



**Kalamunda Community Radio (Inc.)**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2025-2026**

KCR 102.5 FM acknowledges its programs are broadcast from  
Whadjuck Noongar Country with studios in Gooseberry Hill  
The Members of KCR convey their respect to Elders past, present and emerging

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**ABN:** 82 420 569 327

**Trading Name:** 6KCR-FM

**KCR is a Registered Charity**

## Introduction

This Report covers the period from April 2025 to March 2026. This past year has been the most difficult in KCR's almost 30 years of broadcasting to the Perth Hills and Foothills.

The Station has had to deal with two major changes simultaneously – finding a solution to a new transmission tower, and making the frequency change from 102.5FM to 88.9FM.

Meanwhile we have continued to broadcast a wide range of programs with Presenters on air up to seventeen hours on some days, live and recorded interviews covering music, the arts and topics of local interest and current affairs. A range of podcasts were recorded and made available on our website. Our online presence continues to grow.

All of this is described later in this Report.

## A New Transmission Tower for KCR

Until June 2025, the Station continued to broadcast from the boom lift that we were using as an emergency tower that was described in last year's Annual Report. At that point both the funding for this and permission from the City of Kalamunda to use the site ran out. We were then left with nowhere to transmit from and were only able to stream on the internet via our website and various streaming apps for phones and tablets. The City of Kalamunda also required KCR to vacate the old building beside our tower and all the equipment, vinyl records and CDs stored there need to be moved to the storerooms at the Gooseberry Hill Studios at very short notice.

Fortunately, after just over three months off air John Morecombe, a consultant who has assisted KCR with technical advice for many years, was able to secure us access to a currently unused antenna on the TX Australia (TXA) tower in Bickley. This is one of two adjacent towers at that location the other owned by Broadcast Australia (BAI) and used by the ABC. The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), who regulate all radio frequency usage in Australia, gave KCR permission to use this antenna even though it was above the height of 40 metres we are permitted to use, but only at 100 watts. Using our existing backup transmitter, we were able to get back on air on 3 October 2025. Coverage from that site proved adequate.



A Quick Response Grant for \$44,236 was generously provided by the Community Broadcasting Federation (CBF) to install an antenna on a lighting tower on the Kostera Oval owned by the City of Kalamunda. Permission was granted by the State Minister for Lands in October for a change of use for a small block of land surrounding the tower and a lease signed with the City of Kalamunda.

An air-conditioned equipment cabinet was purchased from KCR funds along with other equipment from the CBF Grant and fitout of this was carried out at the Studios before it was moved to the foot of the tower in March 2026.

Considerable negotiations to clarify a range of issues with the City of Kalamunda and with installation contractors took place for a considerable time before a Building Permit to begin work was issued in early February 2026. At the time of writing, the equipment cabinet is in place, and all preliminary work has taken place for the installation of the antenna on the lighting tower. It is expected that KCR will be broadcasting from its new Tower during April.

None of this would have been possible without hundreds of hours of work by KCR's volunteer technical team, Lindsay Morris, Harry Nijssen and Kerry Gubb, and the Station is most grateful to them for their skills and perseverance without which KCR might have closed down.

## **Moving to 88.9 FM Broadcast Frequency**

As discussed in the past three year's Annual Reports, the reorganisation by the ACMA of the FM broadcast spectrum in the Perth area to accommodate the ABC's transition from AM to FM broadcast has required KCR to change frequency from 102.5FM to 88.9FM. The ACMA finally published their Proposal in August 2025 with an eventually extended deadline which meant that this came into effect in late October 2025.

KCR had extensive negotiations concerning this with the ABC's technical and administrative staff which led to a smooth changeover for both parties. We grateful to them for this.

KCR was entitled to up to eight weeks of simulcast broadcasting on both frequencies to inform our listeners of the change. However, to accommodate the ABC, it was decided that four weeks would be adequate. A problem arose that the antenna we were using on the TXA tower was unsuitable for transmission at 88.9FM. With the help of the ABC, we were able to obtain access to an antenna on the BAI tower. The ACMA allowed us to use this antenna but, as it was even higher than that on the TXA tower, only at 50 watts output.

On Monday 29 December 2025 KCR began broadcast transmissions on 88.9FM after over 25 years on 102.5FM. Coverage is barely adequate or non-existent in some parts of our Licence Area, although conversely quite strong in some areas outside. It is, however, better than being off air. The Kostera Oval tower is expected to markedly improve our coverage.

