



Presenter Newsletter



Hello presenters of 88.5FM,

Hope you're all doing well.

Here is your fortnightly presenters' newsletter.

WISHES COME TRUE



Our second annual fundraising campaign for **Make-A-Wish Australia** has wrapped up — and what an incredible success it was.

Our goal this year was to raise even more awareness, funds, and hope for children in need. Thanks to the support of our community, local businesses, committee members, and of course our wonderful presenters, **our wishes truly came true.**

We are proud to announce that we raised a total of **\$7,702** for Make-A-Wish Australia.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed — whether through donations, volunteering, or being part of our 30-hour marathon. Your time, energy, and generosity made this possible.

Planning has already begun for an even bigger MAWA event next year.

SNAG SIZZLE



Our monthly sausage sizzle at **Bunnings Ellenbrook** last Saturday was another fantastic day for our members and presenters.

We sold plenty of hot dogs (with and without onions!) and a good number of drinks to keep everyone refreshed.



A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. These days are only successful because of your help.

A special thank you to one of our major sponsors — **IGA Ellenbrook** and **Schweppes** — for once again supplying our bread rolls, sausages and drinks.

Despite another hiccup with the BBQ, we got sizzling again and powered through. A big thank you to Skye, the new Manager of Ellenbrook Bunnings store who stepped in and help save the day!

Our surplus for the day was **\$2,428**.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



A very Happy Birthday to **Ben Heptinstall**, celebrating on **Wednesday 5 August**.

Ben is one of the co-hosts of *Community Matters* on Wednesdays and is the owner of four IGA stores — Ellenbrook, Stratton, Maddington, and Gosnells. As we know, IGA is a proud major sponsor of our station.

Ben, from all of us at 88.5FM, we wish you a wonderful birthday.

Six days later, on **Tuesday 11 August**, we celebrate **Will Marwick**.

Will co-hosts *Western Oz* on Monday evenings from 8pm and also presents a modern music show from 7pm.

Will, a big Happy Birthday to you from the entire 88.5FM family.

SPONSORSHIP RENEWAL

We are thrilled to announce that for the **fourth consecutive year**, **Bendigo Bank Bullsbrook - Ellenbrook and Bindoon** have renewed their major sponsorship of 88.5FM.

A huge thank you to the Bendigo Bank team for your continued support of our local community radio station.

Stay tuned — we have a major in-kind sponsorship deal for studio equipment being finalised this week. Two companies are currently in the race!



KIND DONATIONS



A very kind gesture was made last week by our own **Freddy Austin**, who purchased and donated microphone cubes and giveaway items including key rings, badges, and stickers.

Freddy, thank you for your generosity. Freddy is part of our events and social media team and is a valued presenter and co-host of *Community Matters* on Wednesdays from 12–2pm.

IN TRAINING

We currently have four new presenters in training:

- **Bridget and Mikayla** — Friday afternoons, getting close to their start date (Fridays 1–3pm).
- **Michael Stokes** — three lessons in; once completed, he will present *BBQ Hits* on Saturdays 12–3pm.
- **Matt McDermott** — who begins training with Michael on Tuesdays at 3pm; once completed, he will host *Jukebox Hits* on Tuesdays 2–4pm.

Here are some words from Mikayla:



Hi everyone, I'm Mikayla! I co-host with Bridget on Friday afternoons under our new show name 'The Nowhere Girls' (picked due to our common passion for The Beatles!). Although my qualifications are in film studies - music has always informed the way I operate film sets and write screenplays. I work for my older brother in the construction industry; however, I occasionally work on local film sets - usually in a scheduling capacity. I grew up with a family of music-lovers, but the most prominent influence being my dad! My dad introduced me to all of the greats and set me up for a life of always searching for more great music from all different genres, decades and countries. Some of my personal favourites, I would say... The Beatles (especially John and George!), Arctic Monkeys (including The Last Shadow Puppets), Paul Weller, Pink Floyd, Oasis, Nina Simone, Joe Cocker, Jeff Buckley, Donny Hathaway... I could go on for days ha-ha! I really look forward to completing my training and playing you some great tunes with my best mate Bridget!

Here are some words from Matt:

I am looking forward to being a part of the team and utilising over 30 years of Radio knowledge to continue to deliver the best service possible for the Community



At our committee meeting tomorrow evening, we will meet **three new potential presenters**. If accepted, they will bring exciting improvements to our evening lineup.

This week we will also interview **two additional potential presenters** — more details will be shared in the next newsletter.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – NEXT EVENT

Our next snag sizzle is on **Saturday 22 August** at Bunnings Ellenbrook.

Thank you to everyone who has put their names down for a shift. Looking forward to seeing you there.

FROM DAWN TO DUSK – SPECIAL EVENT

We recently connected with **No Limits Perth**, an organisation run entirely by volunteers who provide food, white goods, and essential services to families experiencing financial hardship or domestic violence.

They also support **75 other organisations** who struggle to meet community needs.



When asked how we could help, their answer was simple: **“Please spread the word.”**

So, on **Saturday 22 August**, from **6am to 6pm**, we will host a special broadcast live from the 88.5FM studios.

Throughout the day we will run a variety of music programs and interview members of No Limits Perth.

A roster will be sent out to presenters to help promote this important event.

Let's help raise awareness and let people know support is available.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE



Wednesday, **26 August**, at The Valley Social — enjoy the best local bands and artists.

DJ Woz (Will Marwick) will be spinning hits and MCing the evening.

Last month was a huge success, and this one, promises to be just as big.

FEATURING:
> **MAYA IXCHELL** (Indie Pop-Folk)
> **DAMIEN BINDER** (Alternative Rock)
> **BAND OF MISFITS** (Melodic Rock)
Scroll down for more info

**Celebrating, Supporting & Promoting
West Australian Original Music**

VENUE: Valley Social, 8731 West Swan Road, Swan Valley

**WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST
2026 @ 7.30pm**

🕒 Doors open: 7pm 🎵 Show starts: 7:30pm 🎫 Tickets available at the door

Sunday 2 August 2026

AWARD CELEBRATIONS



A huge congratulations to **Ben Heptinstall**, co-host of *Community Matters* on Wednesdays from 12–2pm, who has been voted the **People's Choice Award** winner at the recent Swan Chamber of Commerce & City of Swan Business Awards annual evening.

Ben, this recognition is a testament to your dedication, community spirit, and the genuine connection you bring to the airwaves each week. Well done from all of us at 88.5FM.

We also extend our congratulations to our proud station sponsor, **IGA Ellenbrook**, for being named the **Retail Experience Award** winner at the same event. This achievement reflects the outstanding service, commitment, and care they consistently show to the local community.

Ben and IGA Ellenbrook — we're incredibly proud of you both.

Always remember — I'm only a phone call away if you need help, support, or even just a hello.

Looking forward to hearing your weekly programs as always.

Have a safe week ahead.

Keep Rocking!!