



MEDIA RELEASE

26 November 2011

JOY 94.9

Melbourne City Village
Level 9, 225 Bourke Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000
P: 1300 JOY 949
F: 03 9267 6080
W: www.joy.org.au

JOY 94.9 PRESIDENT DAVID McCARTHY TAKES LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Incoming JOY 94.9 President Breed Lewis today announced that at last night's board meeting, the JOY Board of Directors regrettably accepted David McCarthy's leave of absence from the JOY Board, effective immediately, due to personal health issues.

Incoming JOY President Breed Lewis said, "David has made a wonderful contribution to JOY. He has provided strong leadership and has been a fantastic influence on the sound and the direction of the station. On behalf of the Board, our volunteers and our staff, I wish him a speedy recovery and quick return to the Board".

Additionally, Mr McCarthy resigned from the position of JOY94.9 President effective from last night's board meeting. David McCarthy said, "I love my involvement with JOY as a volunteer, as a presenter on the station, as a member of the Board, and during my time as President".

"Due to concerns about my health, and upon the recommendation of my doctor, I have had to make this difficult decision to step down from the JOY Presidency and seek a leave of absence as a JOY board member because I am unable to give JOY the attention it commitment it requires".

"This will allow me time to focus on improving my health before I consider a return back and will also allow me to spend more time with my partner Jonathon."

"I love the station and the people I work with at JOY – they are dedicated and committed volunteers who give tirelessly to make JOY the wonderful community broadcasting organisation that it is", said Mr McCarthy.

The new JOY94.9 board executive comprises of Breed Lewis (President), Alastair McKenzie (Vice-President) and Nick Bassett (Public Officer), Jed Gilbert remains as Treasurer.

David McCarthy has been a JOY member and presenter for more than a decade, on the Board of Directors for over two years and President for the last 12 months. He will remain a presenter on Saturday Magazine, JOY's flagship news and current affairs program on Saturday mornings.

JOY is Australia's only gay and lesbian radio station and the country's single largest gay and lesbian membership based organisation. JOY 94.9 is committed to providing a voice for the diverse lesbian and gay communities, enabling freedom of expression, the breaking down of isolation, and the celebration of gay and lesbian culture, achievements and pride.

For more information contact:

Breed Lewis,
President, JOY94.9
0406 662 278