KCR continued to broadcast from the TXA tower on 102.5FM with a looped message informing listeners of the frequency change. This simulcast ended on 27 January 2026 when the ABC formally took over the frequency.

The ABC began simulcast broadcasts on 102.5FM of the ABC720 programs then on the AM waveband with a grand launch on 23 February 2026. In the run up to this, a series of information slots were broadcast on the ABC TV News during the preceding week, and the Chairperson was interviewed about the role of Community Radio in one of these. The ABC's simulcast is scheduled to end on 6 April 2026 when their AM transmissions will cease.

The ABC has provided KCR with new KCR88.9FM-branded promotional material and signage. An updated information brochure is being prepared. The move to 88.9FM necessitated changes to most of KCR's on-air Messages and the opportunity was taken to refresh many of these. Thanks are due to Justin Stevens for doing this.

## **KCR's Presence in the Digital World**

Podcasts were made available on the KCR website reflecting interviews on Julie Evans' *Noonday Carousel* and Kerry Gubb's *Sunrise* programs, covering:

- A View from the Left Bank
- High Noon Movie Reviews
- Theatre Reviews and The Arts
- Local Politics
- General Interest including updates on Kanyana and an interview with Duncan McInnes, a Dunkirk Vet
- Wines

The KCR website continues to be updated regularly by our Webmaster, Kerry Gubb. Podcasts are now increasingly popular. Our presence on Facebook is growing steadily thanks to continuous updating by Justin Stevens. KCR now has just over 650 net followers, an annual increase of 25%. About three-quarters of these are aged over 45 with a roughly equal distribution between men and women.

## **Membership and Volunteers**

With the major upheaval resulting mainly from the transmission tower problems but also the change in frequency, KCR has not been able to have a membership drive as had been hoped. It is intended that this will now take place in late 2026. KCR currently has 62 members including 29 Presenters and 10 volunteers.

At a conservative estimate, our Presenters and other volunteers contributed at least 10,000 hours to the Station during the past year. Using recognised figures, this represents well over \$350,000 worth of labour.

## **Programming**

Our new Studios (now over two years old) continue to get fully utilised. KCR broadcasts programs with live presenters from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm on weekdays. On Saturdays it's 6.00 am to 10.00 pm, and Sundays 6.00 am to 9.00 pm. Live broadcasts are considerably more than half our broadcast output which few community radio stations of our size around Australia achieve.

During the past year some Presenters have left us and new ones joined but our programs still cover a full range of music genres. In addition, there are programs with live interviews of relevance to our broadcast area.

The modern computer system installed at the Studios enables Presenters who are unable to be in the Studios to prerecord their programs live at home and load them to our server for broadcast at the appropriate time. This facility has increased during the past year with more presenters using it.

We have been able to access several recorded programs from other stations both in Australia and overseas. In particular, from eTown, a non-profit multimedia and event production broadcast organization based in Boulder, Colorado, and a one-hour classical music program broadcast on a Sunday evening, along with a Sixties music program broadcast on Mondays to Saturdays from 6.00 am to 7.00 am, both provided to us courtesy of Radio Northern Beaches in NSW.

Community Service Announcements (CSAs) covering a wide range of community matters were produced as items to be read by Presenters and as audio files. More than 50 CSAs for reading were prepared for the period of review with approximately 26 audio files produced in-house or supplied by the relevant organisation. Audio CSAs were broadcast regularly to publicise amongst others, Guide Dogs WA, DFES (Bushfire Awareness), Epilepsy WA, Bulk Billed Urgent Care Clinics, GREAT Sort (3 bin recycling), Shingles Awareness, S.L.O.W. Symptoms (Heart Valve Disease), and the Adults Reading/Writing Hotline. Thanks go to Dave Hodson and Peter Baillie for sourcing and producing these.

Currently being implemented is the use of tablets in each Studio to enable Presenters to read short-term CSAs without the need for cumbersome paper copies. This will ensure that new CSAs are entered into the system in a timely manner and old expired ones removed.

We are grateful to one of our volunteers, Kathryn Kinang, who has been cataloguing all the Station's almost one thousand CDs so that all Presenters can make use of these.

## **Outside Broadcasts and Other Interactions with the Community**

As in past years, KCR has continued to interact throughout the year with the local community by means of Outside Broadcasts (OBs) and direct promotion of the Station. KCR's new Studios make the switch over to and from outside venues much easier.

