

President Harmony FM

Graham Webb

Friday 30th October 2020

Community Broadcasting and Safeguards Section
Content Safeguards Branch

Dear Mei-Lin Bastian,

Harmony FM has attempted in the past few months to begin negotiations with the other three TCBL's in the Windsor RAI. To this date the only TCBL which has shown any interest is WHCR. [REDACTED] from WHCR has been in contact with our programming? [REDACTED] had a short meeting with four members of our committee and Allan Quinn a few weeks ago at the Harmony FM studios.

Upon hearing [REDACTED] story, the committee asked Allan Quinn to assist WHCR going to air with the use of the Harmony studio and transmission.

Apparently, [REDACTED] had been having troubles over at the HVCR studio. Since this date I have spoken to [REDACTED] by telephone and Allan Quinn has spoken to [REDACTED] a few times. We still have not received any indication when WHCR will accept our invitation. Our invitation remains there for WHCR to accept.

The ACMA has requested all TCBL's to cooperate with time sharing on air and to assist each other with facilities. I will ask Mary Jane our public officer to take screenshots of our posts on FB in which we have offered ALL TCBL's assistance from Harmony FM. We have been ignored completely by HCRA and HVCR.

Since being requested to share and cooperate we have had HCRA and HVCR agree to cooperation with each other. Since this has happened, we have had so many false allegations etc. and consistent lies being directed against HHCR. They have been deliberately produced to cause an effect of animosity against Harmony FM. This is not cooperation this has exactly the opposite effect to cooperation.

Harmony FM is prepared to cooperate with WHCR if they accept our assistance.

Harmony FM is the preferred radio station for most events occurring in the Hawkesbury. We have most of the local associations and individuals coming to Harmony, including the local council, the Mayor new and past, Police, and much more. This is the reason why we are receiving so much trouble from the other TCBL's. We have a radio station that never goes off air and we do not encounter technical problems. Our station emits pure stereo sound and can be heard all through the Windsor RAI. We have many listeners as from the calls we receive whilst on air. I guess it is because we know what we are doing.

Here is a copy of an email received yesterday by our programming department.

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29th October 2020

Hi Alan

Thanks for your time earlier today to discuss the Mayor on Air segment on Harmony FM moving forward.

I just wanted to confirm the things we discussed:

The Mayor will attend the Harmony FM and Hawkesbury Helping Hands event on 4 November (outside broadcast). During the event he will launch the Mayoral Christmas Appeal. We will confirm the time of his attendance shortly. He will record the Mayor on Air for 4 November at the event, on that day.

From the 4 November the Mayor will record the Mayor on Air segment monthly at the Richmond studio. He will arrive at 1PM. The dates for recording will be:

Tuesday 2 December
January – no recording
Tuesday 3 February
Tuesday 3 March

Thank you

Suzanne

This is just an example as to where Harmony FM is in the community and each Wednesday sometimes up to three different interviews take place in the afternoon. We have associations and individuals from all walks of life arrive to go to air.

Every two weeks Harmony FM has a permanent event in the rose garden outside the Dereubbin Centre in Windsor. This is the most important event in the Hawkesbury. We have been broadcasting and presenting music for many local associations at this event for the past 18 months. This is called "Be & Co" and Harmony assists in supporting the following associations at this event.

The Salvation Army

Hawkesbury City Council

Rotary

NSW Nepean Local Health

Uniting

Peppercorn Services (Aged Care)

Michelle Hookham Mental Health

Psychotherapy Mental Health

St John Of God Health Care

Suicide Prevention in The Hawkesbury

Transition To work

The Hawkesbury District Health Service.

We will attach a certificate we received from Be & Co for our work with these associations. We do ask that Harmony FM be extended airtime to take on Thursday so we can go LIVE to air instead of recording this event and replaying it a week later.

We will also attach photos of so many people which have been interviewed at Harmony FM studios over the past two years. We only do this to show the ACMA how busy we have been.

Finally, the Hawkesbury deserves a community radio station that can be relied on, over the past many years community radio has been disrupted so much.

Hoping all is well.

Graham Webb