

# SOUNDWAVES



## From the Manager's Desk

**Family is the building block of society. And when functioning as God intended, families integrate into healthy communities through loving acts of giving and receiving.**

Unfortunately, in a fallen world, there is much family dysfunction and it is certainly escalating with the push of confusing unbiblical gender philosophies through mainstream media. As a media ministry, Rhema 99.9 has a mandate to be different to the way of the world. Jesus teaches that His followers are to be the light of the world and to shine in such a way that it glorifies our heavenly Father (Matt 5:14-16). We at Rhema 99.9 want to be that shining light in our community that upholds and proclaims God's rich plan and purpose for marriage and families... and of course, without any hint of condemnation (Eph 4:15). We want to be a positive influence to help build strong healthy families in our community and beyond! Will you please pray with us to accomplish this?... 'We're for families'.

God bless,

*Warner*

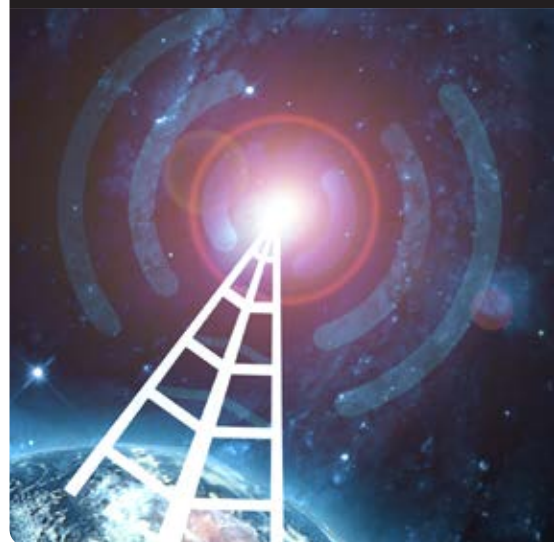
## "HOPE CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING" APPEAL

Why does Rhema ask for money on air? Because Rhema is a charity and relies on public donations to remain viable. In December, Rhema's 'Hope Can Change Everything' appeal reached \$4,685 in pledged gifts which is somewhat short of the target of \$10,000.

If you would still like to contribute, go to [rhema.fm](http://rhema.fm) and click 'Donate to Rhema'. If you don't have access to the internet, you can ring through a donation on 6584 1246 or bring it to our office between 9am and 2pm Tuesdays to Thursdays.

Our studio address is:  
198 Hastings River Dr  
Port Macquarie.

**Your gift keeps Rhema on the air!**



# New Grant Opportunities

**There are enormous opportunities for Rhema 99.9 this year to secure new Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF) radio sector grant funding that may not have been successful if applied for in previous rounds.**

The main reason for this is due to the station developing a formal 5 year strategic plan last year. CBF have restructured their grant application process that requires all applicants to have a strategic plan put in place to enable a positive outcome and successfully qualify for grant funding. This is because the restructure involves every community radio station to apply for the various grants offered for the upcoming 12 months in a single application. The good news is that Rhema 99.9 now has a 5 year strategic plan with which we can demonstrate to the CBF a solid direction for the growth and sustainability for the station that necessary funding can provide. Please pray with us for wisdom as we seek God for His leading and guidance for a successful grant application process.


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## Grants

In 2015/16 the CBF provided \$10.7 million in funding support to 230 community broadcasting organisations and 620 program production groups. In that year 70% of all grant applications received were successful.

Browse our grant opportunities by need or by category below. Check all opportunities, grant details, terms, on our key dates page or click on currently opened calls.


### Categories



**Development & Operations grants**

Development & Operations grants aim to maintain, expand and/or strengthen the operations and broadcast capabilities of Australian community broadcasting stations through core support, support for development projects and support for necessary infrastructure.


[Read more](#)



**Content grants**

Content grants aim to support the development, production and distribution of original content via Australian community radio and/or television broadcasters and associated platforms.

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**Emergency grants**

Funds are available to assist stations to replace damaged or destroyed essential equipment and related immediate expenses in order to restore basic transmission following an unforeseen event such as flood, bushfire, lightning, accidental damage or major equipment failure not reasonably anticipated by technicians and station personnel that prevents the station from broadcasting.

