



Aukuso AISA...Member since 1999

Presenter – Samoan Program

Born in Samoa, Aukuso moved to New Zealand for 17 years before moving to this beautiful, tropical paradise of Cairns in 1999. Aukuso married Amelia in NZ in 1990 and they have 5 children: twin girls Mary Jane, Lusila, Mike, Siaana, and Justin. Aukuso is an Elder at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Cairns. Aukuso is a past President of the Samoan Community Association.

Aukuso has been an extra as a Police Officer on the WIN TV series “Sea Patrol”.



Maria Cristina Mimil ALVERO Y EXCONDE...Member since

Presenter – Classical

Born in San Pablo City, Philippines, Mim studied Business & Commerce at St. Scholastica German College. In 1969 Mim worked for the South Australian State Government in Water Supply, Transport, Engineering and Education, and worked for the Federal Government in Finance in 1979. In 1990 Mim moved into the International Business World of manufacturing, importing, sales and marketing and was State Manager of Wilfred Owen, then in 1995 Mim moved to Cairns and bought a manufacturing company. Her mother was a Concert Pianist so music plays an important part of her life. Mim is Multi-lingual.



Irene BARRETT...Member since 2010

Presenter – Drivin’ Home With The Blues & Jukebox

I love being involved in community radio and the joy of entertaining, informing and hopefully amusing the listeners. My passion is prominently blues and rock music. I adore all creatures great and small.

Irene was born in Roma Queensland and has worked at 2BOB radio in Taree, NSW for 18 months as a presenter of several programs. Previously, Irene worked as a Copywriter/Producer for Win TV in Cairns, Copywriter/Producer and Reporter for the 7 Network in Townsville, and seven years as Guest Co-ordinator and Entertainment Producer for Network 10’s ‘Good Morning Australia’ in the late 80’s... She has travelled extensively and has met many famous and fascinating people.



Glen BEST...Member since 2011

Presenter- Country Sounds

I was quite pleased to get the chance to do the country show as I believe there is not much chance to listen to this genre in Cairns, despite a population that seems to want to listen. With my wide tastes in music, I try to play a wider range of music in this genre that does not receive much exposure.

Glen was born and raised in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. Glen was recruited at University to come out to Australia to teach math's for Ed Queensland in Redcliffe in 1976. One of his favourite holidays was the visit to Cairns, so he was very pleased to be transferred to Mossman in 1979, and finally to Cairns in 1983 to be founding staff member at Smithfield State High School. Glen feels very fortunate to be able to have and raise his family of three boys here in Cairns. Now with semi-retirement, Glen has the chance to indulge in his passion for music at Cairns FM 89.1



Bev BLAAUW...Member since 2005

Co Presenter - Coffee Break

The Coffee Break gives us the chance to introduce to our listeners many community minded locals who volunteer their time and services to make Cairns such an interesting and vibrant place to live.

Bev and Pieter especially include the people who are involved in The Arts.

Born in Melbourne, Bev has lived in Cairns with her husband Pieter for more than 23 years. She has a great interest in the Arts. Bev has worked in the Book Trade and now writes Book Reviews. Bev went to JCU as a mature aged student and gained a B.A. Degree in English and History.

We refer to her as a "Bibliophile". Bev is a member of the Rondo Theatre which is located on Greenslope Street in the Botanical Gardens Precinct at Edge Hill and Cairns FM 89.1 at Raintrees Shopping Centre.



Pieter BLAAUW...Member since 2005

Presenter - Breakfast, Coffee Break, Lunch with Pieter & Dutch Program

I have always loved music. I played in a band in Holland and played and sang in Clubs in NSW. As a presenter, I have found my niche.

Pieter was born in Groningen, Holland and worked in the Hotel Industry. Pieter arrived in Australia in 1963 and worked at BHP Port Kembla. He moved to Inverell in 1965 to work on a Hereford Cattle Station. Then in 1971 moved to Wollongong and married Bev in 1972. They moved to Cairns in 1986 where Pieter worked as a male nurse at Mary Potter Nursing Home. 1990 Pieter started Cairns Swim Pool Service. Pieter and Bev are members of the Rhondo Theatre and he does the stage and prop set up. Since joining Community Radio he and his wife Bev said "it has become a wonderful journey".



