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More Gay and Lesbian news and current affairs on the Melbourne airwaves to kick off the autumn season on JOY 94.9

JOY 94.9 is increasing its commitment to news and current affairs with the announcement of *The Spin*, a new program to air on Wednesday evenings commencing March 7, from 11pm.

This is in addition to the long-running *Rainbow Report* every Thursday night at 7pm.

Tim Newton and Patrick Bonello, who worked with each other reading news for FOX, MMM and GOLD in the 90's, are hosting *The Spin* which Tim describes as a cross between 'Media Watch' and 'The Panel', with a gay twist.

"We intend looking at the news behind the news. Why some stories get onto the front page and why others end up in the bin? The way stories get traction in the media and the ways stories are reported. There is a team of 12 working on *The Spin* so it's going to be a pretty busy couple of hours. It's our intention to keep people awake until the end", said Tim.

JOY has also enlisted a team to present *The Lunch Box* every weekday from 12-1pm commencing on March 5. Kaye Sera will host the program every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with rotating presenters on Mondays and Tuesdays. *The Lunch Box* will make sure JOY listeners remain informed members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (GLBTI) community, through community news and events updates and wide ranging topics of discussion. It is a fun way to stay in touch with our active community.

JOY Station Manager, Paul Terdich, says "JOY is fully committed to its news and current affairs programs and improving our overall GLBTI content. The presentation and production of these programs are extremely labour intensive and JOY is very lucky to have such a highly skilled team of volunteers compiling and broadcasting relevant news to our community."

JOY has an extensive range of GLBTI interviews, information and content throughout its many diverse programs and *The Spin* and *The Lunchbox* are exciting initiatives reflecting the growth in the JOY news team and increased commitment from volunteers to broadcast more GLBTI content.

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THE BREAKING DOWN OF ISOLATION AND THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CULTURE, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRIDE.**