



**Nambucca
Valley
Radio
WINTER
2026**



2NVR Nambucca Valley Radio
105.9 FM Community Radio, Streaming Worldwide

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CBAA (Community Broadcasting Association of Australia) Conference October 22-24, 2026

This year, the conference is being held at the new Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre in Geelong, Victoria. It is the largest annual meet up for community broadcasters in Australia. Registration and information: <https://conference.cbaa.org.au/> This year's **THEME: *Our Sound, Stronger***, which celebrates the unique sound and identity of broadcasters who put community first. When presenters share their experiences, it makes an impact on others, and we can learn from each other. This strengthens our community radio broadcasts and helps us connect with the community we serve.

Key information

Dates: 22–24 October 2026

Registrations open: 25 March 2026

Scholarships open: 25 March 2026

Awards entries open: 28 April 2026

CBAA Draft program

- Building a Strong Volunteer Culture - Recruiting, Retaining and Supporting
- New Revenue Ideas for Community Broadcasters
- Tech in an Emergency: Keeping Your Station On Air When It Matters Most
- Running Community Events that Bring Your Station to Life
- Music, Social Media and Young Audiences



The functional and aesthetic 25,000-tile façade for Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre is almost complete, ahead of the venue's expected opening in July 2026.

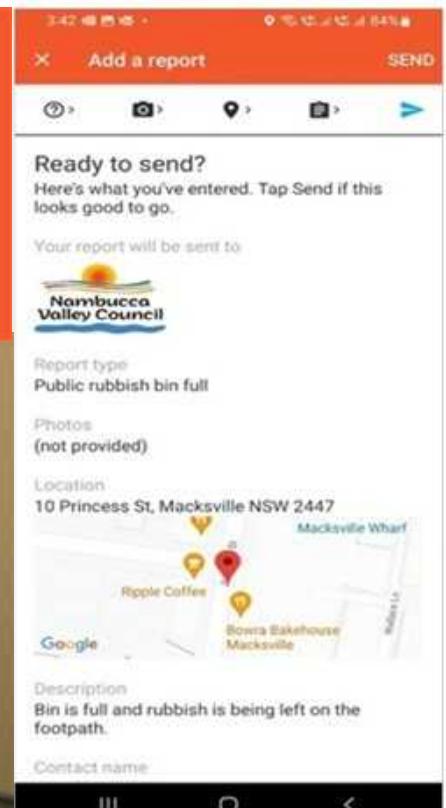
Nambucca Valley Council Collaboration

From April 2026, Nambucca Valley Council Mayor Gary Lee commenced a fortnightly visit to the 2NVR studios to provide regular community and council information updates. These interviews have been a wonderful way to provide information from Nambucca Valley Council's plans and build on our partnership with Nambucca Valley Council staff and councillors.

Some interesting notes:

- **Lighting up the Macksville Bridge:** community members can contact the council for an important charity or special day in the national calendar and make a request of the council to consider lighting up the Old Macksville Bridge in a specific colour. Contact council@nambucca.nsw.org.au with the event details.
- **Antenno App:** This is a free app that is simple and easy to use. Real-time notifications are sent by Nambucca Valley Council on council issues. There is also a reporting feature for issues such as road damage, graffiti or roaming animals. This feature also allows you to upload photographs of the issue, and then staff can act quickly.

How do I get Antenno?



Director of Engineering Services—David Moloney and Beverly Gibbs discuss the closure of Tilly Willy Bridge for engineering repairs.

Mayor Gary Lee's visits to 2NVR each fortnight are providing valuable information to keep the community updated about the happenings at the Nambucca Valley Council and in the valley. He also shares content about the works in operation around the Valley, as well as insights into his attendance at community events and visits to local organisations.



Mayor Lee has spoken about the budget on exhibition for community feedback, the Scotts Head Master Plan and the planning for the Nambucca CBD Master Plan. Each week, he covers topical issues for the valley, such as the future of Valla Urban Growth Area (VUGA), and a Volunteer Expo to

promote volunteering in the valley. Gary strongly supports our local volunteers and believes the council couldn't offer the services in the valley without them. He has committed to continuing to support projects for youth in the valley.



Mayor Lee believes communication and engagement are key to councils' success, recently the Council has engaged **Elizabeth Spry as Communications & Community Engagement Officer** who is providing a vital media link between the community and the council.

Jan Rooney

NVC's **Manager Economic Development and Tourism** came to the station to discuss the council's new project working with a consultant to develop a master plan for the **Nambucca CBD**. Six residents will join the planners as a community reference group to contribute their thoughts on how to enliven Nambucca Heads CBD, its future direction, and improvements in its urban design, with a focus on the future potential in the town.



Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month May 1-31 2026

SAFE PHONES—<https://dvsafehone.org/>

Donate your old phone to help change a life.

