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News about the 3AW Overnighters program with Keith McGowan

Keith returns to the Overnight microphone

■ Keith McGowan is back at the 3AW Over-nighters microphone after a month's leave.

He and wife Angela told of their tours of Victoria and New South Wales, in the first program on Monday morning.

The first part of their holiday started with a trip to Ruffy (near Yea) where Keith has a horse in training. The same day saw a visit to radio-TV man Greg Evans at Bonnie Doon, and a catch-up with Greg's mother Thelma.

Next day saw the start of a 7460-km expedition that saw the familiar destinations of Echuca, Deniliquin, Finley, Jerilderie, Narranderra, and a night in the swag at June.

"The land is baked very hard," Keith told listeners this week.

The New South Wales trip included tours of Cootamundra, Young, Cowra and Parkes.



● Angela McGowan accompanied her husband Keith when he returned to the 3AW microphone on Monday morning.

Keith visited long-time friend Owen Glendennig at Cowra.

The motoring journey took in Dubbo and through to Scone, where the pair were guests of Barry Rose, Mayor of the Scone district.

The journey included two nights at Tamworth, catching up with country music radio man Nick Erby.

Touring through NSW also included Gunnedah, Narrabri, Walgett, four nights at Lightning Ridge, Gilgandra, Parkes, Forbes, West Wyalong, Hay, Echuca, and a visit to Keith's mum north-west of Melbourne.

The second part of the holiday included a trip to Omeo, via Bairnsdale and Bruthen, sleeping in the swag and waking to the sound of kookaburras on Australia Day morning.

Keith and Angela were caught by the Bairnsdale Advertiser photographer (see left).

The trip continued through Wangaratta, Corowa, Howlong, Holbrook, Tumut, Gundagai and Albion Park (near Moss Vale).

Plenty of trip stories will be told on the radio program over coming weeks.



● A clipping from last week's Bairnsdale Advertiser, which photographed Angela and Keith McGowan at the Omeo celebrations for Australia Day. Their report said: "Just passing through Omeo, Angela and Keith McGowan were there for the Australia Day do. Now with 3AW Keith used to work at 3TR Sale and was pleased to wake up in Omeo to the very Australian sound of kookaburras."

Anniversary next week

■ "And they said it wouldn't last ..." Keith and Angela McGowan celebrate the first anniversary of their wedding next week (February 18). The Melbourne Observer featured a photo souvenir of the wedding photos from Echuca-Moama last year. They can still be viewed at the www.overnighters.com.au website.



John O'Donnell on air

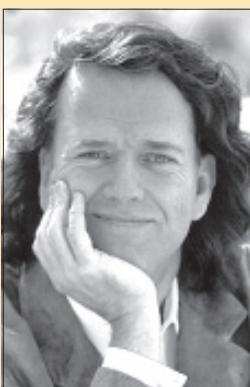
■ Long-time Over-nighters may recall the tones of John O'Donnell on 3AW's sister station, Magic, some years ago. John these days works at a Sydney contemporary Christian radio station based at Seven Hills, 103.2 FM. John is sounding as good as ever - and his station streams programs on the web: www.fm1032.com.au



● John O'Donnell

André Rieu on 'Ovation'

■ One of the Over-nighters' musical favourites comes from André Rieu. Many of his concerts have been featured on the Ovation cable television channel over summer. Talkback caller Pamela of Malvern told listeners on Monday that she had been delighted by the concerts, which include the Radetsky March, loved by Bobby and Cheryl Johnson.



● André Rieu

Henry Gay writes

■ An old friend from Keith McGowan's early radio days, Henry Gay, has penned a letter to the Melbourne Observer this week. The letter appears on Page 10.

Angela returns to work

■ Angela McGowan, wife of Over-nighters host Keith, is appreciative of the many letters and messages of support since she was hospitalised late last year. Angela's recovery has been steady, and following a medical check on Monday, returned to work yesterday (Tues.) as State Manager of a major optical supplies dispensary. Angela has been away from the role for several months, with the past four weeks vacationing around Australia (see pictures on Page 21).