Erli BOWEN...Member since 1987

Presenter - Filipino Program & In Paradise

Born in Manila, Philippines where Erli did preparatory nursing and then worked in Tourism, Erli finally came to Cairns in 1982 and married Fred who is an Engineer. Erli studied painting by correspondence. Erli and her husband are members of many, many Community Organisations in Cairns including Heart, Epilepsy and Cancer Foundations, RSPCA and PCYC.

Cristina COCHENEC...Member since 2011

Presenter- Latin American and Spanish

Latin music invigorates people and I am happy to make that happen, Also to share with the cairns community my passion of dancing my passion of dancing to the Latin rhythms.

Born in Argentina, Christina moved to Germany in 1974 and graduated as a chemical engineer in 1981.

Christina arrived with her husband and 1 ½ year old daughter in Sydney in 1988 from New Caledonia a French territory. Her youngest daughter was born in Brisbane in 1990. Christina did further studies at Griffith university, Brisbane and graduated with a master of Engineering science in water care in 1997.

Christina works at Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM).

Christina's hobbies are gardening, paragliding and Latin dancing and also speak four languages, Spanish, German, French and English.



Bernice COOPER...Member since 2009

Presenter – Cantonese

I love to contribute to our Chinese community in Cairns who speak Cantonese. This is the dialect of the older families who came from southern China during the gold rush days in 1800's and the families who have arrived from SE Asia since 1950.

Born in Aberdeen, Hong Kong, (the British Crown Colony until 1997), Bernice attended a Baptist Secondary School. 1985 she was an exchange student to Morialta High School, Adelaide. In 1989 Bernice attended Alice Springs College of TAFE studying Tourism and Hospitality. 1990 married Colin Cooper. They have one child named Chiarene. 2003, Bernice attended University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba and graduated with a Bachelor of Accounting. Alice is currently a member of the Cairns Chinese Community. Her hobbies include cooking, music, reading and travel.



**Peter CRESSWELL...Member since 1980 (foundation
And life member)**

Presenter –Morning Miscellany

**I have presented a program each week since our Community
Broadcast License was issued in 1985.**

Originally from the UK, Peter has been a Member of the station since 1980, from its inception as Cairns FM Broadcasting Society; then, following the granting of its license in 1985 when it became Cairns Community Broadcasters Inc. (4CCR-FM) and currently as Cairns FM 89.1.

A former Vice- President and board member, now retired, Peter was previously a journalist in UK and Australia (Brisbane, Gold Coast, Cairns) and public relations officer for Mulgrave Shire Council.



Maggie CUDANIN ... Member since 2009

Presenter – Love Songs Anthology

**Graduate- General Clerical Course (Philippines) & Bachelor of Arts in
Psychology (Philippines)**

**Completed counseling Psychology 1 (Australian College of Applied
Psychology)**

**Post Graduate- Australian and New Zealand Migration Law and Practice
(Australian National University)**

- Maggie has been a Radio Station Manager and Broadcaster at Manila Broadcasting Company's Yes FM Boracay for 12 years.
- Performance Officer of the KBP (Association of Broadcasters in the Philippines-Aklan Chapter).
- In-Country Representative (Philippines) of the Population Media Centre (USA).
- Producer of Hope After the Dawn, a radio serial drama addressing social problems in the Philippines and funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- Trained in the USA by Miguel Sabido. The father of Entertainment-Education Strategy to produce radio serial drama.
- Presenter of the local television Paradise TV on Boracay Island Philippines.



Micha CUTURILO...Member since 2009

Presenter – Swedish Program

I also support Cairns FM 89.1 with Computer Services

Born in 1969 in Uppsala, Sweden, Micha worked as a Cool Room Fitter. 1997 he travelled to Sydney, Australia to be Best Man for his friend. Micha decided to travel around Australia and arrived in Cairns in July ...his thoughts were “if winter is this good as compared to Sweden, I want to live here” ... Micha applied to JCU to study Computers and was accepted to do a Bachelor of Computer Science Degree which was completed in 2002. Micha’s business now is Installing, Repairing and Maintaining Computers.



