



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Addam Stobbs

It is with much sadness JOY 94.9 announces the passing of long time presenter, board member and life member Addam Stobbs.

Addam has been a leader and mentor at JOY since the station's early test transmissions.

His passion for the community radio sector saw him become a member of 70 community broadcasting organisations, work with Melbourne Ethnic Community Broadcaster 3ZZZ and led to him being elected to the board of the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia. He was a trainer for JOY's Taste of Radio Course in the areas of media law, presentation and production and presented sessions at the CBAA National Conferences.

JOY 94.9 listeners will know Addam as the presenter of the Allegro Non Troppo, JOY's longest running show, which was first broadcast over 15 years ago on April 30th, 1995. The programme is significant in community broadcasting, as it underscores the viability and support for Gay and Lesbian broadcasting across the community sector and the programme is broadcast nationally on the Community Radio Network.

Addam's enthusiasm for the station is highlighted with his recent statement, "It is notable that the commercial and public sectors have not been able to present any sustainable programmes for our community. JOY 94.9 is one of the most valuable resources for the Australian G&L community."

Addam was a teacher, music lover, travel writer and community advocate for GLBTI and human rights. After the 2009 Victorian bushfire disaster, he presented an emergency broadcasting submission to the Bushfire Royal Commission.

He was a strong and vital community voice and will be missed.

The JOY 94.9 Board, Staff and Volunteers express their deepest sympathy and condolences to Yoda and all of Addam's family and friends.

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