

NEWSLETTER

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RADIO 1RPH

Volunteering Week is here!

From Mon 17 to Sun 23 May, National Volunteer Week celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's almost **6 million** volunteers!

"Just a few hours of volunteer work can improve your mood and outlook, while regular volunteering is associated with better overall mental health."



This Saturday 22 May, the [Volunteer Expo](#) is happening at Thoroughbred Park, 1 Randwick Road, Lyneham.

The event features exhibitors from across the volunteering sector - from community services to the arts, media, environment, sport, tourism and more. There'll be live entertainment, food trucks and - of course - a friendly crew of Radio 1RPH volunteers on hand to promote what we do.

So come along! [Register online](#) for a free ticket, or let David or Nev know if you would like to help out on the day!

The Canberra Times
TO SERVE THE NATIONAL CITY

In the lead-up to the Expo, an [article about Radio 1RPH](#) appeared in The Canberra Times on Sunday May 16.

Check it out [here!](#)

Thanks to Rod Taylor for setting it up, but also to listeners Richard Wilmott and Robert Altamore, and volunteer Nev Blyth, for talking with the reporter.

Radio 1RPH will be LIVE FROM THE EXPO!

Most exciting this year is that Radio 1RPH will be presenting its regular Saturday morning news reading LIVE FROM THE [EXPO](#).

This will be the station's first Outside Broadcast (OB) in almost 20 years, and comes off the successful training we received from John Maizels in April. Much gratitude goes to John for his fun training sessions, energy, encouragement and inspiration.



[L to R] Mal, Nev, Steve and Tom look on as John talks them through his self-assembled hodgepodge of wires and devices aka an "outside broadcast kit".



A younger-looking Alan Mitchell, Bob Hargreaves and Malcolm Walker running our yearly Anzac Day outside broadcast live from the War Memorial in the early 2000s.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this happen – Sandra, Steve, Mal, Geoff, Tom, Paul, Nicola, Olivia & our super EP Nev. Thanks also to Amelia, Sandra C, Maryanne & Pene for helping out on the day, and Steve, Kristy & Nicola whose voices will be heard on Saturday May 22 **live from the [Expo](#)**.



Back to the future – "Link works great! Levels are good!" In 2021, Nev creates a successful link with Rod in Studio A.

What's happening for volunteers at 1RPH?

You may have seen a few new faces around the station!

Coming off some successful Station Introduction Days held in February, March and April, several new live news readers have joined our ranks.

Now that the rostering of readers is a bit more under control, we have resumed Reader Auditions, and shifted the focus onto Presenters!

Reader Auditions

The audition is not as scary as the word may sound and is a very enjoyable chance to be assessed, practice and improve with the guidance of an experienced presenter.

Reading in-studio also gives you a chance to experience what it might be like to read live on air and is a great refresher for existing readers too!

Presenter Training

At the last Volunteers Day in March, lots of interest was shown from our news readers in upskilling to the panel...

So, Presenter Training has recommenced at the station!



Rhod and Nev have already trained several aspiring news presenters, who will now graduate to a live sit-in with an experienced presenter.

Our next Volunteers Day is a **Presenters Workshop** on Saturday 26th June for all new, aspiring and existing 1RPH Presenters, so watch out for that!

If interested in Reader Auditions or Presenter Training, please let our manager David know.

The RPH Protocol - *continued*

1RPH is guided by the RPH Protocol, national guidelines governing what RPH-licensed stations are permitted to broadcast in line with our broadcasting license as a radio reading service.

Permissible content is broadly defined as news and articles from general circulation newspapers, readings from magazines and other publications, book readings, interviews and other content relevant to listeners with a print disability.



Who wants to join our Grant Application Team?

Radio 1RPH is uniquely positioned as a non-profit organisation serving the print disability community with the scope to apply for and secure a diverse number of different grants.



However, we lack the resources – namely, manpower and time. So we plan to form a team of 3-5 motivated volunteers to assist with grant applications for the station.

Volunteers with any relevant experience, knowledge, good writing skills and/or understanding of 1RPH and/or the print disability community are all welcome!

If interested, please let David know.