Claudio Marino DE FAVERI...Member since 2009

Co Presenter - Italian

Presenting this program helps me expand my Italian vocabulary and share my passion and love of food, coffee and life in Italy and Australia.

Claudio was born in Mareeba and worked as a Tobacco Extension Officer for 25 years in Mareeba. He now is a Scientific Officer in Cairns. Claudio served as President, as well as other officio roles in the Rotary Club of Mareeba. Claudio has been married to Lesley (nee Mason) for 6 blissful years and they live in Cairns with Kymba and Gypsy (Maltese dogs). Claudio speaks Italian, English and real Australian, and is the current Vice President of Dante Alighieri Society of Cairns.



Michele FERRO...Member since 2010

Co presenter – Italian Program

I am doing this radio program to keep our Italian language “alive” in Cairns.

Michele was born in Gattinara, Italy and lived in the small village of Fara Novarese. Now is at present living in Cairns and studying horticulture at Tafe until 2012. One day Michele wants to work in the diamond mines and drive Monster Trucks while listening to Italian Radio. Coming from Italy, Michele is a Great Grappa Maker and drinker ... tractors and girls are his passion right now ... maybe forever.



John FIELDER...Member since 1995

Presenter - Sacred Music of the World & Morning Country

I started by presenting Natural Health programs on Community Radio ... I enjoy presenting and sharing my great love of music with our listeners.

Originally from Adelaide, South Australia, John lived in Mt. Lofty Rangers then Mt. Gambier and Hope Valley and worked in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Horticulture. In 1967 John arrived in Cairns to establish a Natural Health Centre as an alternative to orthodox medicine. John still practices as an Osteopath and Lifestyle Consultant at his Residential Health Centre on the Clohesy River ... John serves as President of ISRN (UK) Incorporated Society Registered Naturopaths, INHS (USA) International Natural Hygiene Society, INCS (UK) International Nature Cure Society and is a Member of AOA Australian Osteopathic Association



Des Ford...Member Since 2010

Presenter – Legends, Golden Memories

Des lists travel, reading, the outdoors and the arts as interests. He has four children, twins included and delights in them and their six off-springs. Two more young adults entered his life when he married Anne in 2005. They live in ‘paradise’ at Trinity Beach.

Des's working life was spent in the electronic media. In the mid '50s he started work at 3AW as a junior "dog's body" and had a spectacular time over the next two years working with a host of amazing characters. The Chief Engineer then suggested to Des that he move to Channel 9 – "It will suit you and you will get more money". After seven wonderful years Des ended up as head of audio working with The Beatles, Graham Kennedy and many more during that halcyon time.

GTV 9 purchased 3AK and Des got his first taste of announcing, doing Saturday afternoons. Seeking sanity he joined Channel 8 in Mount Gambier S.A. as Program/ Production Manager and for two years did everything from reading the news to painting the floor. Then off to 5DN Adelaide to do breakfast and talks on radio and TV work with NWS 9. Seven years later Des got homesick so back to GTV for 13 years as a Director/Producer then eventually Production Manager. Des also moonlighted at Radio Australia for a few years. In his mid forties he joined 3MP. Over the years Des has worked at several community stations and, from afar, is production manager for Golden Days Radio in Melbourne The travel bug bit (and hasn't stopped), so Des spent a year looking at the world after which he worked freelance for a while until taking the plunge and retiring.



Mika FUJII...Member since 2008

Presenter – Japanese Program

My motivation to present the program is to be a 'bridge' between two countries. History and stories are introduced with its music from Japan.

Mika had been the Planner & Director of an International Conference Organization and Account Executive of an International Ad & Marketing firm in Japan. NYK Line where Mika first worked after University unexpectedly brought her to Australia. In 2000, Mika completed her MBA at JCU and established her consulting business while still doing her Degree. Mika is now getting a Degree "Master of Professional Accounting". In 2008 Mika received an invitation from Community Radio Cairns FM89.1 to present an Ethnic Program. Mika also reports at the SBS Japanese program from FNQ. The program is called 'Fusion and Harmony' which beautifully meets her philosophy in life.

