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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Grit Media,

We are moving into a very exciting era at GRIT MEDIA and it's all about people with disabilities who love the media world and want to be a part of it. The Melbourne City Council have invited us to move into their great CITY VILAGE building at 225 Bourke Street and so we now have much more space.

I have been the CEO of GRIT MEDIA since May. Erin McKuskey, former Executive Director of GRIT MEDIA and Series Producer of No Limits, is now focusing on her work as Series Producer of our wonderful flag-ship TV series on Channel 31.

Alex Grantham has taken up the gudzels (whatever they are!!) at 3CR with THE BOLDNESS, your monthly (Wednesday's 6pm) radio program. Last week I witnessed first hand the LIVE ON-AIR production of this 30n minute radio program, where the hosts on that evening Phineus Mears and Paul Gianni impressed with their natural wit, intuitive professionalism and cutting edge comment.

They are both great ambassadors for the disability movement to generate a community-wide change of attitude in Australia. I am greatly enjoying this very exciting role and I invite you to keep a close eye on developments and engage with things we do as they arise as we have new equipment, a new location and new ideas. Stay tuned.

Monica Walters
CEO, Grit Media

GRIT MEDIA MENTORSHIPS

A great opportunity is soon to hit Grit Media! Members with disabilities will be given the chance to spend some quality time with experienced media practitioners, learning the ropes of the industry in a professional setting.

This is an exciting new venture for Grit Media, promoting social engagement and aiming to have organizations large and small open their doors for people living with a disability, involving them in the day to day workings of the media industry.

GMM involves a media worker (mentor) inviting a 'visitor' to watch and hear them work on their specialist media craft for an hour or three (whatever is agreed). They describe what they are doing and the tools they are using as they go about their everyday work. The visitor observes and gets a feel for that element of this enormous industry, on the inside. It's simple.

Before we get to that though, we need to grab a few bits of info from you guys ... you know, name, contact details and what type of roles you would like to have a go at within the media sector, e.g. editing, writing, directing, lighting, etc ...

Find the form at the end of this newsletter, fill it out, send it back to us at ...

Grit Media
GPO BOX 571,
Melbourne,
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... and we will do our best to get you the mentorship you're after!

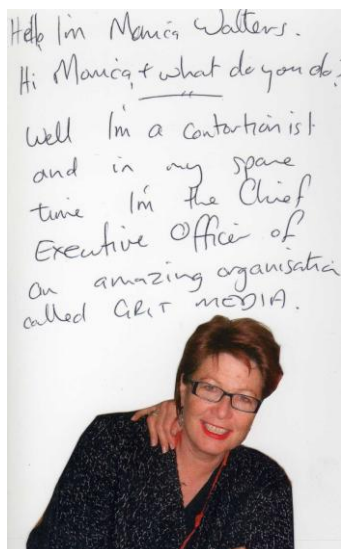
STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO ON GRIT MEDIA MENTORING IN NEXT MONTH'S ENEWS

... COMING SOON!

A WARM HELLO FROM THE TEAM AT GRIT

With a few new faces around the office, and a few old ones that have yet to be plastered across a Grit Media enews, we've decided that it is about time we stood up (metaphorically, of course, in some cases) and offered a bit about ourselves and what we do here at Grit. So here it is; a warm hello from us to you ...

Monica Walters: CEO



Peter Johnstone: Assistant Editor



Volunteer extraordinaire, Peter has been working hard editing the new season of No Limits and still finds time to help out the guys over at Yoorella. He is now about to start working hard on the post production of No Limits Season Eight!

Tess: Work Experience Student

The gorgeous Tess was with us in the office for two days, helping us out with some much needed admin work, and taking a lovely tour of the Channel 31 office and TV studio.



Naomi Chainey : Administration

Hi! I'm Naomi, the new author of this newsletter and the girl who makes the books balance. Here I am on the right of this photo (the bridesmaid, not the bride *sigh*) but check out that awesome bouquet I got to hold!



STAY TUNED FOR MORE "HELLOS" IN THE COMING MONTHS

GRIT TV

No Limits

Series 8 going into production!

After a bit of a delay, *No Limits* is once again shooting a brilliant new season over at RMIT's Studio A. Themes for this season will include; employment, performance art, choice, transport, kids and comedy. The 8th season will also include our big 100th episode, so get yourselves ready for a fabulous night of *live* entertainment!

The sets are done, the cast are looking gorgeous and we have some great shows coming up, so stay tuned to C31 for *No Limits* 2008, returning Monday the 1st of September at 7.30pm.

Series 7 DVDs, still available!

