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## Goodbye and good luck Miki

Vice-president of Noosa Community Radio, Miki Venn-Brown, has left after dedicating nine years of tireless voluntary effort.

Some of her achievements in nine years include putting together 101.3fm's first ever CD of Sunshine Coast artists, spearheading the campaign to be 2007 Station of the Year, training young and old to become radio presenters, and running the station's website.

On top of all this, she always found time to run her weekly radio program, *The Groove*, which played only local music and often promoted local bands with live performances.

Miki has now found a new groove as the station manager of 6DBY in Derby in Western Australia.

Derby is home to 5,000 residents, as well as another community radio station, 6DBY 97.9fm, where Miki will be making herself at home as the station manager.

Her journey at Noosa Community Radio began nine years ago, when she became a presenter to



**Miki waves goodbye to the station she helped make Station of the Year**

overcome shyness. Miki says she was encouraged to get a Certificate III and a Certificate IV by the late Joan Masters, who was then in charge of CBAA training.

Joan asked Miki to carry on the training before she sadly passed away, and over the last four years Miki has trained numerous presenters and four Certificate III courses.

One of these was the "Ten2Air" class, which won a highly commended for training at last year's CBAA awards.

Miki will be using her award-winning training skills in Derby and increase the community's involvement in their local station.

Miki says many things at 101.3fm have been an

absolute joy. "And I really believe in community radio, because of what it's done for me," she says. "Seize the day, because you can do anything you want here. If you have a dream, then there's nothing stopping you from getting it happening."

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## Gemini party

thursday may 29 at the Boathouse

For tickets call 5447 2233




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# From your president:

**Mark Rodriguez**

Hi all,

**It's been very busy here lately** with lots of people getting involved with all our endless jobs.

The market stall is going well, with the last bunch of new trainees chipping in to front the stall: giving out programs, telling people about us and selling raffle tickets. There's also a brand new roster on the noticeboard just waiting for names to fill it up.

A few grant submissions have gone in. We've got our fingers crossed. There are quite a few new programs and some have shuffled their times. See the new program guide (page 4).

Some roles have shuffled too, with Sherry Corcoran now Vice President and Jim Brownett now Training Coordinator. Thanks to Miki Venn-Brown, Barry Tempest and Wayne Carlson for their contributions.

Negotiations are well underway with the Council about our acoustics and studio 3 is almost finished in terms of production usage. We engaged a consultant for a generously nominal fee to give us the technical data we need to complete studio 3 in terms of broadcasting live from the J. We hope to see him again in April to finish the specs and help us get the necessary grants to do a job that is up to industry standard.

We have been offered a free

5000 watt transmitter from Tweed Coast Country fm who wound up as a community station and were required to give their assets to a like minded organization. And guess what? It's already tuned to 101.3fm! As soon as the ground dries up they will be sending it up here.

To use it we need to get approval from the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Where to put it, how to do it and associated technical issues will require help from those with the knowledge. I hope you're reading this because we need you.

And if you think that's a 'biggie', how about this?

With forced Council amalgamation it's time to ask the BIG QUESTION. Will our "community of interest" become the whole Sunshine Coast? It is time for Noosa Community Radio to consider this very seriously. It will be an agenda item at the next members meeting (March 27). I am calling on all those with views, prior knowledge, skills, suggestions and lots of time to help us decide on our plan and implement such a change, if the membership agrees.

That about does it for now. Thanks always to all who tirelessly give their efforts to our ever improving radio station. We couldn't do it without you. I look forward to your thoughts and help with our 'biggies' and our 'smallies' as well.

-Mark Rodriguez.

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# Meet our 11-year-old presenters

When most kids are just arriving home from school and turning on the TV, Anna and Eliza are getting on radio.

The 11-year-olds, who are in year seven at Tewanin State School, have just started presenting their own show on Tuesdays from 4pm.

Anna's mum, Sue, says it is a great opportunity for the girls to build their confidence, and that the pair are inspiring others in their class to get involved.



11-year-olds Eliza and Anna host their show on Tuesdays from 4pm

## The bike that's bringing the Wolverines to Noosa



The mountain of money raised from the mountain bike raffle will be used to bring the Wolverines to the 101.3fm Country Music Festival.

The Malvern Star Sapphire 26-inch sports bike was kindly sponsored by Greg Long of Sunshine Bicycle Works in Tewanin.

The winning raffle ticket was drawn on December 23 last year, during a live cross from our stall at the Noosa Farmer's Market.

The lucky winner was

one of the stallholders at the Farmer's Market, Gary Waugh from G&J Produce.

The Wolverines, who won an ARIA gold record for their album *65 Roses*, have now been confirmed as the headline act for the Country Music Festival, which will be held at The J on August 28.

The Bluegrass Redland Boys have also been confirmed.

Half of the money raised from the concert will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Society.

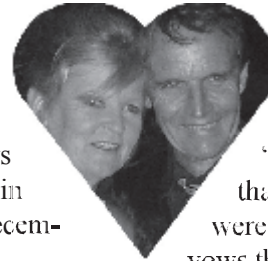
## Presenter renews marriage vow

Rick and Trish McCan renewed their marriage vows at their home in Doonan in December last year.