Spitting images

■ New images of Philip Brady and Bruce Mansfield, of 3AW's Nightline program, have been loaded to the www.bruceandphil.com website operated by producer Simon Owens.

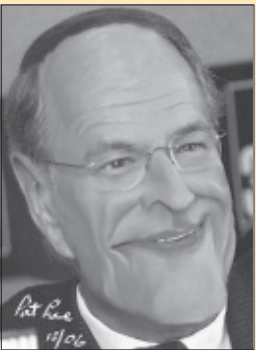
Listener Pat Lee has provided the caricatures (see right).

The website also includes photographs of 'Phil The Tawny Frog-mouth' as caught by Nigel from Nigel's Animal Rescue.

The website also features Bruce and Phil with Executive Production Manager and former D-Generation star Jason Stephens, as well as a picture on the set of the TV-1 filming of The King:



● Philip Brady?



● Bruce Mansfield?



● Stephen Hall (as Bert Newton), Bruce Mansfield, Stephen Curry (as Graham Kennedy) and Philip Brady

June featured in the press

■ June Middleton is well known to 3AW listeners. June has been in an 'iron lung' since 1949, after contracting polio. June, 80, was featured in weekend press articles, revealing that she had a photo of her beloved Carlton Football Club team on the machine.

Philip Brady on TV again

■ 3AW Nightline/Remember When co-host Philip Brady is due to appear in the 6.30pm episode of Where Are They Now, to be shown on Channel 7 this Sunday. In the pre-recorded program host by Melissa Doyle and David Koch, the era of the TV game shows is remembered. Other game show identities include Jimmy Hannan, Greg Evans, Barbie Rogers and Victoria Nicholls. The hour-long show is the 2007 series premiere.

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On This Day

Wednesday, February 7

■ Charles Dickens, English author, was born on this day in 1812. He died aged 58, in 1870.

Garth Brooks, US country singer, was born in Oklahoma in 1962 (45).

Ashton Kutcher, US actor, was born in Iowa in 1978 (29).

Thursday, February 8

■ Jack Davey, NZ-born radio star, was born in 1910. He died aged 49 in 1959.

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch is 98.

Actor Jack Lemmon was born in Massachusetts in 1925. He died aged 76 in 2002.

Swans player Barry Hall is 30 today.

Friday, February 9

■ Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, aviator, was born in Brisbane in 1897. He died aged 37, in 1935.

Cliff Young, long distance runner, was born in 1922, died in 2003. He came to prominence in 1983.

Derryn Hinch is 63 today.

Saturday, February 10

■ Actor Robert Wagner is 77. He was born in Detroit in 1930.

Singer Peter Allen (Woolnough) was born in Tenterfield in 1944, dying in 1992 at age 48.

Swimmer Mark Spitz is 57 today.

Golfer Greg Norman was born at Mt Isa in 1955 (52).

Sunday, February 11

■ The late TV movie critic Ivan Hutchinson was born on this day in 1928. He died in 1995, aged 67.

Chad Morgan, musician, was born in Wondai, Queensland, in 1933 (74).

Bill Lawry, cricket identity, was born 70 years ago today.

Monday, February 12

■ Actor Lorne Greene was born in Ontario in 1915. He died aged 72 in 1987.

TV medico Dr James Wright (John Knight) was born in Brisbane in 1927 (80).

'Smacka' Fitzgibbon, Melbourne musician, was born in 1930. He died, aged 49, in 1979.

Tuesday, February 13

■ Sir Reg Ansett was born in Inglewood in 1909. He died aged 72 in 1981.

Actor Stuart Wagstaff was born in Wiltshire in 1925 (82).

Andrew Peacock is 68 today.

TV man Jerry Springer was born in London in 1944 (63).