The following OBs took place between April 2025 and March 2026:

- Kalamunda Show 2025 on 12 April 2025
- Dovidia "Ageing in Kalamunda Expo" on 15 April 2025
- Live Broadcast from the Kalamunda War Memorial on ANZAC Day – 25th April 2026
- Live Broadcast from the Kalamunda History Village on 6th April 2025, celebrating the Kostera Family's Centenary of service to the community through Automotive Servicing, Tyre Supplies, Bus and Taxi Services. Kostera is a Station Sponsor.

Kalamunda Carols in the Park on Sunday 7 December was to be recorded for re-broadcast on Christmas Day, but a violent electrical storm caused the Event to be cancelled at the very last moment, the first cancellation in its history.

KCR was a finalist in the "Outstanding Not-for-Profit" category in the 2025 Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce Awards. These Annual awards celebrate the exceptional achievements of local businesses, individuals and not-for-profit organisations that exemplify innovation, leadership, and community spirit. Nominated entities must make formal written submission to the judges, who assess said entity against the 11 criteria set in their category. Of the 16 categories, 6KCRFM was nominated for the first time ever for Best Not-For-Profit, making the short list of 5 for eligibility on the night. Thanks to all who put the station forward as a candidate.

The Chairperson attended the Mayor of Kalamunda's Community Leader's Dinner to represent the Station. He took part in a video presentation showcasing volunteer organisation within the City of Kalamunda

One of our Presenters, Dave Hodson, attended monthly meetings of the City of Kalamunda's Community Groups Organisation including giving a presentation at KCR on the history of the Station to the Group. He also gave this talk to several different Not-for-Profit organisations.

## **Sponsorship and Grants**

As with all small community radio stations, sponsorship continues to form a major part of KCR's income. A list of those who have supported us during the year is given at the end of this report and we thank them for their continued support.

KCR is always looking for new sponsors, and we encourage all members of KCR to help us to find more support in this area.

KCR is very grateful to the Community Broadcasting Foundation for their two Quick Response Grants to keep the Station on air when the tower was demolished.

We received a \$1,000 donation from the Kalamunda Branch of the CWA, and a \$500 donation from St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Kalamunda.

## Technical

Work to convert the old studio into a Training and Production Studio is temporarily on hold with all technical effort being put into the replacement tower.

## Interviews and Reviews in 2025/26

Once a month on his Friday evening program – *Hodson Sods* – Dave Hodson asked guests to choose the music. Included amongst these was Trish Cook, Federal Member for Bullwinkel, pictured right during the program.



Amanda Pattison from the Kanyana Wildlife Preservation Rehabilitation Centre in Lesmurdie has been reporting on their activities in a twice-monthly early morning segment with Kerry Gubb.

Julie Evans has continued her weekly interviews covering a diverse range of topics relevant to local broadcast area, including a weekly live (and lively) discussion with Dr Colin Huges from Gooseberry Hill entitled *A View from the West Bank* on the impact of environmental issues.

Other interviewees of note included:



Darren Reynolds (left) who is the Head of Engagement WA for Every Daughter Matters This is an Australian not-for-profit organisation dedicated to preventing the trafficking of Nepalese women and girls. He is building awareness of this important organisation.

The Poet Dr Deanne Leber was interviewed in February 2026 after the publication of her chat book: *How to Throw Stones*. She is seen here with her mentor Peter Jeffrey, a former contributor to Noonday Carousel.



Paul Postama (left) spoke on the important role of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), particularly in the high bushfire risk area that KCR covers.

Many of these interviews have been turned into Podcasts on our website as described earlier.

Local Actor Irene Rowe continued her weekly story telling segment throughout the year.

## **2025-2026 Committee of Management (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026)**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Roger Jennings
<b>Vice-Chairperson/Production</b>	Justin Stevens
<b>Secretary</b>	Julie Evans
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graham Nicol
<b>Sales</b>	Terry Duke
<b>Technical Manager Audio</b>	Lindsay Morris
<b>Technical Manager Electrical</b>	Harry Nijssen
<b>Webmaster/Training</b>	Kerry Gubb

I would like to thank all those who have been members of the Committee for the dedicated work they have put in throughout this very difficult year to keep the Station running, and for helping KCR to continue to be an important contributor to the lives of the residents in our Licence Area which covers the Cities of Kalamunda, Belmont, Bayswater, the Town of Bassendean, and Midland in the City of Swan. I particularly thank Julie Evans and Lindsay Morris who are retiring at the 2026 AGM.

I also thank all the Presenters, Volunteers, and others for their valuable contributions.

Even though KCR was taken off air for several months and endured the disruption of the frequency change to 88.9FM, I'm confident that the Station will survive all the changes and emerge stronger.

