



## MEDIA RELEASE

### NEW PROGRAMME LINE UP ON JOY 94.9

JOY 94.9 takes pleasure in holding the unique position as the only GLBTIQ community broadcaster in Australia. JOY 94.9 is your committed lesbian and gay voice for the community, enabling freedom of expression, breaking down isolation and celebrating our cultural achievements and pride.

JOY 94.9 serves the needs of the diverse GLBTIQ community by providing informative talk, news, current affairs and a wide variety of music. The decision to revamp the program grid came from engaging all volunteer presenters in a consultation process and the analysis of listener and member feedback.

JOY 94.9 Broadcast Manager Nigel Slater said, "The new program grid has been shuffled, cut and we've added new shows to provide a smoother flow and a greater selection, ensuring the station's important delivery of services to the GLBTIQ community."

There are three new morning magazine style programmes on JOY 94.9, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9am – midday.

On Monday's '**The Conch, A Community Forum**' sets the agenda for the week by inviting listeners to have their say on interesting topics. Experienced JOY 94.9 presenter Paul Anthony leads a team of regular contributors. It's the voice of the community with community organizations invited to join in the discussion. '**The Conch, A Community Forum**' is humorous, topical, local, and at times political, but most importantly the programme encourages the community to interact and be involved.

'**All that false instruction**' on a Tuesday is named after the Australian lesbian classic by Kerry Higgs, but also refers to breaking through spin and providing truth. Presented by JOY 94.9's former literature show 'Southpaw Grammar' presenters Sam and Alex, the show features interviews and discussion on diverse topics with a focus on issues of interest to generation Y including politics, popular culture and the arts.

On Fridays, '**The Artelier Sessions**' presented by Amy Bagshaw is JOY 94.9's premier Arts and culture show. Amy and regular contributors cover all performing arts (dance, theatre, puppetry, opera, music, and comedy) music, art and design, literature, and art house/independent film and festivals.

JOY 94.9 helps the community and listeners to feel safer on the streets. The '**Police/Anti-violence Project/Crime stoppers**' show discusses all things criminal at the new time of 10-11 am every Wednesday. Hosted by Victoria Police Gay & Lesbian liaison officers, the programme offers the community the opportunity to interact via text and phone with any questions or thoughts. The officers also put forward a local crime where listeners can offer any information to assist.

In response to community feedback, JOY 94.9 now has more music during weekday afternoons from 12 – 3 pm. Various presenters keep it up beat with a special mix of the freshest most diverse music from around the world and feature relevant interviews.



From 6 – 10 pm Monday to Thursdays, JOY 94.9 dedicates four hours to information shows of interest to our community. Tune in to hear topical programmes including sci-fi, health, sport, technology, women's, transgender, indigenous, opinion, review generation Y issues and more. There's something for everyone.

Highlights include **'Grumpy Old Poofs'**, 9 pm Tuesdays, a discussion of contemporary news as well as the big issues in the community, a lot of humour and cheek thrown in and three or more vocal and opinionated homosexual men barking at the microphone and **'Glitter and Tonik'** 9 pm Thursdays with Mr Gay Australia, Byron and Steve featuring the latest scorches in celebrity news, music and up coming events with some extra sparkle.

Specialist music is featured from 10 pm to 2 am Monday to Thursday nights on JOY 94.9 including punk, local unsigned, electronica, urban, rock and more.

Friday night on JOY 94.9 is the official party kick-start to your weekend. **'The Two Fat Lattes'** start the fun from 7 pm, followed by **'House Arrest'** at 9 pm with DJ Stoj mixing cutting edge tunes. **'All Mixed Up'** from 11 pm features the best dance of all time and 'People Unite' with Simon keeps you partying hard through the night with underground beats from 1 am.

JOY 94.9 Broadcast Manager Nigel Slater said, "There is little change on the weekend due to JOY 94.9's strong line up of specialist programmes".

Adding to the weekend programming, JOY 94.9's cultural diversity and awareness programme **'Orange Ribbon'** is now on a Saturday afternoon from 2pm, after the food and beverage show **'Cravings'** and before **'Women Zone'**.

Stay tuned for news on the new JOY 94.9 Drive programmes!

JOY 94.9, broadcasting on 94.9 FM to Melbourne and to the world via [www.joy.org.au](http://www.joy.org.au).

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