

# Airtime



# 2022

## 2CHR Chairman Report 2022

I happily accepted the election as Chairman in 2019 and my aim is to help us to continue to grow as a vital infotainment community resource. As a member and volunteer at 2CHR continually since the early 90s. I have held many positions: presenter, committee member, trainer, and technical officer.

I also volunteer in the capacity of Technical Officer. This began back in the 90s when I re-educated myself in IT. Along the way, the (now retired) 'real' radio technicians, Len Daley and John Nicol, have extended my knowledge into broadcast radio and continue to assist, when possible.

We are a Community Radio Station, meaning that we are operated by an incorporated Non-Profit Organisation. This means that, as necessary as we are, the bricks and mortar and electronic equipment are not actually our radio station, but that the **people** are.

Our greatest resource is people: listeners, members, presenters, office and operations volunteers, the committee of management, and our untiring CEO and Secretary Warren and Catherine Parsons.

This brings me to on you, our 'people' to contribute as much as you can of your time and special skills to make our station greater. We need presenters, of course, but we also need people to assist with administration, technical tasks, promotions, sponsorship and fundraising – all the many tasks that keep a radio station running smoothly.

2019 – 2021 was a difficult time for the world and 2CHR has felt it strongly. Many of our supporters and sponsors were shut down or diminished by the isolation strictures caused by Covid-19 and we wish them well and hope we are all out of this soon, well and safe. That said, it has been the perfect opportunity for our listeners to enjoy the station broadcasts.

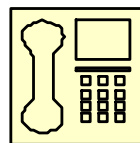
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2022 is being much nicer to us with many new and returned Sponsors, and likewise Presenters and Members. Grants from the Government plus local business community organisations have been a lifesaver to us.

Our Management Committee now comprises me, Les Gully (chairman) Catherine Parsons (Secretary) Brad Fenning (Treasurer) and ordinary members Warren Parsons (who is actually CEO/Station Manager), Heather Smith, plus 3 new members: Brian Stitt, Simon Reed and Liz Jenkins.

Stay Safe and Stay Tuned.

Les Gully  
Chairman 2CHR



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## Report from -Warren Parsons

What a year it has been since our last "Airtime" due to the impact of Covid19.

In regard to our radio station, it has affected our income as sponsors have had pressures on their incomes but more importantly, it has impacted on our volunteers.

On a personal level, Covid 19 has caused me a great deal of illness resulting in me losing my balance and being unable to stand or walk. Plus throw in a heart attack for good measure. Doctors tell me I could be several months recovering. Thank God I was triple vaccinated. I would like to say a huge Thank You to our listeners and station members for all their good wishes and prayers. Also, to my fellow presenters who have stepped in and covered my programmes, I say a heartfelt thanks.

Also a great support to me has been Les Gully our Technical Manager and Chairman -Thanks Mate. I would especially thank the amazing Don Havinden, what an example he sets.

Last but by no means least Catherine who has on top of all her workload has taken on so many of my duties as station manager.

God Bless you all

Warren Parsons Station Manager



**Membership fees for 2022-23-2023 are now due**

**To remain a financial member of your Radio Station 2CHR fees should be paid by July 1.**

**Individual \$20.00**

**Concession \$ 14.40**

**Family \$25.00**

**Business \$ 55.00**

**Non Profit Groups \$ 25.00**

***(Please do not send cash through the mail)***

## From Cheryl Small

*Community Profile 9am – 12n Wednesday*

Well over one year has passed since I became a volunteer Radio Presenter with 2 CHR Radio right here in Cessnock.

I can honestly say its "Sheer Joy" having the opportunity to connect to the people in the community this way.

My programme namely "Community Profile" not just reading the "What's on" in our Community but having the opportunity to interview people that give back in the community.

I personally would like to thank those listeners that are so faithful in supporting the station financially and those that call up sometimes to request their favourite song or just to say "Hello"

With all that's been happening the last couple of years Radio is a comfort to many in our community who have been suffering in one way or another, 2CHR 96.5FM is their friend.

Growing up sitting on the carpet floor, by a huge Radio my Grandparents had, I so enjoyed listening to the children's programs that were on. My Grandparents loved listening to "When a Girl Marries" of an evening prior to the introduction of Television.

So thank you 2CHR 96.5 FM for this opportunity to be part of "Team 2CHR 96.5FM"

Stay Listening

Kind regards

Cheryl Small

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Tune in to Community Profile  
Monday to Friday 9am –12noon  
For a lot of Community information

**FROM our fabulous Office workers  
Chris Sundstrom & Toni Freestone**

Hi Everyone

This is Chris from the front office on Mondays. I have been volunteering here at 2CHR for the past 8 years and have enjoyed every moment of it. All the presenters are friendly so I feel we are like a big happy family.

I also help out with Seniors Week and am quite involved with Abermain Eisteddfod, which I also enjoy.

Volunteering is a good way of meeting people and getting out and about. I thoroughly recommend it!

We always need more presenters and office staff, so give me a call at the office on Mondays (I love to have a chat) if you would like to know more.

Happy days to everybody.

Chris Sundstrom

**Toni Freestone**

I am one of five children to wonderful parents, growing up surrounded by wonderful friends in Quirindi before moving to Tamworth where I lived for forty-five happy years.

