



todayscountry94one

Annual Report

2017- 2018 FINANCIAL

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Directors

Col Links - Chairman

David Bacon - retiring Chairman at AGM 2018

Rod McCormack - retiring Deputy Chairman at AGM

Alan Gilmour - Secretary

Meredith Savins - Finance Director

Jim McCormack - retiring at AGM

Wendy McCormack - Retired

Ron Sinclair - retiring at AGM

Greg Hooper

Ron Trundle

Robyn Phillips



David Bacon



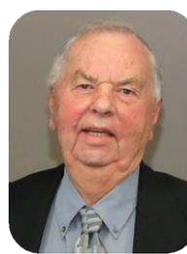
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Chairman's Message



As the newly elected Chairman it is my pleasure to present the Annual report.

This year has been a great success with once again being named the Australian Country Music People's Choice for most Popular Radio station at Tamworth.

Financially it has been a very successful year and we have been able to update our Computers and On Air Software to continue to bring you the music you love.

I would also like to thank all of our volunteers who's enthusiasm and time is given to *todayscountry94one*. They include our Presenters, Technical people, Administration, Sales and Event people, we wouldn't have a station without them.

This AGM bring a lot of changes to the Board with the departure of long serving Directors, David Bacon former Chairman, Rod McCormack Deputy Chairman, Wendy McCormack and Jim McCormack who have kept the station on air with Technical Support and the Training of new Presenters, and Ron Sinclair all of whom are Life Members of *todayscountry94one*. These are big shoes to fill and we thank them for many years of long hours and service to the Station and we wish them well in their future endeavours, and good health.

The appointing of the 2018-2019 Board Members will bring a new dimension to the Station. The new Board of Directors will endeavour to build on the success of the outgoing Directors.

The 8th year for *todayscountry94one* A Brand New Star was held in July and our winner was Lili Crane. Again, we could not conduct this event without our volunteers.

todayscountry94one has entrenched itself as a vibrant part of the Central Coast Region's cultural music life and as the focal point for country music fans.

We look forward to continuing to assist and to promote the region's aspiring and established artist seeking to gain airplay for their recordings and to promote their talents. We also look forward to providing great country music and supporting the community.

Colin Links
Chairman

Report on Operations

todayscountry94one enjoys a strong following and extensive audience, having been named the winner of the Australian Country Music People's Choice for Most Popular Radio Station or Programme Section for the fourth time in six years {2012, 2014, 2015 and 2017}.

This year we have gained more volunteers and additional members, as well as all-important sponsors, some fresh faces on the Board and of course a strong, loyal audience.

The *todayscountry94one* family continues to grow, with new presenters successfully completing training and welcomed to their regular time slots. We finished the year with a record number of volunteers, 27 of whom are presenters.

All of these groups play an important part in the success of our station and we value their contribution.

A special vote of thanks must go to the Central Coast Leagues Club for its continuing strong support.

Congratulations to Alan Gilmour voted Most Popular Country Music DJ for his "Australian Country Songwriters Show"



The year started on a high note with another very successful Brand New Star Quest.

todayscountry94one 2018 Brand New Star



Aspiring young singer, Lili Crane, from Newcastle NSW, was named as the 2018 Brand New Star.

The Grand Final was held on Friday 27 July at the Central Coast Leagues Club, and featured a total of eleven very talented finalists: Ash Hutchison, Daniel Twining, Emily Rigz, Finnian Johnson, Hannah Scarr, Joseph Arrua, Maddi Lyn, Shania Henerich, Taeya May, Tom Hamilton, and of course, Lili Crane.

Since it was launched in 2010, Brand New Star has uncovered and supported a host of talented young country music performers and the 2017 winner Molly Millington and 2016 winner Toby Wells were no exception.



Our volunteers were again busy spreading the **todayscountry94one** message at Country Music Festivals throughout the Central Coast.

We believe our station plays an important role in the community and the station has supported requests for our Community Service Announcements, free of charge to not-for-profit organisations, wishing to get their message across regarding their upcoming events and meetings.

In January supporters were out again in force for the very successful Gwandalan Country Music Festival.

The station and some of its Volunteers and Presenters again had success during the annual Australian Country Music Festival in Tamworth in January.

The Central Coast Country Music Festival at The Entrance in August provided an opportunity to showcase the station and with the Sponsorship of The Dam Hotel we ran our first Busking competition with Maddie Keevill being the winner.

2018 Central Coast Country Music Festival

Maddie Keevill was the Winner of the 2018 Dam Hotel / **todayscountry94one** Busking Contest at the at the Entrance



The 2018 Central Coast Country Music Festival was held on Sunday 12 August 2018 and featured some great artists, including Gretta Ziller, Andrew Swift The Adam Eckersley Band, Brad Cox, Pete Denahy and Homegrown. As usual, **todayscountry94one** was represented at the event by a team of its presenters and volunteers. It was a great pleasure to meet with many station listeners and to sign up a few more members.

Earlier this year the Board decided to invest in new software and upgraded our On-Air computers and Emergency Power Supply to ensure that we stay on air.

This required a mountain of work for the Technical Team and Programme Committee, as well as retraining of Presenters, all of whom rose to the occasion.

We are currently undertaking the rebuilding, design and look of our Website.

The Station is in excellent shape and anticipating even more growth and success in the future.