the Lion's club for their Christmas Cake. I extend my thanks to David Miller for his contribution in lining up gigs for us as well as assisting us when ever he could. If I have left anybody out, my apologies.

It is becoming obvious to all of us that we are feeling the pain on many of these really busy days and need the support of others. Financially, we are currently in a good place but that could change at any time. Next season I would suggest that we look at Berridale Easter and Spring Fairs (with the possibility of outside broadcasts again – Christmas Fair maybe); the Adaminaby races are usually a good day (we haven't done them since Covid); we shall leave the raffle until next year; Australia Day but only with a guaranteed \$500; Dalgety Show (but we need more people) and the concert if it goes ahead. I have to say Phil Daley did a wonderful job this year in organising said event. Our thanks also go out to the wonderful artists who gave of their time to entertain us all as well as helping us to raise funds.

David Browne,
Relieving Fund Raising Co-ordinator

Studio Supervisor's Report (Cooma)

The studio is looking in good shape and is generally being well looked after by members and presenters. Thanks to all those who have vacuumed, mopped and cleaned at various times. In particular, Fay Freebody.

I just remind people that the incident book is there and should be filled in if we go off air. You should be able to find it on the desk top. There is also the book on the sign-on table if something needs to be reported to the technical people.

Please ensure you turn off all taps as well as the heaters when you are finished for the day. Generally speaking, people have been very good.

David Browne
Studio Supervisor

2MNO Technical Report for 2022 – 2023.

Dave Miller, Harry Salmela covered a lot of ground this year sorting out issues with our studios and transmitters. The main transmitter at Mt Emerald suffered damage due to power surge and or lightning and was replaced with back up equipment. The transmitter was replaced with new equipment. Faults developed at the Bombala transmission site due to poor equipment protection with the transmitter replaced with standby equipment. The site has been improved for better equipment protection since the problems were noted.

During the early part of 2023, increasing intermittent problems were evident with CD players in Cooma Studios 1 & 2. These were replaced with more reliable machines. Problems were also happening with a Sonifex mixer, both mixers were replaced with new units. One repaired unit became a spare backup item, the other mixer replaced a standby unit at Nimmitabel Studio.

Station policy with regard to maintenance and servicing has been set to ensure that we have spare backup capability for all transmitters and studio operational equipment. This policy has been in place for a long time now and has proved to be effective as we experience issues with equipment faults and failure.

We have not resolved the potential problems at the Mt Emerald site, the antenna structure and cable terminations in the transmitter building. The situation is complex and requires further thought and possible action.

Technical report continued

A reminder of the extent of facilities operated by 2MNO, three radio studios, two in Cooma and one at Nimmitabel; four transmitters covering a large part of South East NSW, Mt Emerald, our main transmitter, Cooma , Bombala and Kalkite and Jindabyne) . You will appreciate the scope of the Technical Team's responsibilities with the great variety of equipment in service .You can of course be of great assistance to the team by knowing the function of the operating switches and buttons on the mixing desk, computers and CD players. Dave, Harry and Bill are always very happy to assist.

Your technical team, Dave Miller, Harry Samela and Bill Steptoe have travelled a lot and sorted out a large range of operational, software and other technical issues to keep us on air during the year, they will continue to work to keep things going,

A thank you to Phil Daley and Chris Nolte for their contribution and assistance in technical matters, much appreciated !!

Bill Steptoe. August 2023,

SPONSORSHIP REPORT 2022/23

Currently, we have 17 full time sponsors and 1 on a 6 monthly part time arrangement. I thank our long term sponsors for their continued support of our station over many years.

We continue to receive positive feedback from our sponsors, who have chosen to support us as they believe their message is being received by their target demographic in our listeners.

We have held our sponsorship charges for existing sponsors and have increased our rates for new sponsors. We may need to consider a further price increase if our overheads such as electricity charges continue to increase.

We continue to offer sponsors the opportunity to either record their own messages or have one of our presenters voice the message for them. Our prepaid discount deals are becoming the norm these days which gives us surety of our income and it is good to have that upfront payment in our bank account. New sponsors are of course very attractive to us so if you see a potential sponsor please point them in the direction of our sponsorship team.

Phil Daley
Sponsorship Coordinator
(in the absence of an elected co-ordinator)

PRODUCTION REPORT 2022/23

Production has not been particularly stretched during the past 12 months. A number of sponsors have updated their messages and some presenters have updated their station messages.

