



Speech by

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LOGAN RADIO 101FM

Mr MUSGROVE (Springwood—ALP) (8.37 p.m.): I rise to pay tribute to the management committee, past and present, of 101FM, whose 10th birthday celebration I was pleased to attend last weekend. Thirteen years ago, between 25 October to 28 October, 101FM went to air with the first test broadcast being conducted from the home of its technical director, Mr John Horrocks, of Rochedale South with the air test frequency band as 107.3 megahertz. The humble beginnings of the station commenced at 7 a.m. on 25 October 1985, with the Graham Roberts Show—the first show to air—presented by Graham Roberts, a veteran radio personality of Brisbane.

The station purchased a caravan from 4KQ, which became its first studio and which was located at Karawatha Street, Springwood, and then later a demountable. In those early days, the programs that went to air were Folk and Country Music, What's On In Sport, Rock Around Logan, and Music From Around the World.

In the station's first seven years, the efforts to generate funds for the station were enormous, with fundraising such as Women on the Move trade displays, the first Oz-Music on Australia Day, country music benefits, car washes, chocolate sales and Martin Lass, the famous classical violinist, who helped to raise funds with a special charity benefit.

The second test broadcast saw the frequency change to 101.1 megahertz. That occurred between 2 October and 5 October 1986 and, during the Logan Show, it ran four days a week, 6 a.m. to 12 noon, Friday to Monday. On 21 September 1988, the licence was granted for radio 101FM megahertz and in November 1998, the official bona fides were completed and Radio Logan Incorporated, 101FM megahertz, was working diligently towards being granted air rights for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mr John Horrocks, the technical director, had a professional radio and TV background and brought the complete stereo effect up to the standards we enjoy today. On 13 November 1993 Logan Radio 101FM moved——

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