Rick hosts *A Little Bit Of Country Breakfast* on Monday mornings from 6am to 9am.

In attendance at the ceremony were fellow presenters Hinemana and Mary Rose Long, and Wednesday receptionist Marg Wasley.

Rick says they were



extremely lucky with the weather.

"It was strange that just as we were saying our vows the sun shone right on us," he says.

Entertainment came from world championship karaoke singers, as well as local singer/songwriter Andrew Healy, who had just lost his Dad to cancer but still did an amazing job.

"It was a great time had by all," Rick says.



L to R: Rick, Mary Rose Long, Trish, Fay, Marg, Hinemana



# Concerted effort to farewell Miki



Miki's favourite artist, Harii Bandu, played at her farewell night at the Cafe Le Monde on Hastings St on Thursday January 17.



## Come to the members' social lunch

We invite all members to our social lunches. These will be held at different restaurants at 12.30pm on the third Friday of every month, except this month, because it will be Good Friday.

A notice will go up on the station noticeboards announcing each venue.

Our next social lunch will be at the Sunshine

Beach Surf Life Saving Club on Thursday March 20. If you want to come along, add your name to the list at least a week beforehand so that bookings can be made.

Our first one was at Legends in Noosaville. We had a good lunch and lots of fun. See you at the next one! For enquiries, please contact Gisa: [gisa6@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gisa6@optusnet.com.au)

## New Vice President



Sponsorship rep and Saturday morning host from 6-8am, Sherry, has stepped up as our new Vice President.

## Happy 50th Birthday!



Happy 50th birthday to presenter Mel Concepcion, who hosts *All Around* on Wednesdays from 1pm.

## Check out our new website

Veronica Lim is the new coordinator of the 101.3fm website, taking over from Miki Venn-Brown. So check out our revamped site at: [www.noosacommunityradio.org](http://www.noosacommunityradio.org)



## RAFFLE!

**Penfolds Grange 1993 Bin 45**

Tickets just \$5 from Noosa Community Radio or our stall at the Farmer's Market on every 2nd and 4th Sunday each month

Winning ticket drawn on air at 3pm on April 4





# Jazz notes



by Brian Fane



Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Oscar Peterson.

Would they be the most influential Jazz musicians we have heard?

Great discussions could eventuate. What about Coletrane, Dizzy, and the list goes on and on.

Not that it matters. That's the wonderful world of jazz. We all have our opinions and are prepared to defend them. That's why we enjoy modern jazz.

But back to Oscar. Born in Montreal, he started to learn trumpet but developed tuberculosis, so his father made him change to the piano.

As they say, the rest is history.

Oscar was influenced by Nat "King" Cole, Fats Waller and Art Tatum; just to name a few.

His unbelievable technique, harmonic sense, composing, and ability to turn "pops" and "standards" into "works of art" became his trademark.



Canadian Jazz pianist Oscar Peterson died last December at the age of 82.

Surprisingly, for many years Miles Davis was unimpressed by Oscar. He thought him "too technical" with not enough "heart".

However, at a concert one night Miles heard Oscar play *Tenderly* and changed his thoughts about Oscar's feeling for a melody.

I don't think they ever played together. It would have been a clash of titans. Fortunately we have many LPs and CDs of Oscar's music.

May he join the many many jazz greats in the "Orchestra in the Sky".

Rest in Peace Oscar Peterson.

-Brian Fane



### Tune in to your jazz programs on 101.3fm:

**Sunday Jazz** alternate Sundays 10am with Brian Fane  
**Jazz Plus** Wednesday 2pm with Peter Mellish and Peter Browne  
**Tuesday Jazz** Tuesday 2pm with Brian Fane  
And coming soon: Your jazz program?



### Tune in to your blues programs on 101.3fm:

**Boppin' the Blues** Monday 9.05am with Wayne Carlson  
**Blue Monday** Monday 12.05pm with Al Hensley  
**Paint it Blue** Monday 8pm with Graeme Lenton  
alternating with  
**Chillblain's Blues** Monday 8pm with Gerry Blain  
**Stompin' the Bluegrass** Saturday 9am with Mary Rose  
**News, Blues and Views** alternate Sundays 10am with Jumpin' Jack Flash  
**Spoonful** Wednesday 6pm with Rob Baillie



# Blue Monday update

by Al Hensley

Hi Blues Buffs,

Best wishes for a happy new year to everyone. In 2007 I reviewed a stack of new blues and related albums for *Rhythms* magazine and featured them on *Blue Monday*. Here's a list of the year's 10 best:



**1. Hazmat Modine**  
*'Bahamut'*

An original blend of blues and Romanian music from a New York City band whose sounds are like early 20th century authentic New Orleans bordello blues.



**2. JJ Grey & Mofro**  
*'Country Ghetto'*

Blues-charged funk from the Blackwater swamplands of northern Florida. A five-piece combo playing an all-original repertoire.



