



Christmas 2019 - such an innocent time



## PARADES AND PARTIES

Christmas is rapidly approaching and with that comes the now traditional MPR Christmas Party.

On the 18th of December, MPR will kick off the celebrations at 6pm. There will be food, drink, and a group of people ready to acknowledge the end of 2020 (a year we'd all probably like to forget in some way) and our community of awesome people who make MPR the treasure it is for our region.

If you would like to come, please email Helen ([helen@mpr.nz](mailto:helen@mpr.nz)) to let her know, so we can cater appropriately (please include any dietary requirements you may have).

We're also trying something new this year, and will have a float in the Ashhurst and Feilding Christmas parades. We're working on the decorations right now, and are keen to hear from anyone who wants to join us. If there is space on the float, you can ride on there, or alternatively, walk alongside, handing out lollies to the children!

If you don't normally celebrate Christmas, but would still like to engage with the community, please do get in touch. We want to demonstrate the diversity found on MPR, and be as inclusive as possible.

For more information, please email Fraser ([fraser@mpr.nz](mailto:fraser@mpr.nz)).

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meeting?

They say a change is as good as a holiday, and MPR staff seized on this at the beginning of the month. All the staff have moved into the back office, facilitating better communication and "conviviality" (lots of coffee). This has freed up the front office to serve as our new breakout and meeting space.

The room has a table that can comfortably seat 6, is set up for presentations with a projector, and is private if required. There is wifi on site and a regular supply of tea and coffee.

Predominantly, this will be used for meetings on site, a breakout space for staff requiring some peace and quiet, and a "prep" area for content creators needing a bit of space prior to creating their programmes.

However, we also know that some community groups may occasionally be on the lookout for a space to have a meeting, or occasionally just an additional work space.

For the next few months, we're happy to make the room available to anyone that wants to use it. Of course, koha is appreciated, but we want to assess whether we make the space even better, should groups want to use it.

If you would like to book the room (during office hours) or come for a look, just contact Fraser ([fraser@mpr.nz](mailto:fraser@mpr.nz)).

## COMMUNITY BROADCASTER REPRESENTATIVE

Did you know that all content creators on MPR have a representative on the Manawatū Access Radio Charitable Trust?

Cat Pausé (Host of 'Friend of Marylin') is currently nominated to represent all content creators, take any concerns (or compliments) to the trust board, and update anyone who wants to know more about the current activities of the trust.

If you would like to be more actively involved in this space, please email Fraser ([fraser@mpr.nz](mailto:fraser@mpr.nz)) and he will pass your details on.

On the 27th of February next year, MPR is hoping to attend the Palmerston North Festival of Cultures once again.

As per previous years, this is a great opportunity for festival goers to see Access Media in action, with our content creators making shows live in our stall.

This is a chance to make a special, one-off episode and perhaps try something a bit different, like Kevin Reilly ('Irish Time') did last year with a live music session to accompany his usual news items from the emerald isle.

If you're a content creator keen to try something new, or you have created a programme live at the festival and loved doing it, please get in touch with Fraser ([fraser@mpr.nz](mailto:fraser@mpr.nz)) and discuss what possibilities there are for a slot at the festival.

Slots are typically at 10:00, 11:30, 13:00 and 14:30.



festival participants wanted

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## CHRISTMAS CLOSING

We're gearing up for our annual close down over the Christmas period.

This year MPR will have its last day of operation on

**Friday the 18th of December**

and we will reopen on

**Monday the 11th of January**

Our broadcast and podcast schedule will continue as per usual though!!!

## CHRISTMAS IN ~~FARNHAM PARK~~ MONRAD INTERMEDIATE

Once again, Te Aroha Noa community services pulled out all the stops in a Christmas party for the Highbury community. And once again, the weather did NOT play it's part.

However, that didn't stop the organisers utilising a new and improved back up plan in Monrad intermediate and so that is where MPR headed, alongside our OUTSIDE events equipment.

There were a number of excellent performers on stage including some superbly talented Monrad Intermediate bands, Mana BeatZ, and the Samoan Worship Centre Youth Group.

The HIPPY Graduation and the New Kiwi Kidz Club ukelele group showed how talented the young people of the suburb are.

And, (pictured) Ripple Effect came to the party and closed the day off in style!

Whilst Fraser and Hugh were nice and dry indoors stage managing and sound engineering, we know that there were heaps of volunteers in the wind and rain keeping the free refreshments going. Ka pai to you all.

Well done to everyone at Te Aroha Noa for putting on such a good community event. We enjoyed partnering with you to help make it the success it was, and we hope to join you again next year (but maybe outdoors in the sun next time?).

If you are holding an event in the community and require assistance, the OUTSIDE events package from MPR might be for you. Terms and Conditions will be changing in 2020, so consider applying today so you don't miss out!

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## FROM THE CONTENT TEAM

It's coming up to the end of the year, with MPR shutting down for three weeks from the 18th of December through until the 11th of January. That means it's time for our content creators to think about what they want to leave their listeners with over the shutdown period.

Generally speaking there are three ways that people have chosen to handle this, and they all work. The first is to spend the next week or so frantically recording (or point the Content Team in the direction of stuff you've already recorded) so that there are fresh episodes for the entire break. The second is to hand pick a selection of particularly excellent shows from your back catalogue and get the Content Team a list so we know which episodes you want to be used. The last option is to assemble highlights episodes from bits of old episodes that you like, and record some brief bits of narration to string them together with.

Whichever of these you pick, please get in touch with Sam and Hugh as soon as you can and let us know.

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## CAMA COORDINATOR

On the 16th and 17th of November, Sasha Borissenko visited MPR. Sadly, due to our hectic schedule, there is no photographic evidence!

Sasha is the new National Coordinator for the Access Media sector, (the 12 Access Media outlets in Aotearoa). She's going to be working on improving relationships with central government and attracting different revenue streams to support our work.

In order for her to better understand the stations, she has been visiting them, and hearing from their teams and communities, building up a picture of the commonalities (and differences) between stations.

A big thank you to everyone who agreed to meet Fraser and Sasha over those two days. Some lovely things were said by many people, and a good understanding of who we are and why we are here was evident.

We look forward to working with Sasha in 2021!

## FEILDING HUB INFORMATION EVENING

On the 18th of November, MPR took the new portable studios to Feilding Library for an information evening to demonstrate the possibilities of a Feilding Hub.

There were a great group of people present representing a good cross section of the community, and a genuine interest in the proposal.

Already, we have been in discussions with some groups individually and we're confident that Feilding content will be broadcast and podcast from February onwards in ways never before seen on MPR!

If you missed the information evening (we know there were a number of events on that night) and would like to know more, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Fraser (fraser@mpr.nz) and he'll happily come to see you and explain the hubs project in more detail.

Similarly, we're interested in speaking to people in Bulls and Foxton about potential hubs opening up there in 2021.

Don't be shy, get in touch! We want to help you share your stories, passions, interests, cultures and groups. And Access Media is one of the easiest ways to do that.



FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER | 6pm onwards | MPR Studios

There will be plenty of food, nibbles, beer, wine and soft drinks – you will be well catered for!

Please RSVP to helen@mpr.nz by midday on Wednesday 16th December and let her know if you have dietary preferences so we can make sure that you are catered for.

We look forward to celebrating another amazing year with you at MPR on the 18th, and wish you a relaxing and enjoyable break with the people you love.