Annette GABORIT...Member Since 2011

Presenter – French Program

I love doing the French radio because it makes me find and share music from all parts of the world

Annette moved to Australia in 1981; after having lived in Sydney and Darwin, she settled in Cairns 4years ago and found the multicultural scene here very exciting and was keen to get involved. In 1989 she instigated the creation in Cairns of the Alliance Francaise, a French Language & Cultural Centre.

Annette has a passion for my two countries: France where she was born, and Australia, where she lives. She believes that language and culture strongly define who we are: they both help us stand up in the world in which we live. In my job in the tourism industry, I get to showcase Australia to overseas visitors, so it is only fitting that on the radio, I can present French culture to Australians.



Mark GRAHAM ...Member since 2009

Presenter –Indigenous Program & Afternoon Wrap

I volunteer at Cairns FM89.1 for the love of what I do, being a show pony and to entertain people.

Born in Townsville, Mark started his career in radio in 1998 with Bumma Bipperra Media. He studied at Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education in Northern Territory and graduated in 2001. 2000 - 04 he worked at the National Indigenous Radio Service and at 4AAA Murri Country in Brisbane. 2004 - 07 he was employed at Telstra as a Field Technician. 2009 Mark commenced his Degree in Business Management at Bachelor Institute and works as a Tutor and also as a Jack of all Trades and master of none to earn that all elusive dollar.



Chris HALLAM ...Member since 2010

Co presenter - Breakfast Show

I am proud to be part of the Cairns FM 89.1 Family and privileged to be sharing my love of music and life with our Diverse Community.

Chris' childhood was spent in South East Queensland. After school she spent 17 years working in the Pharmaceutical Industry. Chris married Ron in 1971 and they now have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren.

Her initial voluntary work was with kindergarten and school.

Chris became involved in community radio in 2005 as a behind the scenes volunteer at Triple T 103.9 in Townsville. Chris spent 2008-09 learning and presenting a couple of programs.

She came to Cairns FM 89.1 in January of 2010 and now finds herself occupied with exciting challenges in the field of On-Air presentations like Daybreak, Golden Memories, RPH News hour, and Community Announcements in addition to office tasks and fund raising initiatives.



Ron HALLAM...Member since 2010
Co Presenter – Breakfast Show

Music has become my way of life. I am so lucky that I have the privilege to present a Breakfast Show on Cairns FM 89.1. I play all genres of music and have introduced a short comedy spot for our listeners to start the day with a laugh ... I love it!!!

Ron was born in Toowoomba just after World War II. Now a pensioner and definitely retired he enjoys volunteering. In 1990 when Ron was living in Townsville he volunteered at the Endeavour Foundation and Community Radio Triple T FM 103.9 where Ron presented an early morning Radio Program 4 – 6 am ... Ron with his wife Chris moved to Cairns to enjoy the tropical lifestyle. They have a son who is based in Cairns with the Australian Navy.



Maxime ISHIMWE a.k.a DJ MAX...Member since 2008

Presenter – Africa Together

I love music and Radio that is why I started presenting African Music, News and Information to the Cairns Community and the World.

Originally from Rwanda, East Africa, Maxime moved to Uganda in 2003 and then migrated to Australia with his Mother and 4 siblings in 2007.

Maxime speaks 6 languages “Kinyarwanda, Swahili, Kirundi, Luganda, French and English. Now a resident of Cairns, Maxime sees this as a great privilege and opportunity for him to develop his skills so that he can seek a career in Commercial Radio and TV.



Paul JENSEN...Member since 2000

Presenter – Bel Canto Operas

Playing a violin as a young man with interest in Bel Canto Operas

Originally from Austria, Paul has been a patron of the Cairns Region since 1971, and a resident of Cairns for since 1991. Paul worked for few years traveling around Queensland and Papua New Guinea as a repairer of electrical equipment, including repairing computer mainframes as a computer engineer for the then 3rd largest computer manufacturer in the world.



