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INTRODUCTION

Increasing the Capacity of our Production Studios

In 2023, the Ubuntu Foundation kindly donated the sum of $16,000 in support of Reading Radio.

These funds are to allow Reading Radio to increase the capacity of our production studios.

This report provides an overview of how the donation will be spent, to increase the capacity of our production studios.

BACKGROUND

Reading Radio 4RPH is a not-for-profit community radio station that brings the world of print to our listening audience in the greater Brisbane area. The population we serve may not be able, or choose not to read printed material, due to age, disability, literacy problems, or simply a busy lifestyle.

We are a unique radio reading service, using a wide variety of printed and online material which includes: daily newspapers, online news services, magazines, books, and journals as the basis for our programs.
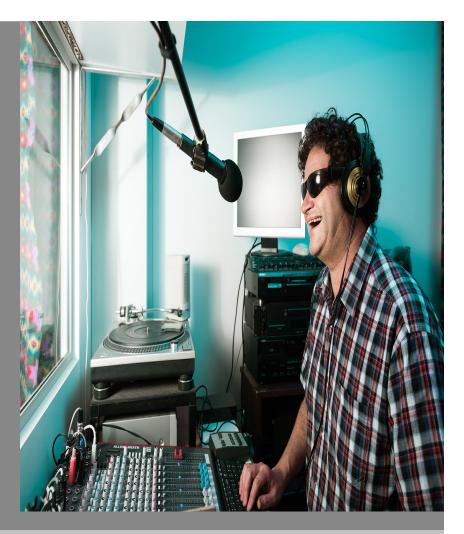
Reading Radio combines the immediacy and convenience of radio with the depth of information normally found in printed material. This service is a highly effective and accessible means of closing the information gap many people experience.

THE PROJECT

Reading Radio is heavily dependent on grants for operational income. Balancing the books has been a significant challenge over the last few years. The station produces over fifty hours of radio program content each week. The recording, editing, and production of this audio are done by our three producers who are vision impaired. With only twenty-three hours of production wages funded per week, we are often stretched to capacity. This limits our ability to source and produce new programs for the station. In addition, stress levels are high, which impacts the workplace.

With the generous donation received from the Ubuntu Foundation, we will now be able to increase the hours for our production studios to meet capacity during busy periods.

Reading Radio is immensely grateful for the generosity and kindness of Carolyn and the Ubuntu Foundation