

# ShowBiz!

# Observer Overnights

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News about the 3AW Overnights program with Keith McGowan

## Ideal Christmas gift

■ **Clarinet Love Affairs** is the title of a new CD released through **Alex Hutchinson** and available at **Discurio**, 113 Hardware St, **Melbourne**. Phone: (03) 9600 1488. E-Mail: music@discurio.com.au  
 ■ With a bit of luck, we may have a giveaway competition for **Melbourne Observer** readers, with the opportunity to win a copy of the **Clarinet Love Affairs** CD, when we resume publication on Wednesday, January 30, 2008.

## Eddie on 3AW football?



● *Eddie McGuire on Sports Today*  
 ■ 3AW's website [www.mytalk.com.au](http://www.mytalk.com.au) is running a poll with the question: "Would you want **Eddie McGuire** on 3AW Football?"

## Begging letters

■ As part of the 3AW pre-Christmas celebrations, **Overnights** host **Keith McGowan** invited listeners to forward grovelling e-mails, in order to win a **Bertocchi** ham. The mid-dawn host was inundated with messages from listeners seeking a free gift before tomorrow's celebratory lunches.

## Ric is on the mend



● *Ric Ditchburn, Magic 1278, with friend*  
 ■ **Magic 1278's Ric Ditchburn** was taken to hospital last week suffering deep vein thrombosis. This can be a life-threatening problem. Station management says the good news is that **Ric** is now home and resting, and receiving a daily visit and injections from a nurse through the 'Home Hospital' scheme.  
 All going well, **Ric** is expected to return to his on-air work later this week. The **Overnights** wish him a speedy return to good health.



● *John Howie of the Howie Brothers entertained the hundreds of Overnights at the Christmas Party held at Grovedale on Wednesday.*

# Seasons Greetings

■ "Hearty **Christmas** wishes to all our 3AW listeners, and **Melbourne Observer** readers," say **Keith** and **Angela McGowan**.

"I love **Christmas** - and all the family fun that goes with it. But equally there are the thoughts for the important people who are missing from this year's celebrations.

"**Christmas** for me starts tomorrow, as it has for the past 60-something years, eagerly waking up to see what **Santa** has left in my stocking at the end of the bed.

"But more importantly for me," says **Keith**, "will be time with **Angela**, and sharing **Christmas**-time with my children, and the grand-children.

"We hope your **Christmas** can be shared with your loved ones. We wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008."



● *Angela and Keith McGowan have a friendly tug on a Christmas bon-bon.*

## Keith to broadcast throughout January

■ 3AW **Overnights** host **Keith McGowan** will continue to present the Midnight-5.30am weekday program during the Christmas-New Year period, and throughout January. **Keith** and **Angela McGowan** plan to take a month-long trip to Outback Australia early in 2008, staying for some of the time with 'Outback Legend' **Nick Le Souef**. **Nick** was an attendee at last week's Christmas party at the Grovedale Hotel.

## Radio experiment works

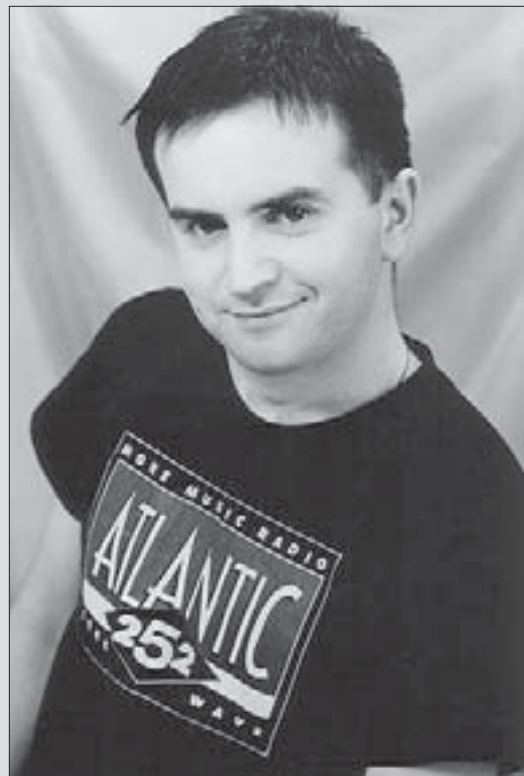
■ Amateur radio enthusiast **Kevin Forbes, VK3UKF**, reported on an experiment late last week. With the **International Space Station** passing a little to the south of **Melbourne**, **Kevin** sent a simulated emergency one-line e-mail message, by 10-watt radio wave, the equivalent of a flat car battery. This procedure is permitted by the station authorities. The message promptly reached the 3AW studios, the equivalent of an emergency message being sent from a stranded motorist in the outback.