It was only to be close to the family that I moved to Cessnock in 2011, and fortunately, it was only three hours away or regular visits to Tamworth.

In due course, I found 2CHR on the radio and learned that they were seeking volunteers in the office. That was in late 2013, and I have turned up to "do my bit" on Wednesday ever since.

I have found the folk in Cessnock to be very welcoming, and I have made many friends from being involved with 2CHR and in various other activities, including many Coach Trips around Australia organized by the Cessnock Retired Mineworkers, line Dancing, Probus, and especially Croquet, being one of the founding members in June 2014.

Regards Toni

**Special Thanks to Don Havinden who is in the office on Fridays doing all sorts of odd jobs**

**From Kevin Conroy**  
*(Sunday Variety 3pm – 6pm)*

Hello, let me introduce myself. I was born in Dunedin New Zealand, and I was very interested in radio at a very young age. I remember visiting the two radio stations in Dunedin which were 4ZB the commercial station, where the announcer dressed in a dinner suit with a bowtie, and 4XD a private radio station. I did my secondary schooling at South Otago High School, which is in Balclutha, a small country town with population of around 4500 people. My family moved to Wellington when I was about 16years old where I worked as a civilian for the New Zealand Army. I then joined the Army as a regular soldier based at Linton Military Camp as a Combat Engineer. I then moved to the Police Force and later into the Finance sector where I retired in 2014. I moved to Australia in 1994 and became an Australian Citizen in 1998. I am in the process of studying for a degree in Psychology at Charles Darwin University.

I am currently presenting the Sunday Variety Show which gives me the opportunity of playing a very large cross-section of music which I really enjoy. I look forward to meeting many of the 2CHR listeners and presenters in the not-too-distant future. A special thank you to Warren Parsons for giving me the opportunity at 96.5fm

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**Please Note Office Hours for  
2CHR have changed**

**Monday 9am – 4pm**

**Wednesday 9am – 4pm**

**Friday 9am – 4pm**

***Why not think about volunteering  
to assist in the office of 2CHR  
your Radio station?***

**Presenters @ Your Station  
2CHR 96.5fm**

**Hooi Chew**, *Drive Time 4pm – 6pm (Fri)*  
**Greg Clarke**, *Breakfast 6am – 9am (Thurs)*  
**Kevin Conroy**, *Sunday Variety 3pm – 6pm*  
**Ken Ernst**, *Sunday Country 9am -12n 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sun*  
**Terry Farrelly**, *Sunday Night Memories 6pm – 9pm*  
**Beau Ferret**, *Friday Night Show 6pm -9pm*  
*Saturday Night Show 6pm -9pm*  
**Rick Ferret**, *Breakfast 6am -9am (Wed)*  
**Brad Fenning**, *Rock & Pop (Time 3pm – 6pm Sat)*  
**Colin Fraser**, *Wednesday Matinee 12n – 3pm*  
*Midday Special 12n – 3pm (Sat)*  
**Sharon Greene**, *Easy Listening 12n – 3pm (Mon)*  
**Don Havinden**, *Easy Listening 12n – 3pm(Tues)*  
*Mixing It Up 12n – 2pm (Fri)*  
**Liz Jenkins**, *Community Profile 9am -12 n (Mon )*  
**Colleen Kerslake**, *Community Profile 9am– 12n (Tues)*  
**Paul Lucas**, *Mid-life Crisis 6pm – 8pm (Tues)*  
*Easy Listening 6pm -8pm (Wed)*  
*Bower's Country Hour 8pm- 9pm (Wed)*  
*Easy Listening /Country 9pm -10pm (Wed)*  
**Paul Mason**, *Souled Out 6pm – 7pm (Thurs)*  
*The Album Show 7pm (Thurs)*  
*Blue Stew 8pm – 10pm (Thurs)*  
**Chad Membray**, *Easy Listening 8pm – 10pm (Tues)*  
**Warren Parsons**, *Community Profile 9am -12n (Fri)*  
*Food for Thought 2pm – 4pm (Fri)*  
**Jai Prentice**, *Breakfast 6am -9am (Sat)*  
*Breakfast 6am -9am (Sun)*  
**Simon Read**, *Breakfast 6am -9am (Mon)*  
*Drive Time 3pm – 6pm (Tues)*  
**Cheryl Small**, *Community Profile 9am -12n (Wed)*

**Presenters @ Your Station  
2CHR 96.5fm**

**John Slaven**, *Travelling Country 6pm – 10pm (Mon)*  
*Sunday Country 9am – 12n(1st Sun of Month)*  
**Robert Smith**, *Easy Listening 12n – 3pm (Sun)*  
**Brian Stitt**, *Breakfast 6am – 9am (Fri)*  
**Rex Talbot**, *Saturday Music (9am – 12n)*  
**Matt Watson**, *Songs from the Golder Era*  
*12n – 3pm (Thurs)*  
**Fay Welch**, *Breakfast 6am -9am (Tues)*  
**Bob Whitelaw** “Fill Ins” as required

A Special Thank You  
To our valuable presenters  
who have kept 2CHR  
“on air’  
During this difficult time  
Your assistance was very  
much appreciated  
*Why not become a volunteer  
at your station 2CHR  
It can be a lot of fun*



**News & Weather  
on the hour  
on your station  
2CHR 96.5**