



FEILDING, WE'RE COMING TO YOU!

The 16th of October signalled a start in conversations about the launch of an Ashhurst community recording hub in partnership with MPR. The event, which took place at the library was attended by interested students and members of the community who got the opportunity to find out more, share some incredible kai provided by Coffee on Cambridge and have the chance to be interviewed using our all new portable gear.

MPR is keen to canvas more community members, and will be looking to hold another event, perhaps in the evening at a different location for anyone who wishes to create content for broadcast.

Our next information event is on the 18th of November at 6:30pm at Feilding Library.

We will demonstrate our portable studios and showcase what we can offer the wider region. If you are interested in attending, please let helen know (helen@mpr.nz) for catering purposes.

We are looking forward to some creative ideas emerging from the community.

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On the 9th of October, Kris Faafoi, Broadcasting Minister paid us a visit as he toured the country. Tangi Utikere (then a candidate for Palmerston North) accompanied him and shared the governments commitment to supporting access media.

Amongst discussions, Kris was keen to point out that there is a big tranche of work in the strengthening of public media in his view, particularly in the national space (RNZ, TVNZ etc) and he acknowledged the role of access media such as MPR in the regional context, whilst recognising the independence and special nature of our sector.

He is also excited at what the future holds for our access stations as we continue to respond to the changing environment and the potential of various platforms, particularly video. He was also keen to hear about our portable studios and our intentions to get out to our more rural and isolated areas!

We of course thanked the government for the financial support they have shown media as a whole over the year (#2020!) and we have great plans to make every dollar count!

Tangi Utikere has since been elected as Palmerston North's MP and has begun his regular slot on "The Catchup" with Fraser on Friday mornings at 8:30am. You can hear the podcast interviews at mpr.nz/show/catchup.

Coinciding with the visit of the Broadcasting Minister - yes, the BROADCASTING MINISTER - we had one of the most comprehensive tech failures in the station's history.

All right, so nothing ACTUALLY caught fire, but our entire studio-to-transmitter link failed.

We'll spare you the technical details, but Saint Ally (Allister Ferguson, Pro-Audio services) and Marcus Bekker (Southern Broadcast) came to our rescue with the necessary fixes to bring us back to normal by Wednesday the 14th.

The days between the 9th and the 14th were taxing to say the least. Hugh and Fraser made multiple visits to the transmitter site to provide an alternative link so that we could broadcast in some capacity. This included playing our live stream via a 4G hotspot at the transmitter site! Whilst not nearly as reliable as the proper link, this allowed our local content to broadcast and our service to the community to continue.

Sadly, the reliability of this link was tenuous at best and there were many visits to the site and remote computer access sessions to keep us "up" as much as possible.

Staff went above and beyond during this time, and the community should be proud of their commitment to the station! We're currently exploring more robust backup options as a result of this "wake up call." We do NOT want to be doing this again!

Of course, if your listening experience was affected by our issues, or your programme did not go to air as planned, we apologise for this, and stress that we are working on ensuring this does not happen again!



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR LISTENER SURVEY!
CONGRATULATIONS GO TO JACQUI IN PALMERSTON NORTH WHO WINS THE \$50 CAFE ROYALE VOUCHER.**

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THE COMBINED THIRD QUARTER STATS FOR 2020 SHOW AN INCREASE OF CLOSE TO 36,000 LISTENERS OF OUR ON DEMAND CONTENT WHEN COMPARED TO 2018'S RESULT OF 14,752 STREAMS. FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2020, WE HAVE HAD 50,747 STREAMS! THE SAME QUARTER IN 2019 HAD A RESULT OF 36,070 - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MPR, AND THE ACCESSMEDIA.NZ PLATFORM!

THANK YOU

This month a BIG thank you goes out to the Mainland Foundation for funding new headphones for the station. Regular visitors will know that we've had the same headphones for many years, and the population was dwindling as they succumbed to breakages and general wear and tear.

We now have a full compliment of AKG K52 headphones which are well-priced, good quality and comfortable to wear.

Thanks again Mainland!

ANNIVERSARIES

Adam Claydon's popular programme "The 80's at 8" recently celebrated 8 Years on Community Access Radio. Taking a break from his current series of "Classic Rock of the 80s" to commemorate the occasion with Party Songs of the 1980's!