Station announcements have been produced to make listeners aware of events happening, particularly the community events such as shows and fairs where we do contra deals with promoting the event to offset stall space charges. I thank David Miller for his assistance in updating messages in the file player to keep them current. This means at any time if a presenter is unable to do their program and the file player is brought into operation, the sponsors messages are played in the scheduled timeslot.

My thanks to all the members who have assisted in the production of new announcements, your voices add to our diversity of sounds broadcast over 2MNO.

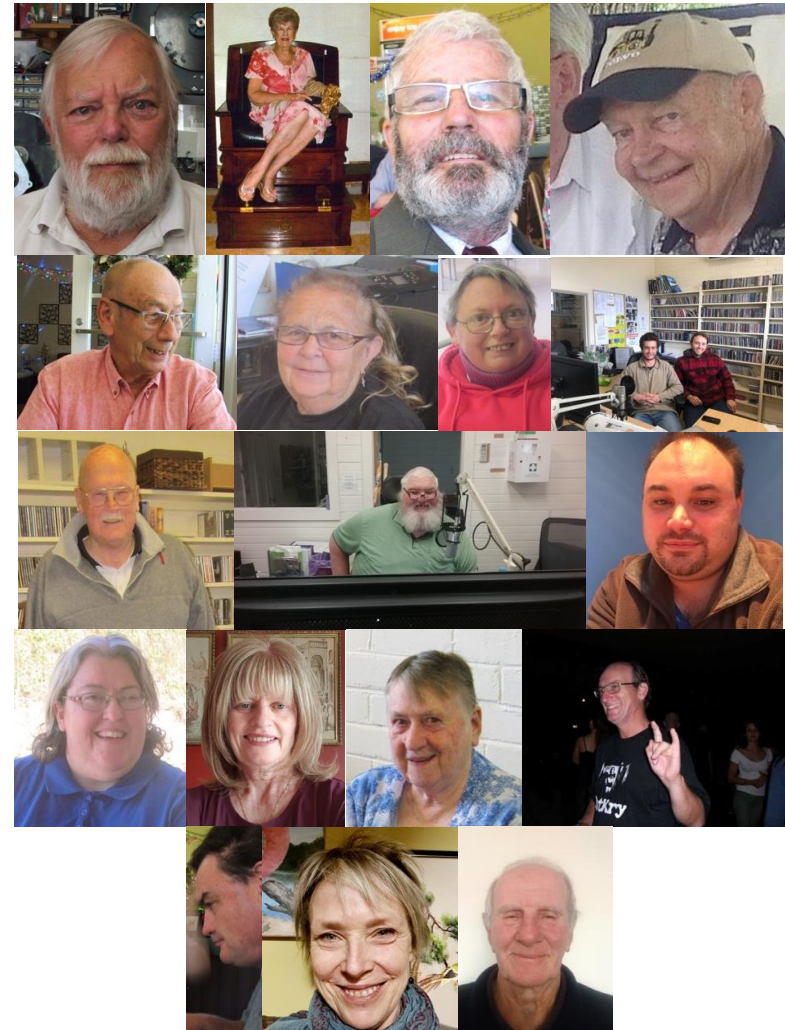
Our technical team has been very supportive in keeping the production equipment performing to a high level and we are now able to record from both of our Cooma studios. This function is particularly convenient when one studio is broadcasting, the other one can be used to recording.

I look forward to someone nominating for the position of Production Co-ordinator which will allow us to become more diverse in our skills base.

I am happy to assist any member who may be interested in getting involved in the production side of our sponsors and station announcements.

Phil Daley
Production Coordinator 2022/23

Presenters 2023



OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS 2022/23

**ALPINE MOTOR GROUP
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT - KRISTY McBAIN
BERRIDALE LIONS CLUB
BOCO ROCK COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND
BURKES PLANT HIRE
BUSH BASICS
COFFEE 2630
COMMUNITY BROADCASTING FOUNDATION
COOMA BATTERY WHOLESALERS
COOMA FURNISHINGS
COOMA H HARDWARE
COOMA ROTARY CLUB
COOMA SERVO
COOMA STEEL
DALGETY SHOW SOCIETY
ESSENTIAL ENERGY
FABRIC SALON
HINTON FAMILY
HIP POCKET WORKWEAR
INSPIRATIONS PAINTS
KENMIR ACCOUNTING
McMAHONS EARTHMOVING AND FIREWOOD
MONARO MEATS
MONARO MOTORCYCLES AND POWER EQUIPMENT
MONARO POST
SANDY'S GROOMING TAILS AND K9 CAFE
SNOWY MONARO REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOUTHEAST TILES**