

NAT MATTERS



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Newsletter for Northern Access Television Assn Inc Members

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Welcome to NAT Matters.

This newsletter marks a return to the original name of the NAT Newsletter "NAT Matters". It also signals a change in purpose for the newsletter, this time only for Members of NAT, unlike "Northern Focus", which was aimed at an audience both inside and outside of NAT. The promotional nature of "Northern Focus" is difficult to do properly without support from other members and our producers. With an apparent "lack of interest", this newsletter will not return at this time. However, if other members and producers wish to pursue a promotional newsletter for inside and outside NAT, I will consider bringing back "Northern Focus". The main focus for this issue is internal matters for the consideration of NAT Members, and for which it would be appreciated if you could send in feedback on the issues discussed.

FEEDBACK AND CONTRIBUTIONS: -By email to michcos@optusnet.com.au

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Postal Address

c/- Thornbury Community Church
16 - 18 Martin St
Thornbury VIC 3071

Annual Membership

\$31 (\$15 concession)

Office Bearers:-

Chair: Simon Moore
Treasurer: Poppi Athinis
Secretary: Paul Spanos
imia@optusnet.com.au

Committee Meetings

Scheduled as required - please contact Secretary for times and locations. NAT Members welcome to attend.

Annual General Meeting

Usually Held in September - please check website for details.

Newsletter Editor

Michael Costello
Please send news items to:-
michcos@optusnet.com.au

Northern Access Television Assn Inc. is proudly a Full Member of the Melbourne Community Television Consortium Ltd.

NAT TV Guide



Digital TV

Channel 44

Current regular programs on air

(Times subject to change and programs may be repeated)



NAT Chat (R)

Thursday 11:30am

Featuring Migration Stories Episodes



Spirit of Life

Thursday 12:00pm

In-depth Christian Interviews



Harmony In Diversity

Thursday 12:30pm

Multi-faith and Inter-faith Program



Zontas 100%

Sunday 9:30am

Greek Christian Program



Immigrant Strong

Sunday 6:30pm

Candid interviews with Leaders.

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Coming Soon

Multicultural Performances.

VALE RICHARD MICALLEF 1954 - 2018



those related to Community TV. He was always working on ways to involve as many groups in the community as possible in the station.

Richard was working on his "Migration Stories" series, and in his honour, we will do our best to see this project finished and aired on C31. He was also working on a new project to set up a Community Studio for NAT and other C31 producers in our local Northern Suburbs area.

All of us at Northern Access Television will miss your enthusiasm for community broadcasting, and for keeping us all motivated for the challenges that the sector faced over the years. May you Rest In Peace, and thank you very much for your efforts over the years.

Condolences to all of Richard's Family and Friends, and all of those at C31, Northern Access Television and SKA TV who knew and worked with him.



NAT 30th Anniversary in November 2020

NAT 30th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, 27th November, 2020

Thornbury Community Church Hall.

On the night after NAT's 30th Birthday, this event is open to all Past and Present Members, Volunteers and Supporters of NAT.

Suggestions for the event are welcome by email to michael@nat30years.info - Other than that, I will discuss it further at the next AGM. It is not too early to start on this, as we only have the one AGM, and very late in September. In the meantime, if the Members have any opinions, please pass them on to me. Input will be welcome from all on what to do on this night, as I am aware that we have some group members who would and would not want certain things done. It will need to be suitable for all of our past and present members, including those with strong religious beliefs.

NAT 30th Anniversary TV Special

Suggested by Simon Moore that I should be working on a "look back" at 30 years of the group. I am going to start collecting footage and photos, etc, for this special very soon – and will get a hard drive to store all of the stuff on until it is required for editing. Any old footage of NAT programs, or photos of Crews Working, etc, would be appreciated. Please email or "WeTransfer" to michcos@optusnet.com.au, or post USB sticks to "8 Amy Place, Echuca VIC 3564"

PLEASE NOTE:- All Current NAT members should note that I will be trying to conduct interviews with them for the special between now and the anniversary in November 2020. Please be prepared!