If you have been living on Mars or under some rock and missed Series 7 of *No Limits*, don't fret the complete season set is still available. As well as 13 amazing episodes you'll also get to see some unseen footage, behind the scenes pictures and a gadget that wasn't on the tele! Order forms are at the end of this newsletter, or drop a line to: admin@gritmedia.org.au

GRIT RADIO

The Boldness

Those who tuned in the [3CR 855AM](#) at 6pm on June 18, will know that our last episode of The Boldness was a huge success! The theme for the night was "Normality", what it means to people with disabilities, how it feels to be told you *can* or *can't*, and how many people with disabilities are not allowed or expected to take risks.

Our lovely producer, Alex Grantham, tells us the show was a delight to work on, and everyone's contributions were aired, including serials, music, creative writing and sharing of personal experience.

With such great content, it's a travesty that not everyone is able to tune in to 3CR! However, you will be happy to know, that if you are outside Melbourne, you can still go to www.3cr.org.au to find out how to listen online.

GOING NATIONAL

Great news! Whilst the majority of Grit Media's members are still here in Victoria, we are now starting to attract people from interstate and even overseas! 7% of Grit Media's membership are now residents of NSW, SA, WA or Queensland, and another 1% actually hail from the UK.

It's a great step forward for people with disabilities in the media.

YOUR STUFF

The mailbag has been filled with a whole heap of media creations from you and we are busting our chops to get it out in the world as fast as we can. But guess what...? We want more, more, more...so get busy and send in your short films, digital stories, music and animations and we'll do our darndest to broadcast them online, on the radio and on the box.

Send your creations on down to ...

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MEMBERSHIP

This, of course, remains the best way to find out about what we are up to... and there are plenty of people out there who STILL aren't members of Grit Media and probably should be.

Don't forget that the only criteria for membership is willingness to support Grit Media and our philosophy. So if you know someone who fits the bill get them signed up!

A few other great points to point out are...

...membership is **free**

...monthly e-news

...invitations to events and screenings

...mentorships

...fantastic opportunities to volunteer and participate in media training.

Grab an application form at www.gritmedia.org.au

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NO LIMITS - SEASON 7 SET - ORDER FORM

The complete Seventh Series Set of **No Limits** contains 5 discs, with all 13 episodes. Season Seven was jam packed with info, entertainment, issues, celebrities and more diversity than you can poke a stick at! Also included some unseen footage and a new gadget that you didn't see on tele...if you need help to complete this form please contact us. admin@gritmedia.org.au

YOUR DETAILS			
Name			
Address		Postcode	
Email		Phone	
YOUR ORDER			
Quantity	Please write the number of sets you are ordering.		
Price (includes gst)	\$85 organisations \$80 individuals \$70 members Please tick the price you are claiming.		
Postage & handling	For one set \$4.95 For two to ten sets \$9.95 For more than ten sets POA		
Total	Please add all costs and write total here:		

Payment Method (Tick)	<p>Cheque</p> <p>To be made payable to:</p> <p>Disability Media Inc</p> <p>PO Box 571 Melbourne, VIC 3001</p>	
	<p>Money Orders</p> <p>Post to:</p> <p>PO Box 571 Melbourne, VIC 3001</p>	
	<p>Direct Credit</p> <p>At any national bank:</p> <p>BSB: 083-422</p> <p>Account number: 226013673</p>	

**THANKS FOR YOUR ORDER, YOU WILL RECEIVE IT
AS SOON AS YOUR PAYMENT IS PROCESSED.**



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ABOUT YOU - media mentorship information form

YOUR DETAILS

Name			
Address		Postcode	
Email		Phone	

YOUR INTERESTS
Please tick
(or bold if you want to email this form back to us at
admin@gritmedia.org.au)

TELEVISION	FILM	PRINT
<input type="checkbox"/> Directing	<input type="checkbox"/> Directing	<input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
<input type="checkbox"/> Producing	<input type="checkbox"/> Producing	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Editing	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Editing
<input type="checkbox"/> Presenting	<input type="checkbox"/> Camera Operating	<input type="checkbox"/> Publishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus Pulling	<input type="checkbox"/> Printing
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<input type="checkbox"/> Audio Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Directing	<input type="checkbox"/> Creative writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/> Foley Artist	<input type="checkbox"/> Cartooning
<input type="checkbox"/> Production Managing	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Directing	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapper Loading	<input type="checkbox"/> Captioning
<input type="checkbox"/> Production Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Stills Photography	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Effects	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual FX	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Website Design <input type="checkbox"/> Website Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Producing <input type="checkbox"/> Panel Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting <input type="checkbox"/> Audio Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship
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Any Special Requirements, e.g. wheelchair access, support worker, (please outline):

Please return this form to:

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