



# PROGRAMMING POLICY

## *Code 2.2*

1. CROW FM will present a diverse range of community radio programs consistent and aligned with the needs of the Wondai RA1 Community.
2. CROW FM will encourage programming diversity, while pursuing a listener-friendly format.
3. CROW FM programming will:
  - a) Encompass programming needs not currently met by other media in our coverage area.
  - b) Emphasize and encourage Australian content in terms of composition and coverage.
  - c) Deliver a consistent and reliable product to our audience.
  - d) CROW FM will provide a key link between all the key stakeholders in the community and the dissemination of vital community information.
  - e) CROW FM will give priority to Emergency Management programming during times of Emergency.
4. CROW FM reserves the right to endeavour not to broadcast subject matter and language which people might find offensive or is likely to cause division in the community.
5. CROW FM affords listeners the right of reply to programs, subject to negotiating with the station on an appropriate form of reply and time of broadcast.
7. CROW FM will not allow sponsors or lobbying pressure from key stakeholders to determine programming outcomes.
8. CROW FM will observe all relevant laws, regulations and standards applicable to community broadcasting and adhere to the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia's Codes of Practice.

Further in relation to Programming:

Programs should include special interest programs such as fishing, arts, rural indicators, although the character and content of the program should always be positive and comply with our standards of operation.

- Will include regular (at least weekly) interviews of local people and will always be mindful of increasing its locally produced content.
- Will broadcast regular announcements requesting volunteers and inviting program content.
- Will make the Station's Program Guide available to listeners on the website and in printed form when requested. Program Guide should be updated after implementation of changes.
  - Will limit the amount of syndicated programming in favour of local programs, particularly where individuals or community groups have expressed interest in providing programs.

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# **CROW FM PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

CROW FM Program Committee shall meet monthly or more regularly as needs arise. Face to Face meetings are to be convened at CROW FM or other suitable venue.

The responsibilities of the Program Committee shall be to:

- Conduct a full program review twice a year and report its findings to management. The Management Committee is kept informed of the program committee's operations, decision-making by receiving the minutes of the program committees meetings at board meetings.
- Develop and recommend program applications for adoption by the Management Committee and implement programming adopted policies and procedures
- Publicise to the Wondai RA1 community that new programming ideas and initiatives are welcomed. Promote on the station website, on-air, Crow newsletter and on social media. New on-air program applications forms will be provided both on-line and at the station.
- Receive and consider programming applications made on the Submitting a Programming Application Form.
- Consult and discuss proposals with applicants. In the event that the program is rejected by the Program Committee, due to non-compliance with the current Programming Policy, the applicant has redress to further state their case in writing to the Management Committee. The Program Committee may request that a demo program be produced for further consideration. Should the application not be successful in its current form, all efforts will be made to work with the applicant to bring the proposed application into line with the Program Policy and Procedures and address any concerning issues.
- Identify the programming needs and requirements of community interest, and then decide the programs that best reflect the needs of the community in line with CBAA Codes of Practice.

# **MUSIC POLICY**

CROW FM will present a diverse and wide range of musical styles to encompass the needs of our listening audience.

Full filling the following functions:

1. Programs will emphasise the role of music in defining and creating the local identity of the station as a community broadcaster.
2. Programs will maintain a commitment to music that is composed and produced in Australia.
3. The station will ensure that it is relevant in regards of music programming and content by identifying and meeting the musical tastes of our Wondai RA1 audience.
4. Programs will identify and develop an understanding of the importance of a range of musical styles within the community.
5. The station will maintain a commitment to new trends, distribution and reception of music at all levels of the community across all age demographics
6. Music programming will observe all the relevant laws, regulations, and standards applicable to radio broadcasting and adhere to the Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice.

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## **NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS POLICY**

CROW FM News and Current Affairs will be subject to the station's Program Policies, and will in particular:

1. Report accurately and make intelligent and informed comment.
2. Encourage discussion, debate and exchange of ideas, which contributes to a more rounded, educated and co-operative society.
3. Adopt a variety of viewpoints on all issues, and encourages critical thinking and analysis by our listeners.
4. Give attention to a wide range of viewpoints, and especially those under-represented in the media and decision-making process.
5. Present news and current affairs material in entertaining and stimulating form.
6. Develop and maintain an independence of thought.
7. News and Current Affairs programming will observe all the relevant laws, regulations, and standards applicable to radio broadcasting and adhere to the Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice.

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