Finding Past NAT Members

I have produced a TV CSA to try and find our Old Members, Volunteers, and Producers. Hopefully C31 can run this with some NAT programs in breaks, as well as for online usage. To this end, anyone with contact with old NAT members is urged to direct them to <http://nat30years.info> – this has information on how to keep in touch with the 30th Birthday events, etc.

To assist with this event, I have mailed out invitations to the event to around 100 past members of NAT on various mailing lists I had on file, with other details of planned books and TV shows, etc.

NAT 30th Anniversary Book

To be published in November 2020, the 30th Anniversary Book will try to tell some of the story of the group, and things we have done, the changes to tech we have used in that time, the programs that have come and gone, the people we have worked with, etc. I will be trying to get contributions for this book from as many people as possible about their experiences in NAT over the years. A lot of time is available yet, but please start thinking about it, as we will have a lot to do around that time, and we don't want the event to "slip by" and run out of time. Preparations for this book have started.

PLEASE NOTE:- Please start to think about YOUR contribution to this book, whether it is your personal story with NAT, or the story of your TV program(s). Please prepare something over the next few months, as time WILL run out to get the book ready in time!



Watch C31 Live!

C31 Melbourne is available on the internet - your computer, tablet, mobile, whatever you use!

View the station as it is being broadcast in Melbourne -anywhere!

<http://www.c31.org.au/live>

NAT Production Logos

A new version of the NAT Production Logos has been made for Producer's use. It is not compulsory to use the logo, or in the form suggested, but it would be good if all programs could at least use the logo in some form at the end of their NAT sponsored programs. Further details via email to michcos@optusnet.com.au.

A new set of Production Logos will be available, featuring the 30th Anniversary logo for use all year next year.

NAT Promotional Brochure

Does anyone want further copies of this printed – Does anything need updating in it? You can check the current design on the bottom of the "Membership" page of the website.

NAT Social Media

I have been making semi regular posts to NAT's Facebook and Twitter pages to promote aspects of the group. If anyone wishes to help with this, or suggest some "Tweets" or "Facebook Posts", please send them via Return Email. It is OK to send them at short notice, that is the nature of Social Media!

Northern Access Television Radio

For a brief time in March and April, we had a Internet Radio station operating on our NAT Website. The service used audio from episodes of NAT Chat and Red Lobster *Poetry*. However, the service used to provide the service got a bit expensive to use. We may revisit the idea - setting up our own web server to provide the service in the near future with the possible help of surplus gear from the old "Noise Bar"

NAT Member Vote on possible NEW NAT Group Logos

Recently I got a designer to come up with some possible ideas for a new Northern Access Television logo. The brief being to reflect the nature of the group, the Northern aspect, and the fact it produces Television. A selection of logos came back to us for our consideration, these are featured on the insert with this newsletter.

It would be a big help if all members could indicate their preferred logo choice from the sheet enclosed as soon as possible, by email to michcos@optusnet.com.au , if you have not already done so.

Choices on the sheet include the retention of the current logo, and “none of the above” if you would like to see further design work done. If any member has any suggestions for possible logos, and has the skills to create it, you are also welcome to submit your own suggestions.

PLEASE SEND BACK YOUR PREFERENCE by ticking the relevant box on the “Voting Form”, and send it back to Michael Costello by any of the following methods:-

SCAN AND EMAIL:- Scan the voting form and email as a PDF file to michcos@optusnet.com.au

FAX:- Fax the voting form back to Michael at (03) 4410 8124

MAIL:- Mail the form to:
Michael Costello, 8 Amy Place, Echuca VIC 3564

Please do this **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, as if we are going to adopt any of the logos on the Voting Sheet, the artwork for the chosen logo will need to be finalised **VERY SOON!**



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Coming in November 2020!

Join the celebrations!