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### What do you need?

## new programs

### the traveller's guide

**Helen Mottee** is the voice of our new program called "The Traveller's Guide". It is a 3 minute devotional centring on our travel through this life, discussing Christian issues as well as focusing on current hot button topics that are relevant to all of us from a Biblical perspective.



Helen is also the voice of "For Eternity", a program about the persecuted church, which airs each Sunday night at 9pm and is repeated Mondays at 7pm.

### in other words

**David Montgomery** is the voice behind "In Other Words". This is a 30 second program featuring selected verses from the NIV Bible and a comparison to the same verse from The Message. These brief messages were prepared and scripted by the late Geoffrey Basket MBE from the Port Macquarie Baptist Church and David himself.



David is the husband of Rhema staffer, Sue Montgomery, and Geoffrey passed away last year at the age of 100.

**"The Traveller's Guide" and "In Other Words" will be scheduled to air in the near future.**



## *Introducing our Treasurer, Ulrich*

Ulrich Grollmus worked as a coalminer from age 15, first in Germany then two years at Mt Keira Colliery in Wollongong after arriving in Australia in 1958. After that, he started financial work with News Limited for several years before joining the ATO as an income tax assessor for a number of years during which time he got his accountancy CPA qualification. He entered the corporate field working 20 plus years with CRA (now Rio Tinto) group of companies, retiring early as senior financial accountant.

After leaving the ATO, Ulrich became a registered Tax Agent and worked in his own business while also working as a volunteer accountant for New Tribes Mission (now Crossview in Laurieton). After 17 years with New Tribes, he retired in 2009.

Ulrich loves reading, and on doctor's orders, as much walking as he can fit in. One Monday a month he is rostered on for Justice of the Peace duties at the Old Historic Courthouse in Port Macquarie.

Ulrich and his wife, Christine, have lived in the Hastings area since 2001 and attend St Thomas' Anglican Church. Last year he volunteered to help Rhema with accounting needs and has been a major blessing in this area, joining the Rhema Board as Treasurer in November.



## *Welcome to Wendy Seddon - our new Sales Exec!*

Wendy Seddon has worked in Sales at Rhema FM Newcastle for the last 8 years. Although currently living in Medowie near Newcastle, she strongly feels God calling her to work with Rhema 99.9 in Port Macquarie as our Sales Executive. Wendy is married to Peter and has 2 children, 3 step children and 3 grandchildren, some of whom live in the Port Macquarie area. Wendy is very interested in crafts and in her personal time, she writes Bush Poetry.

Rhema staff are looking forward to Wendy joining the team in February and Wendy is also looking forward to working with us.



## **Please join us in prayer for the region and for Rhema FM**

**When?** 2nd & 4th Friday of each month  
6-7pm

**Where?** Rhema FM  
198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie





# We're for Families



Christmas seems to have barely gone and Easter is approaching. Just check out the supermarkets selling Easter eggs already!

Every year time seems to pass more quickly, so much so that even children notice it. But we know that time is the same as it has always been – 60 seconds to the minute and 60 minutes to the hour. Why then does it seem like time is passing more quickly?

It could be that our lives are so filled with activity that days go by before we notice that another weekend is upon us. Not that we're complaining but maybe it's time to stop and check how much of this valuable time you're giving to your family.

Rhema's new focus is on families. Even if you're single, you're part of a family. Even if you're not living with them. And beyond blood relationships there's the Church family and perhaps other groups of friends you think of as family.

This year consider slowing down a little - "smelling the roses" I think is the term often used. Having time with your family is far more important than spending all your time working 2 or 3 jobs "to provide for them". Providing yourself and your time is far greater.

Take time to get to know your kids, your wife or husband, rethink your relationship with your parents. Is it worth racing through life and missing the beauty of a great relationship with your family?

*At Rhema, "We're for families!"*

## Bunnings BBQ

A couple of times a year Rhema gets the opportunity to fundraise via the Bunnings BBQ. Our first one this year is on **Saturday 8th April** and we need your help. The day starts at 8am (to set up for a 9am start) and concludes at 4pm when we start cleaning up.

Can you help? Would you be able to volunteer a couple of hours?

**Please contact Sue or Werner on 6584 1246 if you would like to be involved.**



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