



## Newsletter for Friends of The Most #1 June 2015

Taranaki's Alternative Music Station 100.4/88.3 The Most FM

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### Welcome to Wireless

Welcome to the first edition of Wireless - the newsletter for Friends of The Most. Friendship is now free! However, it is a constant battle to keep an independent radio station on air. Please continue to support The Most FM financially by donating through the Give a Little link at the bottom of this newsletter.

We at Wireless will bring you a monthly feast of all the news here at The Most FM. We'll have show features, profiles of hosts and sponsors, new music news, gig information and more.

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**Graham Brazier at The Most FM**



*Hello Sailor! Graham Brazier interviewed in The Most Fm studio on Saturday 16 May.*

Graham Brazier dropped by The Most Fm studios when he was in town for successful gigs in Urenui and Waitara. Host Hilary Bennett interviewed Graham who was an interesting and charming guest. He talked about his career, poetry and he performed some songs in the studio. Listeners reported that they sounded just great on air. Tears welled up when Graham shared the pain of losing his bandmate and friend Dave McArtney. Coincidentally, Hello Sailor's self-titled debut vinyl album was featured on The Long Play Show the week after. It sounded as fresh as ever.

## **The Business Hour Turns Five**



*Hosts Hilary Bennett and Richard Shearer back in the day*

The Business Hour has just celebrated its fifth birthday. Hosted by Hilary Bennett and Ritchie Shearer, the midweek morning show has featured a parade of guests from Taranaki and beyond.

The show, which first aired on June 2, 2010, was originally sponsored by Razz Print, but is

now proudly supported by chartered accountancy firm Busing Russell.

In the early days, Taranaki Daily News journalist Rob Maetzig used to do the Biz Bites for a couple of years and the first guests were Kate Macfarlane, Shona Glentworth and Mette Kirchener, who discussed the business of retail.

The constant themes of The Business Hour have been keeping up with technology and the importance of innovation, communication and entrepreneurship.

Tune in to hear Hilary and Ritchie, with a weekly guest, at 10am every Wednesday.

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## Braving New Frontiers

Graham Donlon doesn't have any boundaries – musically that is. Back in 2001, he was originally asked to do a jazz and blues show, with the station manager saying he wanted someone who was not afraid to talk. "I said 'I might be your man'."

After a couple of sessions Graham was bleeding into other genres and by show 9, he had created Music Without Frontiers, a three-hour show that runs from 10am to 1pm each Sunday.

In May this year he completed his 700th show, one filled with music from all over the world and every genre imaginable. "I can go anywhere... whatever comes into my mad little mind in a week I can come in on a Sunday and humour it. I just like having the ability to flit around and do what I like."

Sometimes he questions whether he should be spending half his Sundays hosting the show, but listeners sooth his doubts. He meets people in the street, some who recognise him solely by his distinctive voice, and gets told things like: "We love your radio show - me and my wife listen every week."

Those who tune in could be hearing jazz, singer-songwriters, gospel, African beats – the list goes on. "I'm always discovering something new," Graham says. In one of his latest shows he played a version of John Coltrane's "Love Supreme" by Finnish group Superfjord. "Sometimes I discover whole new genres I have never heard about."

Hosting the show has also led to him presenting at Womad.

Music without Frontiers 10-1pm every Sunday

*Graham Donlon (L) and Gordon Weta Gower (R)*



## No Flies on 'Weta'

There's only one insect allowed in Gordon Gower's place – a "Weta". That's the nickname of the man who owns Ecomist, a business dedicated to deterring insects.

You'll hear Gordon's ad on The Most, a station dear to his heart. He is one of the four hosts behind the mic for the Bell St Blues Show, which plays for two hours every Sunday.

"I've had a lot more customers since I have been on the The Most," he says. "People come in here and say 'I heard your ad on The Most; flies and insects are tracking through the house for free'."

Ecomist is an insect control with natural pyrethrums and odor-neutralising organic smells. This spray is a useful deterrent against any insects, especially flies and ants. "With the odour-neutralising, we do a lot of washroom work and we have a range of French fragrances."

And for the record, Gordon had the "Weta" nickname well before owning Ecomist. It comes from his running days when "I was skinny and brown".

Bell Street Blues Show, Sundays 1-3pm

## We Love New Music



*Florence Welch*

Welcome to the Wireless, our brand new communication tool for The Most, says programme director and breakfast show host Jack Irving.

"Also, welcome to our new trustees Warwick Foy and Mark Dickie. These go-getting music lovers are a great representation of where the station is heading as it approaches its third decade," he says.

"Part of our mana, created by past programme directors Dave Haskell, Grant McDonald and Mike Dunn, is new music. It's inspiring to be play-listing so much great new Kiwi music

right now.”

Jack says to listen out for the punk pop of Openside, the smooth nu soul of Marino Mariner and the tough beats of LAB.

Then there’s spacey dream pop from the likes of Maala, Fazerdaze and Princess Chelsea. “Yes NZ music is in a very good place.”

From overseas, the new wave of UK rowdiness is delivered by Frazer, The Shy Lips and talented teenagers Soho Street Party.

“Elsewhere in the new tunes department, stalwarts like Florence Welch and Paul Weller have new tracks, while French newbie Petite Meller and DJ producer Jamie xx are currently spinning my wheels. Yours in music, Jack.”

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## Big Gigs for June

June is a mixed bag of great music starring singer-songwriters. This Saturday, June 6, Taranaki band The Nod is playing a reunion gig at the Mayfair. Performing at the Fourth Wall Theatre on June 14, are singer-songwriter Charlotte Yates, multi-instrumentalist Gil Eva Craig and puoro instrumentalist Rob Thorne.

On June 20, one of New Zealand’s greatest singer-songwriters, Don McGlashan, is at The Mayfair as part of his Lucky Stars album release tour.

June 26 is a big night for Singer Songwriters New Plymouth, who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a concert at the TSB Showplace. That same night, His Masters Voice, Slot Car, The Dirty Sweets and Blood Buffalo are playing at The Mayfair.



## From the Vault

Catfish Pete (Bell Street Blues Show)

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