Colin Frank JOHNSON...Member since 1982; Committee Member 1985 & 1986; Foundation Member of Cairns Community Broadcasters

Presenter - EFM & AFM, Another Aspect & Kaleidoscope

I joined the FM Broadcasting Society in July 1981

Originally from High Wycombe, England, Col migrated to Ipswich, Queensland, Australia as a child. Starting in 1962 he worked as a Radio Technician with the ABC. 1977 he joined the Cairns office of Telecom as a service officer. He is a part time Tutor in English, Maths and Science. He is a past Chairman of 4TTT, Townsville. Col says he enjoys discovering new music as well as bringing to light long forgotten tracks. His interest in broadcasting was awakened by the founder of Cairns FM 89.1 – Ian Coughlan. Col derives pleasure from sharing his discoveries with an ever widening audience.



Dora KING (GIZARIOTIS) ...Member since 2002

Presenter - Greek Program & Dance on Air

I love music and dancing. Each week I really do look forward to preparing and presenting these programs to share with my many listeners

Born in Corinthos, Greece, Dora came by Ship "Bagonia" in 1957 to join her brother in Melbourne, Australia. At that time the Australian Government gave preference to Young Females to Migrate. Dora has worked as a Nurse to Children with Down syndrome at Kew Hospital. Dora came to Cairns in 1999. Dora has a daughter Michelle & son James and is a proud grandmother of two grand children. Dora speaks 3 languages – Greek, Italian and English. The Greek Program has been presented weekly for more than 15 years and was started by Dino BAZARBASSIS



Roy LAUDER...Member since 2002

Presenter – Rewind

Originally from England, Roy migrated to the Central Coast of New South Wales in 1970. Roy met and married Jeanette and they have one son, Glen, who started his career as a sports reporter for TV10 in Sydney. Roy was first involved in radio with 2CCC in Gosford NSW. He presented the Saturday breakfast show for some years before moving to Cairns in September of 2002. Roy started his ON AIR activities in Cairns in January 2003 as a stand in presenter for the breakfast program and was then offered his own time slot and program "Rewind".



Magnus LAWESSON...Member since 2010

Co-Presenter - Swedish program

I am a presenter mostly because it is a lot of fun. I like chatting with friends and playing music...I also want to help to create a closer Swedish/Scandinavian community in Cairns

Magnus was born in Malmo, Sweden. After school and National Service (Army) he worked as a chimney sweep. In 1993 migrated to Australia and has lived in Cairns the whole time except for 1994 when he lived in Fremantle, WA. Magnus is married and has three children and loves the days off when he can spend time with his family on the beach and in the rainforest..."The nature and climate of Far North Queensland is fantastic and you better enjoy it while you are here".



Agnes A MARGERISON...Member since 2007

Presenter – Filipino Program

I am passionate about giving people information and updates on not only what is going on in the Philippines but also around the world.

Born in Manila, Philippines, Agnes graduated from the University of Makati with a degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor Degree of Business Education from Polytechnic University of the Philippines. She worked in Makati City Hall for ten years and commented on current issues and government policies on Manila radio DZMB. Agnes also presented a radio program “Bayan ko Sagot Ko” in Quezon City. She was a Community Organizer in 5th and 6th District of Manila and a member and founder of the Makati running club. Agnes worked in Dubai 1997 to 1999 as a secretary. Because of her experience as a radio presenter, she decided to join Cairns FM 89.1 when she migrated to Cairns in 2006. She loves to travel, dance, sing, play badminton and golf.



