

## Community participation statement- 2BRW

- As a condition of its community broadcasting licence under the *Broadcasting Services Act*, Braidwood FM is required to encourage members of the community to participate in the operations of the station, as well as participate in the selection and provision of programmes put to air. The Community Radio Codes of Practice also require a commitment to community participation.
- Braidwood FM serves the general community of Braidwood and surrounds; our programming mix aims to cater for a broad range of tastes within the community. Braidwood FM continually seeks feedback on its programming mix to better assess the changing needs of its audience.
- Braidwood FM is run as a not for profit concern and as a community asset. We rely on listener feedback and active community participation to ensure that our service remains relevant.

Braidwood FM is committed to community participation in delivering all aspects of its service:

- Membership of Braidwood FM Inc. is open to all citizens of Braidwood and surrounding districts for a nominal fee of \$20 (waived in 2024). Membership allows citizens to obtain volunteer positions at Braidwood FM, including on-air roles and Board positions. To become a member of Braidwood FM, please download the membership application form available on our website. For further information on membership, please see our Membership Policy.
- Membership information is publicised on our website and the membership process is regularly promoted on air.
- Our organisational structure reflects a commitment to open membership. For further information, please see our Corporate Governance policy.
- As a generalist community radio service, our programming mix is diverse and not limited by genre or otherwise. Limits to programming exist only to fulfil our obligations under the *Broadcasting Services Act* and Community Radio Codes of Practice. For further information, please see our Programming Policy.
- Braidwood FM invites its members to participate in its Programming Sub Committee (not currently operational). The Programming Sub Committee will assess new programme proposals as well as review existing programmes, when required.
- All citizens are invited to give feedback on our programming and operations. This is achieved through submission forms on our website, programming and listener surveys and directly via our text line to the studio. Further, certain policies regarding the operations of the station are publically available on our website. These lines of communication are monitored regularly by the Station Manager and Board as well as by presenters.
- Citizens can also informally engage with Braidwood FM during our outside broadcasts ('OBs'). Outside broadcasts are conducted several times per year, at key community events such as the Braidwood markets and RFS open days, etc. There is the opportunity to speak directly with presenters and station management and to become a member of Braidwood FM.
- Braidwood FM airs a short 'Community Noticeboard' programme (three?) times daily. All members of the community are invited to publicise their community events on air.

We also air a 'Job File' (once?) daily.

- Braidwood FM publishes a regular 'Word On The Wireless' newsletter which is delivered electronically to all members of Braidwood FM. We also engage with the local community newspaper 'Changing Times', publishing our schedule in each fortnightly edition.
- Braidwood FM engages with many community groups and organisations in the Braidwood community such as the Braidwood Community Association, Braidwood Community Churches, the Lions Club, RSL etc. These community groups regularly contribute to Braidwood FM's on air activities.
- Braidwood FM maintains active social media accounts which serve to promote the service as well as encourage informal community engagement. Information regarding programming as well as traffic and emergency information is regularly relayed to the public online.
- Braidwood is a key stopover point for travellers and commuters between the Australian Capital Territory and the adjacent NSW South Coast. We serve this transient population by providing regular traffic updates as well as emergency information, when required.
- The station encourages live traffic and emergency reports from listeners via its text line to the studio. Timely reports from listeners were vital during Braidwood's bushfire crisis in 2019-20.

If you feel that Braidwood FM is not adequately serving its community of interest, please contact the station or make a formal complaint.