Adam has also seen recent acknowledgement of his programme on Twitter with a retweet from the legendary Billy Idol! Tune in Mondays at 8pm for more!

mpr.nz/show/the80sat8



Doing It In The Dirt has gone through a number of changes since it started in 2012. Original host Dave Poppelwell left the show in the hands of the enthusiastic Ian Bowater. On Ian's passing in May 2019, Chris and Stu (who'd both been helping Ian out with technical work) took over. Over all this time the show has had an unwavering commitment to spreading their love of Speedway, and this won them a NZ Speedway Media award in 2017.

mpr.nz/show/diitd

Teenspective began life as one of our 'Gateway' shows - programmes made as a work experience project by students on a Gateway course. However, Hannah has stuck with us, and (having had her hundredth episode back in December of last year) is now creeping up on three full years of broadcasting with us.

mpr.nz/show/teenspective

Bringing us the latest in LGBTQ+ news, hosts Andi, Matt, and Cam are a few episodes from broadcasting their 300th Episode, slated to take place on the 11th of November!

mpr.nz/show/palmypride

COVID 19 - ALERT LEVEL 1

We remind all programme hosts, guests and other visitors to the station that maintaining contact tracing records is still a condition of entry to MPR during Covid alert level 1.

We have QR codes around the station for use with the smartphone app, and sign in sheets for anyone without a device that can scan.

We take this very seriously and are checking that the records match actual traffic in the station - even out of hours by cross referencing the alarm logs.

Please, for the safety of our community, maintain your contact tracing records wherever you go!

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PROPERTY MATTERS 100!

One show celebrating a milestone is "Property Matters" with Greg Watson.

Greg has been broadcasting and podcasting for almost two years now, and recently reached 100 episodes! To mark the occasion he invited his old co-host Villi Tosi back in to the studio and asked Fraser to join in too!

They had a look back at the last two years, some programme highlights and market trends as well as a look to the future and what people can expect in Manawātū as more properties are built!

Property Matters airs at 2pm on Tuesdays on 999am, and the On Demand version can be found at

mpr.nz/show/propertymatters.

Greg is also pretty active on social media with excellent property information mixed with a large pinch of humour, so look for him on your favoured platform!



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CONNECTING WITH TE AO MAORI CHRISTMAS PARADES

When this station rebranded to Manawatū People's Radio, we also ensured we could translate our new name meaningfully in to Te Reo Maori.

Te Reo irirangi o ngā tāngata o Manawatū signifies an increased commitment to observe the principles of Te tiriti o Waitangi and connect better with Te Ao Maori.

To that end, we have been discussing opportunities to have someone come on board to help facilitate our progress. We're not naming any names at this stage, but we are VERY excited!

Should everything come together, we aim to work on the following areas:

- HELPING CONTENT CREATORS TRANSLATE THEIR SHOW TITLES INTO TE REO MAORI
- DEVELOP KARAKIA AND CONTENT CREATOR MIHI TO START THEIR SHOWS
- DEVELOP ON AIR IMAGING AND ADVERTS IN TE REO MAORI
- IMPROVE STATION RESOURCES AND PROCESSES TO REFLECT OUR COMMITMENT

There is more to come, and we're happy to answer any questions you may have. Just get in touch!

WELCOME TO MPR!

Three new programmes have taken to the air over the past couple of weeks... these include:

What's on Top?

A half hour of mental health information and frank, honest discussion with Rob McDermott and Thane Zander.

mpr.nz/show/whatsontop

Imagine - There is hope

Half an hour of non-denominational, Christian preachings and lectures on love, peace and God from John Pepperell.

mpr.nz/show/imagine

Snap!

A half hour New Zealand political history show from Joe Boon, where he looks at the 1984 NZ snap election and the effects from it, some of which are still felt today.

Broadcast only, Wednesdays at 7pm

Remember there have been a number of special programmes recorded over the past few weeks too, that can be heard in the Sunday Live Zone between 2pm and 5pm on Sundays, or on our website, including John Thornley's "Palmy Vinyl Club" presentations, the launch of Arohata Te Kawau, and our Election 2020 coverage in conjunction with the Manawatū Standard, Palmerston North Community Services Council, the Manawatū Tenants Union and Manawatū Young Professionals Network.



In stark contrast to Fraser's staunch position on not mentioning Christmas until at least December 1st, we must take this opportunity to let you know that MPR will be entering a float in the Ashhurst and Feilding parades this year.

On Saturday the 12th of December, we'll be cruising the streets of Ashhurst, and on Sunday the 13th, Feilding will be our destination. Staff are currently working on the float design, and we'd LOVE any programme makers who would like to be on the float to get in touch soon.

Our focus will be on the diversity of people that broadcast on MPR, so cultural costumes, dress ups and bright colours are all encouraged.

And yes, we're calling out the "Palmy Pride" hosts and their penchant for glitter!

Need more information? email fraser@mpr.nz

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FEILDING

Feilding Library | 18th of November

6:30pm

How could a MOBILE Community
Access Media Studio benefit Feilding
and surrounding Districts