**Roger Jennings (Chairperson, KCR Committee of Management) – April 2026**

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**KCR wishes to acknowledge the support it has received from the following organisations**



Department of  
Local Government, Sport  
and Cultural Industries



**RSLWA**



KCR's Sponsors During the Period of this Report



**Detailed Profit  
and Loss Statement**

**Kalamunda Community Radio Inc  
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**Year ended  
31 December 2025**

	2025	2024	2023
		\$	\$
<b>Income</b>			
Grant funds	48,660	23,791	1,000
Sponsorship Income	15,040	13,151	15,846
Membership Subscriptions (2023 includes access fees)	3,370	4,800	9,059
Fundraising Income			-
Donations	2,900	1,240	9,411
Access Fees			
Interest Received	7		
Sundry Income	362	625	335
Hillstock Music	855	4,354	
Net GST recouped/expended	(1,980)	411	1,057
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>69,213</b>	<b>48,371</b>	<b>36,708</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Accounting			-
Bank Charges			-
Commission - sponsor messages	3,337	3,974	3,548
Depreciation			
Electricity	300		-
Fundraising expenditure			-
Small equipment purchases	9,459	2,900	-
Computer, phone & Internet	3,048	2,830	1,956
Hire Plant & Equipment	29,154	25,813	-
Insurance	2,838	2,098	3,736
Licence Fees	2,344	4,065	5,791
Office repairs & maintenance			-
Other operating expenses			6,697
Postage & Stationery/ telephones	1,353	2,421	1,301
Repairs & Maintenance			-
Production - sponsor messages, Airnews	3,450	3,475	
Sundry Expenses			797
Survey expenses			
Hillstock Music		3,363	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>55,283</b>	<b>50,939</b>	<b>23,826</b>
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) from activities</b>	<b>13,930</b>	<b>(2,568)</b>	<b>12,882</b>
Asset revaluation		2,000	
<b>Surplus after valuation</b>	<b>13,930</b>	<b>(568)</b>	<b>12,882</b>

	Note	2025	2024	2023
			\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash assets	2	43,506	29,575	12,220
Sundry Debtors			-	
Current tax assets	3	399	400	322
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>43,905</b>	<b>29,975</b>	<b>12,542</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>				
Property, Plant & Equipment at cost and valuation	4	156,610	156,610	154,610
<b>Total Non-current assets</b>		<b>156,610</b>	<b>156,610</b>	<b>154,610</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>200,515</b>	<b>186,585</b>	<b>167,152</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Grants		34,884	20,000	-
Current Tax Liabilities				-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>34,884</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>34,884</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>165,631</b>	<b>166,585</b>	<b>167,152</b>
<b>Owners' Equity</b>				
Opening Balance		166,585	167,152	75,018
Valuation reserve adjustment		(14,884)	2,000	79,252
Net surplus/(deficit) from activities		13,930	(2,568)	12,882
<b>Owners' Equity</b>		<b>165,631</b>	<b>166,585</b>	<b>167,152</b>

	2025	2024	2023
<b>Note 2: Cash assets</b>			
Bank accounts:			
Bendigo Club Cheque a/c 7147	2,999	8,630	11,743
Bendigo CSB Grant a/c 9988	40,507	20,583	117
Bendigo Building Fund a/c 6162		363	360
	43,506	29,575	12,220
<b>Note 3: Tax assets/(Liability)</b>			
BAS	399	400	322
	<b>399</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>Note 4: Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>			
Studio & broadcast equipment			
- at valuation 31 December 2023	77,480	77,480	77,480
- at cost	15,860	15,860	15,860
- less accumulated depreciation			
	93,340	93,340	93,340
Office equipment			
- at valuation 31 December 2023	12,000	12,000	12,000
- at cost	2,000	2,000	
- less accumulated depreciation			
	14,000	14,000	12,000
Computer equipment			
- at valuation 31 December 2023	7,818	7,818	7,818
- at cost	6,697	6,697	6,697
- less accumulated depreciation			
	14,515	14,515	14,515
Transmission equipment			
- at valuation 31 December 2023	34,755	34,755	34,755
- at cost			
- less accumulated depreciation			
	34,755	34,755	34,755
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment*</b>	<b>156,610</b>	<b>156,610</b>	<b>154,610</b>

\* see appended list of equipment dated 21/12/23

**Note 5: Other Liabilities**

Grants not yet expended			-
Community Broadcasting Association (Boom hire)		20,000	
Community Broadcasting Association (Tower)	33,884		
City of Kalamunda (Security cameras)	1,000		