



Newsletter for Friends of The Most #6 March 2016

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

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Eric Hathaway

Wireless WOMAD Special

Taranaki's WOMAD is back from 18-20 March at New Plymouth's beautiful Bowl of Brooklands. Please note: no gate sales this year. Get your tickets now from womad.co.nz

You're invited for breakfast

The Most FM WOMAD Breakfast

12 Bell St, NP, Friday March 18th
7:00am – 12 noon

Womad comes to The Most for breakfast on March 18 - and you're invited too. Artists from the three-day festival plus our friends (that's you), come along for a free BBQ breakfast at 12 Bell St. There will also be free Ozone Coffee, made by one of their baristas. The musicians mingle with Most listeners, supporters and volunteers, plus the artists have a chat on the radio. "It's Womad up close and personal," says

breakfast show host Jack Irving. "You get to meet Womad artists one on one and also meet the Mosties." Rock up to The Most from 7am to 10am on the Friday morning of Womad.

The Most on stage at Womad

Volunteer hosts from 100.4 The Most FM will be announcers at Womad on March 18 to 20. The crew of six will be spread between the Dell and Te Paepae stages. Those who will be introducing acts are Hilary Bennett, Graham Donlon, Tane Manu, Warwick Foy, Andy Bassett and Warren Smart. Those involved find it a privilege to be an MC, as it allows them to honour many of the great artists who perform at Womad.



Kiwiana show host Warren Smart announcing an act at WOMAD



Morning pick-me-up from Ozone

Ozone Coffee fuels The Most.

For about the past six years, Ozone Coffee Roasters (OCR) have supported the breakfast show from Monday to Saturday.

"I think it's really good to support a community radio station," says OCR chief executive Karla Gichard. "The station is quite edgy as well and listeners are certainly people who appreciate good coffee and are looking for something different."

It's a collaboration that fits the Ozone brand and DNA, says director of coffee Paul Newbold.

The radio station is collaborative and a big part of Ozone's business is the same, especially in regards to the green bean coffee producers. "And towards our clients and any product in a cup."

The Ozone Bean Store on King St is a hub of activity - friends meet for coffee, others for business meetings while some people bring laptops for work.

Ozone will provide a barista for the Womad breakfast at The Most on Friday 17th and will have a stall on the Shell Gables stage lawn for the entire weekend of the festival.

Ozone, which has provided coffee for the people since 1998, has had a stand at every Womad held in New Plymouth.

"I did coffee by myself with a two-group machine," Paul laughs about the first year. One day he made coffees from 10am to 9pm.

These days it's a slick operation with two shifts each day and four people on the stand at any one time. "Even though it looks really busy we can get the coffees out really really fast," Karla says. "People keep coming back to our stand for really good quality coffees."



Karla Richard and Paul Newbold

Put your adult nappies away

It's farewell from the Comedy Hour. Rowan Oldfield and Ross Bennett played the jokers for the last time on Wednesday March 2. Rowan is off to Australia to live, and The Mosties and listeners of the Peggy Gordon's Basement Bar Comedy Hour wish him all the best. That means the 7pm to 8pm slot on Wednesdays is now free for a new show. If you have any fresh ideas contact mostfm@mostfm.com



Ross turning the place upside down as usual

All about Andy

Andy Bassett has 113 different intros for his radio show What's It All About Andy? The host of the eclectic and eccentric Sunday show collects sound bites of the phrase: "What's it all about?"

He's found them everywhere, especially on TV shows and in movies.

His favourite find was while watching the 1955 British movie *The Dam Busters*. "Half a dozen times they said 'what's it all about?' They were plummy English actors so I had to use that."

For his 113th intro he used the voice of the late Alan Rickman to introduce his show titled *All the Old Dudes*, featuring many of the musicians who have died lately. Every Sunday at 5pm, Andy picks the most suitable intro to match the theme of that day's show.

For the past six years he has explored a different subject each week using music. His first show was the weekend Fleetwood Mac played concerts at the TSB Bowl of Brooklands.

"I gave an open invitation for Stevie (Nicks) and Lindsey (Buckingham) to come along and sign my album *Buckingham Nicks*. I even offered them chocolate biscuits." They didn't come.

The Most trustee and proactive ad and trailer maker creates his shows on a whim. "It can be anything. Sometimes a theme will pop into my head out of the blue and I can get half a dozen songs in just five minutes," Andy says. "Sometimes I have a

playlist sitting there for two years before I have enough. Other times I might be working on a couple of playlists and then something else will pop up and everything else will get put back because that's the one I'm excited about."

His two favourite shows have been about artists who changed their names (Iggy Pop was James Osterberg) and another about "and the horse you rode in on", featuring songs from albums that have a horse on their covers.

Andy's life is steeped in music. He plays guitar and bass, is a singer songwriter, has put out six solo albums, one EP and performs with various bands. He also wrote *Cappuccino Tango*, which won Tropfest in 2013.

During the week he does planning work for the energy sector and on Sundays, with a carefully worked-out list in hand he heads to The Most.

"I just love it. It's like being a kid in a candy store."



Andy Basset

Grab yourself a Most FM T Shirt

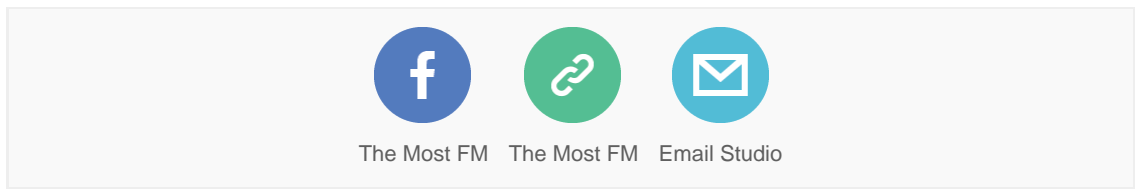
Get yourself a Most FM top. T-shirts (\$30) and singlets (\$25) come in both male and female styles. Pop up to see Jack at 12 Bell St any week day before 10am or look out for these at gigs supported by The Most.



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