Gary Antonio MONTAGNER... Member since 2009

Co Presenter - Italian Program

This is my way of sharing my passion for all things Italian; culture, language and music. I am the President of Dante Alighieri Society Inc. of Cairns:
www.dantecairns.com

Gary was born in Belluno, Italy and completed his Optometry Degree in 1988. He migrated here to Queensland, Australia and after his first job at La Dolce Vita in Milton; he worked as an Optical Lab Manager with OPSM. 1992 he was appointed as the Manager of an Optical Superstore. 1995 he opened an Italian Restaurant in Albert Street, Brisbane. 1997 he moved to Cairns to be closer to his parents who live in Ingham. He opened the first Optical Super Store in Cairns Central. 1999 Gary started his own Internet Business promoting a Pharmaceutical Vitamin Company www.gm.usana.com



Steve OSTARJAS...Member since 2002

Presenter – Croatian Program

I have great satisfaction presenting this program for the 300 or more Croatian Families in our region. Just like me, they enjoy listening to the music, news and information from the old country

Born in Klenov; Croatia, Steve completed high school and worked as a hairdresser, economist, and in construction. 1964 he married Anna and they have 1 son and 2 grand children. 1971 Steve arrived in Sydney on a QANTAS flight and moved to Cairns to live. Steve enjoys living in Cairns, in particular the tropical climate, which is a vast difference from the snow where he was born in Croatia. Steve is the President and a committee member of the Croatian/Australian Community Inc. located at 240 Scott Street, Bungalow, and Cairns.



Sarey POOLE...Member since 2009
Presenter – French & Spanish

Music via Radio is a therapy for the Community. I am a brain gym instructor, sound therapist and speak many languages including Cambodian, French, Spanish etc.

Sarey was born in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and schooled in Egypt, Cuba & Cambodia. 1971 she attended University of Wellington, NZ (B.A. Linguistics and French). 1974 Employed as a Business Manager in Wellington. 1990 Graduated with a Diploma of Education from University of WA. 1991 Teacher of Linguistics (Preservation of Aboriginal Culture and Languages, East Kimberly, WA. 2001 Special Education consultant at Autism Centre, Singapore and India. 2007 Awarded Prize for excellence with her work with children with learning difficulties from Chief Minister of New Delhi, India. She is a committee member of Alliance Francaise de Cairns.



Evelyn QUINN...Member since
Presenter – Filipino Program

As a radio presenter I am able to share my passion to bring fruition the concept of unity and harmony in the diverse multicultural Australian Society.

Evelyn originally hails from Legaspi City, Philippines. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Primary Education from Devine Word College. Evelyn lived in Port Moresby, PNG for more than 30 years where she taught at several International Schools. Evelyn and her husband Brian moved to Cairns in 1998 where she was employed by Education Queensland. She also obtained a Diploma in Education at James Cook University in 2003. Evelyn brings with her a wide range of experience in social and service organisations being President of Philippines Australia Sports Association of Cairns Inc. Evelyn and her husband Brian have two children, Michael and Rica.



Joan Edgley SERONG (Faulkner) a.k.a. Toot...Member since 2008

Presenter - Tangle of the Isles & Across the Irish Sea

My Mother and I have had 3 long trips to Scotland and I attended school in Ayr and Edinburgh. Jeanie has an undying love of Scotland.

Grandfather was a Master Mariner from the West Coast of Scotland. He married his sweet heart in Melbourne. Joan's mother is the eldest of 3 children. Dad worked for an "Under Garment Manufacturer" and was sent out to Melbourne. Joan was born in Melbourne, Victoria. She graduated from Mentone Girls Grammar. First job was as a secretary then in 1958 Channel 9 TV came to Melbourne. Thousands of people applied and Joan "Got a Job". She moved to Cairns from the Mornington Peninsula, with her husband Julian. They live along the Northern Beaches which gives them an acceptable lifestyle in the tropical paradise of Far North Queensland.



Edita SLISKOVIC...Member since 2008

Presenter – Croatian

I know that this weekly program brings great enjoyment for the older folk who grew up in Croatia.

Born in Mareeba, Edita attended Primary School at St. Anthony's, Dimbulah and High School at Mt. Saint Bernard College, Herberton. She then studied English and Politics at JCU for her Arts Degree then continued to Australian Catholic University; Brisbane for her Qualification in Secondary Teaching. 1992 State High in Charters Towers was her first posting then in 2001 to Smithfield State High, Cairns. Edita has a passion for travelling especially to Croatia, Italy and Europe and interests in reading, photography, cooking and as a food connoisseur.