**3. The Rounders**  
*'Wish I had you'*

A young five-piece blues band out of Oklahoma City with a set list of their own songs that stay faithful to the blues tradition while creating their own distinctive sound.



**4. Maria Muldaur**  
*'Naughty, Bawdy & Blue'*

A brilliantly executed re-creation of classic blues in the 20s and 30s vaudeville style from the songbooks of great blueswomen like Alberta Hunter and Victoria Spivey, backed by a genuine prohibition-era style Chicago jazz band.



**5. Tab Benoit**  
*'Power of the Ponchartrain'*

The best effort yet from this south Louisiana Cajun blues singer-guitarist who was voted U.S. Blues Entertainer Of The Year in 2007. His swamp-drenched ode to the lake that swallowed New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.



**6. Pine Leaf Boys**  
*'Blues de musicien'*

An exciting young band from Lafayette, Louisiana, who mix their own compositions with traditional Cajun music in a gumbo of two-steps, blues and Texas swing.



**7. James 'Blood' Ulmer**  
*'Bad Blood in the city'*

Produced by the multi-talented Vernon Reid and recorded in New York City. This is another CD of songs relating to the catastrophe of hurricane-devastated New Orleans that sounds like a guitar-driven blues session in a Mississippi juke joint.



**8. Various Artists**  
*'Crash of Thunder'*

A funk-laden collection of lesser-known but first-rate 60s soul music from the vaults of King, Federal and Deluxe labels.



**9. Dirty Dozen Brass Band**  
*'What's going on'*

New Orleans' premier R&B brass band re-interpreting the Marvin Gaye masterpiece with a modern perspective and a topline cast of soulful guest vocalists.



**10. Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings**  
*'100 Days, 100 Nights'*

A modern soul band with a funky retro sound and attitude, playing self-penned songs that highlight vibrant vocals and tight arrangements.

Also highly recommended were some great new Aussie releases including Hat Fitz's *'Play Me Sumthin' New'* and Pugsley Buzzard's *'Hammer These Tongs'*.

For the best new blues of 2008 stay tuned to 101.3fm at high noon on Monday so you can try before you buy.

Happy Trails,  
-Al Hensley

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## Youth concert placed on the record

Our station recorded an amazing display of young talent at the House With No Steps band camp concert on January 19.

Noosa Council's 2008 Music Camp offered mentoring from professional musicians, including Noosa Community Radio presenters Henry Glover and Leah

Barclay.

Excerpts and interviews from the concert were replayed on 101.3fm on different shows over the two weeks following the concert.

Henry Glover will be creating a CD compilation from the recording.

## Orientation day orients students to 101.3fm

Noosa Community Radio joined the carnival atmosphere at the University of the Sunshine Coast on Orientation Day on February 19.

Our planning had been so thorough that we arrived before anybody else, so we strategically placed our marquee next to the cafeteria.

We successfully handed out all of our 101.3fm showbags, which contained goodies donated from Ollieworks, along with information about the station.

One showbag contained a prize of a year's membership, a Noosa Sound Waves



**Kenny G, Mark Rodriguez, Oriwa Williams, Hinemana, Carlos Robinson and Rose White**

CD and a t-shirt, which was won by journalism student Oriwa Williams.

The stall was run by:

Mark Rodriguez, Rose White, Marty Bigwave, Hinemana, Kenny G and Carlos Robinson.

### Tune in to your youth programs on 101.3fm:

**Hard Times** Saturday 11pm Heavy metal with Nexus

**Oz Music Show** Sunday 7pm with Leah Barclay

**Activ8** Wednesday 8pm Dance music with DJ Sun

**Potterwatch** Friday 8pm with Carlos Robinson

**And coming soon:** Your youth program?



### Don't miss:

#### Thursday March 27

Members' meeting at the South Pacific Resort from 6pm.

#### Friday 4 April

Penfolds Grange raffle drawn on air at 3pm - get your ticket now!

#### Thursday May 29

Gemini Party, on the middle level of the Boathouse, Gympie Terrace. The theme is "pearls and black ties".

#### Saturday August 16

101.3fm's Country Music Festival at the J, Noosa Junction.

### Music Quiz

1. Bob Dylan's *Blowin' in the wind* was released in what year?
2. Elvis Presley was born in what US state?
3. What was the original name of The Kinks?
4. In which city did the British rock'n'roll band The Animals form?
5. In what band did Jimmy Page play before forming Led Zeppelin?
6. True or false: Jimi Hendrix enlisted in the army.
7. What game did Mozart like to play while he composed symphonies?
8. What is Britney Spear's middle name?

Answers: (1) 1963 (2) Mississipp (3) The Ravens (4) Newcastle (5) The Yardbirds (6) Jean

Happy Easter!

and thank you for reading *Airwaves* and supporting Noosa Community Radio.

Please submit photos or stories for the July edition: [newsletter@noosacommunityradio.org](mailto:newsletter@noosacommunityradio.org)

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