- Every three minutes, someone in Australia calls for emergency help due to domestic violence.
- Many cannot call as their phones are often taken, broken, or monitored by perpetrators.
- Repurposing donated phones into secure, untraceable lifelines helps victims stay connected to loved ones, reach support and rebuild their lives.
- Acceptable phones include: iphones 6 and anything newer, Android phones including Samsung and other brands. If it works on a 4G network, there a chance for it to have a new home. Since the 3G switch off, these phones can not be repurposed.
- **Phone collection partners:**
Nambucca RSL reception desk and Lifetime Connect Aged Care office—3 MacKay st, Macksville.



Safer Futures

This is a 20 week program combining group and individual sessions to give men the opportunity to learn more about the impact of their behaviour, take responsibility and be a safe man.

Charlotte Young, the CEO of Warrina said, the group space is a positive place to build on strengths and understand how to be safer in relationships.

Domestic and family violence impacts everyone and so the priority is ensuring women and children are safe, and Warrina has access to services to support this.

The Safer Futures Program is delivered in Coffs Harbour on Gumbaynggirr Country by **Warrina Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Services**.

CONTACT: saferfutures@warrina.org.au

Safer Futures
MEN'S BEHAVIOUR CHANGE PROGRAMS

It's time to talk about a safer future for you, your family & our community.

Safer Futures is an opportunity for men to learn more about the impact of their behaviour, take responsibility and be a safe man. This involves a combination of group and individual sessions. Whilst it can feel overwhelming, many men find their journey of change is strengthened by engaging in learning with their peers in our group work sessions.

CONTACT US

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- warrina.org.au

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2NVR New Presenters



Left hand side back to front:

Phil Macey, Heidi Green,
Jenny Adams, Amutha Kan,
Elle Maree James

Right hand side:

Jamieson Gross

How can you get involved with 2NVR Nambucca Valley Radio?

Become a presenter or a volunteer: if you are interested please call 2NVR's training and programming coordinator, Ion Newcombe, on 0408 696 184, or email<ion@2nvr.org.au>.

Focus on Michelle Walker- Praise, Prayer and Pop Sundays 5-7pm

In 2016, Michelle arrived in the valley from Sydney. She believes her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ led her to the valley with her husband Barry. A good friend suggested presenter training at 2NVR for a 3 hour breakfast show. Michelle thought the idea was nuts! But she undertook the training with Linda Jerrison and so Bubble and Squeak breakfast began & ran for 3 years. Michelle now hosts Praise, Prayer and Pop on Sunday afternoons & it continues to be a wonderful opportunity to share her personal faith with the community in the Valley and beyond. It also adds its own unique flavour to the radio station, as do all the wide variety of programs. In the first hour of each week a different theme is explored, some of the topics covered



include: anxiety, hope, women in the Bible, forgiveness and Grace. Michelle includes regular segments with Our Favourite Hymns with Charles Widdowson. All this interspersed with great Christian music from Aussie Artists like Whitefield and Peter Christie as well as overseas artists. Michelle is encouraged when listeners request new worship songs they may have heard, or even older ones that bring back cherished memories. Being a Presenter on 2NVR 105.9FM has really opened Michelle's eyes to the incredible variety of genres and talent & the many different ways they reflect worship.

Outside Broadcasting 2026 at Nambucca Plaza Lions Club Market Day



Donna Collins entertaining the crowds & volunteer Margaret Orman from Nambucca Lions Club at the regular monthly markets.



He's here, there and everywhere!
Whenever Donna Collins sends out the call to presenters – Tim Hood (channeling Angus Young) is the man on the spot to rise to the occasion for broadcasting, interviews, meet and greets and socializing with presenters: Paul Burns and Celeste Howden.

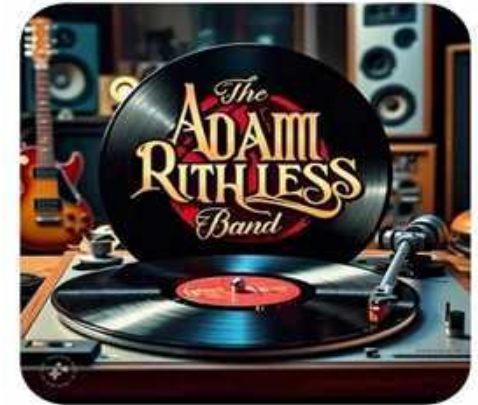
2NVR 'Studio 3 Live' 6-8pm Featuring

June 19

July 17



Sunny Luwe &
 Matt Collins
 August 21



September 19



Around the Station:



New presenter, **Jenny Adams** commences broadcasting 'Music to Snuggle Up With' on Thursdays 6-8pm. Jenny is also a talented guitarist and singer.



Bowraville Central School students visiting the station with 2NVR committee President Luise Pearson-Bernoth.



2AM Moment a 3 piece band performed at 'Studio 3 Live', February 20, 2026. They are based in Coffs Harbour and include L-R Will Pregnell on guitar, Steven Shields on drums vocals & songwriting, Jason McClung on bass. The band write compositions based on real life and don't play covers. The band formed 6 months before COVID hit.