## Pops Australia winners

■ The three winners of double passes to the New Year's Eve 'Vienna Waits For You' 8pm concert by the **Australia Pops Orchestra** at **Hamer Hall**, St Kilda Rd, **Melbourne**, are:  
 ■ **Margot McConnell**, 1/73 Clarke St, **Lilydale**  
 ■ **Mrs G Lynch**, 33 Ramsden St, **Clifton Hill**  
 ■ **R W Kirtley**, 180 Asher Rd, **Lovely Banks**  
 Tickets are 'box office collects' at 7.30pm, Monday, December 31.

## Radio Luxembourg chat

■ Originally from the north-east of **Ireland**, just outside **Dublin**, **Enda Caldwell** now works at **Radio Luxembourg**. **Overnights** host **Keith McGowan** spoke with the radio man inlast Thursday's program. 3AW host **Ernie Sigley** worked briefly at **Radio Luxembourg** in the 1960s as '**Ernie Williams**'. The country is about the size of **Belfast**, has a population of approximately 500,000, with a large component of **Portugese** people.



● *Enda Caldwell, Radio Luxembourg*

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## On This Day

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### Wednesday, Dec. 26

■ **Boxing Day**  
 Comedian **Ugley Dave Gray** was born in Manchester, England, in 1937 (70).  
 Film director **Fred Schepisi** was born in Melbourne in 1939 (68).  
 Singer **Johnny Chester** was born in 1941 (66).

### Thursday, Dec. 27

■ The late **Chris Mainwaring**, West Coast Eagles footballer, was born on this day in 1965. He died aged 41 in 2007.  
**Marlene Dietrich** (Maria Magdalene Von Losch) was born in Germany in 1901. She died aged 90 in 1992.  
**Louis Pasteur** was born in France in 1822.

### Friday, Dec. 28

■ Former Australian Deputy PM **Lionel Bowen** was born in 1922 (85).  
 Comic creator **Stan Lee** (Stabley Liber) was born in New York in 1922 (85).  
**Clive Robertson**, the **Sydney** overnight radio man on 2UE, is 64 today.

### Saturday, Dec. 29

■ Actress **Mary Tyler Moore** was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1936 (71).  
 Actor **Jon Voight** was born in 1938 (69).  
 Actor **Barry Creyton** was born in Brisbane in 1939 (68).  
 Singer **Lucky Starr** was born Leslie Morrison in 1940 (67).

### Sunday, Dec. 30

■ Comedian **Glenn Robbins** was born in Melbourne in 1957 (50).  
 US TV presenter **Matt Lauer** is 50.  
 British comedienne **Tracey Ullman** was born in 1959 (48).  
**Eldrick "Tiger" Woods**, golfer, is 32 today.

### Monday, Dec. 31

■ **New Years Eve.**  
**Jack Perry**, 'Zig' of **Zug & Zag** fame, is 91.  
 Radio and TV presenter **Peter Couchman** is 67.  
 Politician **Doug Anthony** was born in 1929 (78).  
 Actor **Sir Anthony Hopkins** was born in Wales in 1937 (70).

### Tuesday, January 1

■ **New Years Day.**  
 Australian actor **Norman Yemm** is 75 today.  
 Australian radio and TV presenter **Caroline Jones** is 70.  
 Singer **Judy Stone** is 64. She has just recorded a duet with **Isla Grant** on a newly-released CD.



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