John Marcus SMITH...Member since 2009

Presenter – Rastafari Rhythms & Friday Fryup

My passion is to work with community Radio as it is an important organization for the people of Cairns. I see it as my contribution to our community and as my legacy for my children's future.

Born in Cairns and went to school at Yorkeys knob and Kuranda. 1989 Marcus moved to Trinidad and Tabago in the Caribbean and worked for "volunteers for foundation for enrichment and enhancement of life" (FEEL). 1997 he returned to Cairns and enrolled at Bachelor College NT to study Broadcasting and Journalism. Marcus graduated in 2001 and returned to Cairns and married Lorry Anna Leftwich. They have two children: Kiara and Malachi.



Tina Florindo SOARES...Member since 2000

Presenter – East Timorese Program in Portuguese and Tetun.

It is important that I share the news and information from my place of birth where many of us still have family and friends. This program was started by Antonio PINTO and Francisco MASCARENHAS.

Tina was born in East Timor. Her family moved to live in Portugal in 1976 due to the war that had broken out in 1975 in East Timor. In 1982 she migrated to Melbourne, Australia. In 1999 the family moved to live in beautiful Cairns. She is married and has 3 sons. Tina said that she is so thankful that she has the opportunity to work and can afford to have her children receive an education. If they had remained in East Timor, these opportunities would not exist and they might not be alive today. There are more than 50 families from East Timor residing in the Cairns Region.



Anita SU ...Member since 2009

Presenter – Mandarin Program

By presenting Mandarin program it gives me a great chance to share and exchange songs, music and culture with other Chinese families who have come from different regions of Asia.

Anita was born in Tainan, Taiwan; Anita studied classical music (piano/ harp). 1995 she arrived in Sydney to study Philosophy and worked as a translator. 1997 Anita married Peter Smith from Gordonvale and they moved back to Cairns in 2003. She continued her studies at TAFE with Contemporary Music. Anita loves to do SALSA Dancing and meet people. As a member of Community Radio this gives her the opportunity to meet people from many community groups. Anita is a Massage Therapist.



Lindsey TEAL...Member since 2009

Presenter – 100% Aussie

I feel very privileged to have been given the opportunity to present a program at Cairns FM 89.1.

Lindsey was born in Camperdown in Victoria. She moved to Cairns in 2007. She studied IT at JCU and has worked in the IT Industry. She is a qualified Event Decorator. Lindsey joined Cairns FM 89.1 in 2009, upon suggestion from her mother. Lindsey has a passion for music, particularly Australian Music, She says she could quite happily talk about music all day long and has a dream to work in the Broadcasting Industry.



Prapasiri TECHO...Member since 2003

Presenter – Thai Program

Music can be a great source of therapy; it can influence people's moods in all sorts of wonderful ways. I feel lucky to have the opportunity to share the great sounds of Thai music, culture, present Thai news and information to the local public through Cairns FM89.1.

Born and educated in Thailand, Prapasiri speaks 3 languages: Thai, Lao and English. She has two children in their twenties living in other cities pursuing study and work opportunities. Her family migrated to Cairns in 1986 and upon their arrival they started an Asian Food Supply store which they had for many years. They have also owned and operated a takeaway, restaurant and coffee shop between 1993 -2003. Currently Prapasiri is furthering her studies in Website design and also works from home doing Thai massage.



Trish TOMLIN...Member since 2002

Presenter - Eclectic Music & Story time

I love being involved with radio. I am passionate about presenting different styles of music, entertaining the children with interesting, amusing and thoughtful stories with music gives me great pleasure. Community Radio truly caters for all!

Born in Melbourne, Trish has lived in Cairns for 20 years and works in Tourism. Trish started at Cairns FM 89.1 in 2001 doing volunteer office work and was eventually recruited to read the news on RPH which she loved. Trish also did various music programs over the years...solo and with partners...and now presents the Eclectic Music program.