Tina Birtles, who received the Nambucca Valley Council's Community 'Environment Award' visiting 'Talk of the Town' with Ceri Wrobel to discuss the new Wires initiative at Coffs Harbour. The Native Animal Pre-release facility which began operations in December 2025. It currently supports rescued Ringtail and Brushtail possums and several native bird species. It is located behind the Coffs Regional Community Gardens.

Tel: 1300 094 737



THEME—your year to volunteer honours the contributions of our volunteers at 2NVR and invites everyone to make 2026 a year of meaningful involvement, in ways that work here at the station. This year is a moment to thank everyone at Nambucca Valley Radio who give their time to connect and make positive change in the community.



Paul Burns, host of "From Then Till Now" on Tuesdays, 10-12 am, is an active volunteer in the Nambucca Valley. He volunteers at the Nambucca Visitors Information Centre and serves on the duty roster at the Nambucca Headland Museum. Paul is also a 2NVR presenter, an active committee member, and coordinates two card-playing groups (Hand and Foot Canasta and 500) for the University of the Third Age (U3A).

Paul believes, after a busy working life, that 'volunteering was the way to go' on retirement to the Nambucca Valley. He has enjoyed meeting new people and loves the camaraderie. He also appreciates the chance to learn new skills. The knowledge and skills Paul has acquired throughout his working life have been utilised by many agencies within the valley. Paul thinks he will continue to volunteer for as long as he can walk! He has found great satisfaction in volunteering. Mainly, though, it is the friendships he has developed that have led to his sense of inclusivity in the community. The social connection Paul has enjoyed keeps 'the brain pondering!'

Studio 3 Visitors



Lizzie and Ben hitting the dance floor.



Community Radio and Australian Music

The Community Radio and **Australian Music: Building the Music-Media Ecosystem** final report was released in May 2026. The project team were from Monash and Griffith Universities. The report can be downloaded from the link below. The research highlights the powerful role community radio plays in supporting Australian music, artists and local music communities. The report found community radio music stations contribute more than \$153 million annually to the Australian music industries, while helping audiences discover diverse Australian music and emerging talent across the country.

Community radio by the numbers

Community broadcasting is one of Australia's most important platforms for Australian music and diverse voices.

- More than 5.39 million Australians listen to community radio every week.
- Community broadcasting includes more than 500 AM/FM/DAB+ services across Australia.
- Community radio stations broadcast more than 390,000 hours of Australian music annually.



The home of Australian music for community radio

Australian artists can upload their music, share promotional information and get in touch with music contacts in community radio - all for free - at amrap.org.au.

Broadcasters can then access amrap.org.au to preview and download that music with all the information they need to continue their vital work in supporting Australia's music industry - also for free!

[Visit amrap.org.au](https://amrap.org.au)

- Community radio music stations contribute more than \$153 million annually to the Australian music industries.
- High-intensity music stations alone contribute more than \$105 million each year through airplay, artist interviews, live events, training and music promotion.
- Community radio contributes almost \$39 million annually in Australian music airplay value for artists, musicians and venues.
- 62% of listeners say they listen to community radio to hear Australian music.
- Community broadcasting is powered by approximately 18,100 volunteers.
- The sector is 100% community controlled and not-for-profit.
- Roadmap 2033 identifies amplifying Australian music and creative industries as a core strategic priority for the sector's future.

<https://www.cbaa.org.au/community-broadcasting/research-publications-redirect/community-radio-australian-music>

Volunteer Profile: Donna Collins & Alan Collins

Donna is a very active volunteer member of the 2NVR team. After moving to Macksville from Penrith in 2011, Donna and her husband Alan noticed an advertisement for presenters. After speaking with Rob Turnell and meeting on a Monday morning, Donna hit the airwaves that afternoon in a Learner Driver slot! The move into Community Radio was a big jump for both Alan and Donna. Previously, Alan had been a clothing cutter in Surry Hills, and Donna had worked for 20 years with the Bank of NSW, which later became Westpac. Donna also had 10 years experience with Adept Air Conditioning at Silverwater and 7 years at Boval Engineering at Penrith. What a great background for Donna, which included experience as a Project Officer organizing the first installations of ATM's.

Donna has contributed in many roles at Nambucca Valley Radio including committee President. As presenter on The Baby Boomers program on Mondays at 11am– 1pm, which has a strong following. Donna and Alan play the songs that they grew up with from 1955 to the 1970's. Alan is the production man for the show and Donna is the presenter. Donna regularly produces interviews and has had the opportunity to talk with some of the stars of the Rock and Roll Era including John English.

Donna is the organizer behind the many successful Outside Broadcasts produced by 2NVR, including the VW Spectacular (sadly now gone), Macksville Show, Back to Bowra, The Rusty Iron Rally, River Field Day and others.

On Sundays, Donna has another program 'That's a Wrap' in Summer, Sundays 2-4pm & during Winter 11am-5pm where Donna can be found out and about at weekends at the football fields for the Group 2 Rugby League. Donna has also received many awards for her volunteer service at 2NVR and in the community including CBAA Troy Garner Excellence in Sports Programming 2022.

Rob Turnell, Donna and Alan Collins

