



Newsletter for Friends of The Most #2 July 2015

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

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Dancing in the Aisles



Missie Moffat from Glassboat dances like Elvis while Anand Rose looks on during the finale of the singer songwriters' celebration. Photo: Dominika Zielinska

People couldn't sit still at a packed-to-the-gods celebration for Singer Songwriters New Plymouth's 10th Anniversary on June 26.

"I couldn't have asked for a better night – we had them dancing in the aisles," says organiser Anand Rose, one of the hosts of The Most's Taranaki Sounds show on Thursday nights.

He says 20 acts took to the TSB Showplace stage for a three-hour feast of local talent, which reflects the vibrant Taranaki music scene.

"The culminating point for us was at the end when we had 82 musicians on stage and all these people were in front dancing in unison to 'Johnny B Goode'.

"It was so inspirational it's hard to put into words. For one moment in time everyone's cares were cast aside. Everyone was equally happy and joyous."

Anand was also rapt at the turnout for the Friday night event. "Filling the room was one of those things we will always take with us. It was very special."

One Out of the Box



100% Retro! Greg opens Pandora's box every Wednesday evening from 8pm.

Greg Woods opened Pandora's Box in 1997 and has never closed it.

"I was in my 20s then and I have just kept coming back each week forever."

But instead of releasing evils into the world, he let's loose great music that's 100% retro.

"I want to play old music that's interesting with a few surprises," he says, explaining the name for his Wednesday night show came from a former station manager.

Like his show's playlist, Greg's love of music goes way back. "Even before I went to kindy I loved playing 45s on the record player at home."

With some reservation he reveals the first record he bought at age five: "It was Abba."

He bought the 45 of "I Do, I Do, I Do" for the B side, which was the beat-driven song "Rock Me". It's snuck out of Pandora's Box once or twice.

One of his favourite activities is hunting down new-old music, which he used to do with mates in Auckland on anniversary weekend when the City of Sails was full of second-hand record shops.

He tries hard to keep his show fresh, so finds unheard or seldom aired tracks of old bands or solo artists.

A show list may include music by the likes of Lou Reed, Peter Gabriel, David Bowie, The Pixies, The Smiths, The Cure and more.

And he gets feedback.

"One guy rang me up one night and said 'I can't stand that guy's voice'," he says, referring to Robert Smith, the lead singer of The Cure.

Greg also has his preferences. "I'm a huge Rolling Stones and The Beatles fan."

When anything unreleased comes to light from those bands, he puts it straight on air, but doesn't overplay his favourites.

While Pandora's Box is firmly focused on the past, Greg is also forward-looking. "I love new music – usually New Zealand music. I love Trinity Roots and Fat Freddy's Drop."

Pandora's Box airs from 8pm to 10pm every Wednesday and is supported by Greg's

workplace, Trident Electronics.



The Janko Computers Record Label Show



Neville Jans likes to listen to The Most when his employee is on.

Back in 1990, Neville Jans started playing around with computers at home – before the internet took hold of the world.

Now Janko Computers is celebrating 25 years of business.

The New Plymouth firm on the corner of Elliot and Devon St East is also a supporter of The Most FM. It sponsors The Record Label Show, which airs from 8pm each Monday night.

This show is mostly hosted by Gareth Evans, who works at Janko Computers.

“He’s giving his time as an interest and it’s good to align ourselves with that. It’s good for us too,” Neville says.

The firm’s main markets are home computers and small businesses, including service and support. “We are big on building our own computers to meet customers’ needs. We have probably 2600 of our desktop systems out there, but nowadays laptops and portable device sales make up around about 70% of the hardware sales.”

Janko Computers began at Oakura and moved to New Plymouth in 1996. It’s been at its corner location since 2000 “the year computers were going to destruct”, Neville laughs.

“That caused a lot of people to upgrade.”

The end of support for Windows XP last year caused the same trend, says Neville, who says he listens to The Most “especially when Gareth is on”.

The Record Label Show 8-9pm every Monday night

Fresh Supporters

An education organisation and two businesses have stepped forward to support The Most in new ways. Our neighbours will be supporting the WITT Fresh Tunes Show, Taranaki Hardcore is backing the surf report and Taranaki Ski Hire is sponsoring the snow report. Remember: "Support those who support us."



We Love New Music



Claptone

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

Sourcing and playing new music helps make The Most FM stand out. Listen for the indie sounds of "Drunk" by Husky, the latest rocky sounds from '80s punk icons Gang of Four, cutting-edge electronica from Claptone and electro-funk from The Winachi Tribe. You'll also hear "Once a Day", the new single from Michael Franti and Spearhead, plus "The Next Storm" from English folk-punk musician Frank Turner. On the home front, there's new music from Kiwi artists Yumi Zouma, Marlon Williams and Princess Chelsea.

Correction: Grant McDonald was not a Most FM programme director.



Hoping for Clear Skies

Kiwi star Don McGlashan is hoping for dry weather when he heads to New Plymouth on July 17. His planned gig at The Mayfair on June 20 was washed out, when he tried his best to get from Wellington to Taranaki but was foiled by flooding. People who have tickets for that earlier event can use them for the Friday night show, which is part of his Lucky Stars album tour. There are also tickets available.

Enter Twilight Zone

Jack Irving will be playing great beats at Decanter on Friday nights. The Most breakfast host and music programmer will be DJing at twilight session from 5pm to 9.30pm, so head along to support him.



photo: Radio New Zealand

Art After Dark

The Most is joining in celebrations for the Len Lye Centre opening on July 25 with Art After Dark at The Mayfair.

Breakfast host show Jack Irving is MC for the 8-until-late event, which will feature DJ sets interspersed with live sets from a new local act called Fashion Bug and world traveller MC Tali, who's just back from touring Europe. "She will be doing a set, probably around her new album," says Jack.

The event is \$10 a ticket and there will be canapés. "The atmosphere should be pretty damn fine considering we will have just opened our new gallery and Len Lye Centre. Everybody should be pretty pumped."

Your Womad Dreams

If you could choose two acts to come to Womad, who would you have? Of the two behind this newsletter one would choose SJD and TV on the Radio, while the other would opt for Frank Turner and Michael Franti and Spearhead. Please email us quickly because the organisers behind Womad want to know who's on your wishlist. Your dreams could come true!

Email friends@mostfm.com with your dream artist.

From the Vault

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Howard Reid (very clever - Ed)

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