

PROMISE OF PERFORMANCE

The Launceston Community FM Group Inc (City Park Radio) wishes to state its intentions regarding the style and content of station programming and to specify the obligations it will have towards the community of Launceston and environs.

The Launceston Community FM Group Inc. will:

1. provide the opportunity for groups, organisations and individuals to produce or present music or spoken word programs;
2. be responsive to the community whose needs it serves and will involve members of that community in all aspects of its operations, including decision and policy making;
3. invite comment and criticism, from the community on all aspects of operations and maintain a register of comments and complaints and responses to them;
4. attempt to significantly increase community awareness of the role and potential of community broadcasting;
5. complement and supplement existing broadcasting services and encourage, as the community so desires, the production of programs by and for the aged, children, and other social and minority groups whose needs are not adequately met by existing services;
6. provide types of programs as determined by the needs of the community to be served as ascertained through ongoing research. The program sub-committee will have due regard to this research when implementing program format;
7. maintain the minimum Australian content regulations which apply to radio broadcasters and encourage the programming of Australian, and especially local, compositions and performances;
8. provide as nearly as possible an 80% music and 20% spoken word ratio. The music will, generally and as far as possible, consist of material which is not normally presented on other local broadcasting stations. Spoken word content could include educational, community service, religious, documentary or ethnic programs with material seeking to entertain and inform the listener rather than to persuade or induce;
9. provide the opportunity for the expression of viewpoints in an overall well balanced format;
10. avoid the programming of material of a racist or sexist nature and not in any way to discriminate against or in favour of any person or group on the basis of sex, creed, race, politics, colour or ethnic background;
11. provide a medium for free expression by individuals and community groups (within the limits of the licence) imposing such controls as will be necessary to ensure that no material of a defamatory, blasphemous, obscene, or otherwise unlawful nature is broadcast. The station, as a community broadcaster, foresees occasions when it will broadcast programs on sensitive issues, but it will have discretion to suggest editing or edit programs as appears necessary to comply with this promise of Performance;
12. in all aspects of station operation, strive for a performance of the highest possible standard;
13. conform to the Codes of Practice of the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia;
14. notwithstanding the foregoing, adhere to the codes, standards and regulations of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and all Acts in relation to community broadcasting.

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