



Annual Report

2019- 2020

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Chairperson's Message



As Chairperson it is my pleasure to present the Annual report.

This year has been a difficult year with the onset of the CoVid Pandemic in March, and having to relocate earlier than expected.

February the CEO of Central Coast Leagues Club advised our Tenancy Agreement with the Club would not be renewed and we were required to vacate by 12 December 2020.

May - we were advised the Central Coast Leagues Club were cancelling all Sponsorship arrangements and we would be paying rent until we vacate. Cancelling sponsorships included the Club's 10-year association with **todayscountry94one's** Brand New Star in providing the major prize of \$3000 and the venue.



June - we corresponded with the Club requesting rental relief, 1st July and after the CCL Club Board meeting, were advised; yes; the Club would allow a rent-free period but we would have to vacate as soon as possible, without specifying a date.

We secured new premises, and after a 6-week Fit-Out Period commencing 14 August, we completed our relocation 01 October 2020.

today'scountry94one's Relocation to 12 / 31 Dwyer Street, North Gosford from the Central Coast Leagues Club (after 10 years), would not have been successful without GoFundMe Donations, Virtual Concert, CBF Grants and the In-Kind Contribution of time, effort and enthusiasm of our Board Members, Presenters, Volunteers, and local Trades people, in providing their time free-of-charge, and local Businesses for big Trade discounts. Without their support our Relocation Project would not have been possible or achievable.

Special recognition goes to Matt Scullion for organizing the Virtual Concert featuring Adam Harvey, Becca Cole, Ashleigh Dallas, and Host Matt Scullion.

Coast Community Broadcasters sincerely acknowledges the work of the Community Broadcasting Foundation by providing Grants, which makes projects like ours affordable, and has provided security for today'scountry94one into the future.

On behalf of the Board we also wish to express our appreciation of the support and advice of CBAA - Community Broadcasting Association of Australia.

Report on Awards

In 2020, a number of *today'scountry94one's* shows and presenters have received Awards and/or have been nominated for Awards.

These include:

- 1: One of our Indigenous shows, Binawah, which is presented by Gavi Duncan and Phil Bligh, which was a finalist in the 2020 CBAA Awards for Excellence in Indigenous Broadcasting.
- 2: Presenter, Dianne Lindsay is a Nominee for a 2021 Golden Guitar Award for Bush Ballad of the Year.
- 3: Former Director, Rod McCormack, winner of a 2020 Golden Guitar Award for Instrumental of the Year.
- 4: Former Director, Rod McCormack for finalist in 2020 Golden Guitar Awards, Bluegrass Recording of the Year.
- 5: The Australian Country Songwriters Show, which won the 2020 Australian Country Music People's Choice Award for Most Popular Country Program.



6: Presenter, Alan Gilmour, won the Inaugural 2021 - ICMA Bob Browne Memorial Award for Country Community Radio Presenter.

7: The Australian Country Songwriters Show, which was a finalist in the 2020 CBAA Awards for Contribution to Australian Music-Radio Program.

8: Dianne Lindsay & Peter Simpson 2020 AWARDS

*_Golden Guitar Awards, Tamworth

*_Dianne a Nominee for 2021 Bush Ballad of the Year

*_Peoples' Choice Awards

*_Peter & Dianne - won Most Popular Country DJs Australian Bush Ballad Show

*_Dianne a Finalist in Best Female Vocal

*_Dianne & Peter Finalists together

*_Best Bush Ballad (Out There) also Most Popular Country Music Station/Program

*_Bungendore Stan Coster Bush Ballad Award:

Dianne a Finalist for Female Vocal, Dianne & Peter Won Best Group/Duo

*_Industry Award - Australian Bush Ballad Association for services to Country Music & to Bush Ballads - Dianne & Peter

*_Tamworth Songwriter Awards

Peter - Two Semi-finalist placings for Bush Ballad and one in Traditional Country

In July 2019 the 10th Anniversary of *today'scountry94one* Brand New Star was held and our winner was Lucy Parle. Again, we could not conduct this event without our Volunteers.

March 2020 preparations for the 11th year of Brand New Star commenced, but sadly had to be cancelled due to CoVid. With the easing of restrictions preparations are underway again, and with the Tamworth Country Music Festival cancelled, the decision was made to hold Brand New Star 2020 in January 2021, providing the option of holding Brand New Star 2021 later in the year.

today'scountry94one 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 promote the region's aspiring and established Artists seeking to gain airplay for their recordings and to promote their talents. We also look forward to providing great Country Music and supporting our Community.

Robyn Phillips

Chairperson