Trish served on the Board for 2 years and had the opportunity to attend the National CBAA Conference twice. "This was a wonderful way to interact with like-minded people from across Australia and to share interesting stories about Community Radio and to partake in the workshops provided."



Ann Marie VAN RATH...Member since 1985

Presenter – World Beat

Previous programs Easy Listening, Intermezzo and Classical.

Music is like fresh air for my well being. I have travelled to many places around the world and love to share my music collection with our listeners. I speak multiple languages which include Dutch, German, French, Spanish, Italian, English etc.

Ann Marie was born in Luxembourg, Europe. Since 1963 she has lived and worked in many countries and worked in Tourism and Public Relations. 1970 she migrated to Australia and arrived in Melbourne and immediately continued on to Sydney. She worked in St. Vincent's Private Hospital. 1972 she arrived in Cairns and fell in love with the Sunshine and Tropical Lifestyle. She and her husband Hank are members of Friends of the Botanical Gardens, Mareeba Arts Coop and Cairns FM891 Community Radio.



Mary Hikimet Wellington...Member since 2008

Presenter – PNG Women's Program

There is a great need for this program because it provides Educational Information on Women's Health Issues and Family and Community Development

Mary is a Bi-Cultural Educator with the Ethnic Community Council of Queensland and a member of Cairns Regional Multicultural Association. She was born on Manus Island, PNG and attended Rabaul Secretarial College. Her first job was with Burns Philp in Port Moresby as a secretary to personnel. 1991 she moved to Brisbane and worked at the PNG Consulate General Office as a Confidential Executive Secretary. 2002 she commenced AERTP Radio Training, Diploma in Community Welfare at TAFE and as a Volunteer with Community Not for Profit Organisations. 2007 Mary commence further study at JCU in Public Policy.



Leonie A WILDY...Member since 1995

Presenter – Filipino Program

I am enjoying being a presenter on Cairns FM 89.1 as I love to share all of my music and news from back home with my friends and all of the Filipino Community in Cairns.

Leoni was born in Majayjay, Laguna, Talagog Region, Philippines where you can find one of the Oldest Churches in that country. She holds a Degree BSE. Ed and MA under graduate with a Major in Psychology, minor in English. Leoni taught for 21 years and has finished her teaching upgrading at JCU. She loves to do Zumba and climbing 4 Laps of the Red Arrow Track at the Cairns Botanical Gardens.



Eric WODZYNSKI...Member since 2000

Co presenter – Polish Program

I have a great passion to share our Polish Culture, Culinary Recipes, Music and information with more than 100 families from Poland and include the wider community of people who live in this beautiful City of Cairns.

Born in Slzecin, Poland, Eric studied technical science at college and was a driving instructor. 1982 he migrated to Melbourne and worked in interstate transport. 1995 he was the pilot of an Ultra light aircraft and flew over Uluru, Kakadu and the Atherton Tablelands. 2000 he arrived in Cairns. His hobbies include restoring his favourite Volkswagen Beetle and making home brew.



Maggie WODZYNSKI ...Member since 2000

Presenter – Polish Program

I love to present this program with my husband Eric because we have good fun and an opportunity to share information to the Polish Community.

Born in Kracow, Poland, she attended a State School. 1993 Maggie met her husband Eric on board a flight from Singapore to Warsaw. They were returning to Warsaw to visit their individual families. They have been together ever since. Her passions are dancing, interior design and decoration. Her hobbies are travelling, cooking and her favourite drink is red wine.



Hee Sun YOON...Member since 2004

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I love to sing and being a Radio Broadcaster. This allows me to share information and our culture with the listeners. There are many hundreds of Korean families and students living in Cairns.

Born in Dang-jin, South Korea, she graduated from University, majoring in French Literature. 1993-1997 she worked for Korean Broadcasting as a script writer for live to air TV programs. Hee Sun married Young Hun Weon a Methodist Minister in Seoul. 2001 they were contracted to be missionaries for the Korean Uniting Church in Cairns, Queensland, Australia. They have 2 daughters named Bo-Min and Hae-Min. Her greatest wish is to present Christian Radio and TV programs.