

SOUNDWAVES

RHEMA HAS A NEW LIVE ANNOUNCER!



As part of our strategic plan for Rhema 99.9 we want to reintroduce some live announcers in the peak listening periods of the day. God is faithful and we have our first new announcer!

Introducing Leon Wisewould...

"As the youngest of five siblings, I found out pretty quickly that being a bit of a showman was the best way to be noticed. I always loved entertaining and making people laugh. In my late teens I got involved in community radio and developed aspirations to study broadcasting in order to be a radio or television star.

However, that was not God's plan. Roughly six months after completing my diploma, I gave my life to God after a long time away from Him. He instantly took away my desire to be famous and replaced it with a longing to make His name famous.

I recently moved from Melbourne and now reside in Port Macquarie with my wife and three beautiful daughters, who are seven, two and our youngest is just a few weeks old. We have been worshipping at Coastside Church and are loving it there.

I enjoy writing poetry, short stories and I am slowly edging my way through a novel. I have also had a picture story book published and I have just finished a second, which I hope to have published as well. I also run a Christian apologetics Facebook page where I refute atheistic strawman arguments. Doing so has helped me to realise I need to stop running from God's call for me to do bible college, which I will apply for just as soon as we get settled with the new bub.

I am excited to be involved in community radio again and I am keen to do what I can to help out."

As Rhema 99.9 seeks to raise its profile in the community, please pray with us for a team of experienced and engaging announcers to be that friendly voice listeners can connect with.

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Why YOUR Prayer Makes All the Difference

by Berni Dymet



Let's face it. By and large, our prayer lives revolve around ourselves. We pray about this need and that relationship; this challenge and that desire ... and before you know it, your prayer time is up and, well, that's it.

We know in theory, that our prayer can make a difference in this world. But how many Christians live that out in practice to see the powerful, life-changing results that inevitably ensue? Hmm?

This is what Jesus said to Paul on the road to Damascus:

'I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles – I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

(Acts 26:17,18)

Right there, is the Lord's heart - to see the lost saved!

Imagine, just imagine, if you included that in your prayers each day. Just imagine!

That's why the team here at Rhema 99.9 so covet your prayers - because we know that the as you pray with us, the Lord will do the same as He did for Paul.

He will protect and empower Rhema 99.9. He will open the floodgates to see salvations, as together we proclaim Christ to the people of Port Macquarie and beyond.

That's why your prayer matters. That's how you can have a powerful, eternally life changing impact in the lives of so many believers. Through your prayer.

Just imagine ...

**A partner is someone who commits...
Rhema 99.9 needs more partners to grow!**



Our recent urgent appeal had one of the best responses we've seen over the last few years and we are so thankful to those who stretched their budgets to help out. The amount received was well short of the target figure but it will sustain us towards our "growth spurt".

To help your Christian radio station plan for the future please prayerfully consider becoming a *Rhema 99.9 Life Changing Partner (LCP)* during this year's June fundraising appeal. You would be aware that Rhema 99.9 is a listener supported and funded ministry.

Unquestionably, one-off donations are certainly welcomed with much anticipation and gratitude. However, the monthly *LCP* gifts help us to better plan for growth and sustainability with the mission God has for us. Yes, you indeed become a partner in making greater in-roads into our community through the 24/7 broadcasts of the good news of Jesus Christ. The amount isn't as significant as the commitment to give each month... for we know that our God loves a cheerful giver (2Cor. 9:7).

Thank you in advance for your faithful support in partnering with Rhema 99.9, our local media ministry. You can enquire about becoming a Life Changing Partner by ringing the Rhema office on 6584 1246. Or go to rhema.fm and click "Donate to Rhema" making sure you select the "Monthly Life Changing Partner" option.



Your local Christian media ministry is *growing...*

A message from Rhema's General Manager

Thank you faithful members of Rhema 99.9 for stepping up to the plate and supporting our Urgent Financial Appeal that was held at the end of March. The responses to the appeal were wide and varied with some interesting perceptions resulting. In a sense, it has to do with whether we look at the glass half-empty or half-full?

This urgent appeal was initiated to negotiate a financial hurdle that needed to be addressed. It was an opportunity to inform members and supporters of a very present need that they could join in prayer for and be part of the solution to help overcome. Please let me encourage you, Rhema 99.9 is currently going through a growth spurt. And typically, like all growth spurts, there's an element of pain involved. The pain for your Christian radio station is that our incoming finances aren't keeping up with our growth. The income we've received in the past has been adequate for what we've done in the past but understandably it is inadequate for our plans to grow.

As we continue to implement our newly developed strategic plan, alongside your prayer and support, we will indeed hear and see a new Rhema 99.9 better impact our community with the message of hope in Christ. One very intentional way to support the station toward sustainability of this goal is to become a monthly Life Changing Partner. Together with your prayer and support, Rhema 99.9 can make a bigger impact for Jesus in our region!



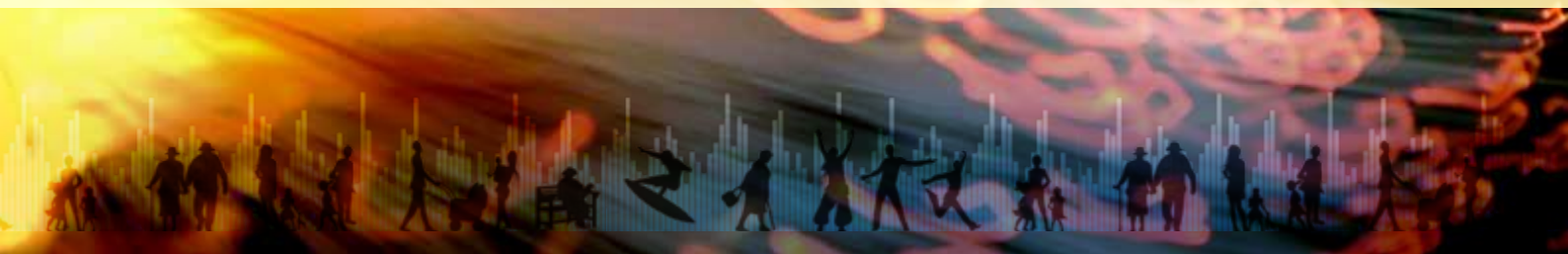
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Christian Radio *Transform Lives*

- **64% of Christian community radio listeners** report higher quality decision making as a direct result of their radio listening.
- **58% report an impact on their prayer life** and nearly half indicate their Bible reading has increased as a result of tuning in.
- **25% of listeners** also indicate an increased frequency of church attendance.
- **98% of listeners feel** their Christian Community radio provides **a positive benefit** to themselves and their families.

**Please pray for
us and support
our station with a
donation**

Results from Christian Radio extract of 2014 Community Radio National Listenership Survey - McCrindle Research.



Bunnings BBQ success...

What a great time of fun and fellowship was had at the Bunnings BBQ fundraising event on Saturday 8th of April. A big thank you to our loyal Rhema helpers who served with real enthusiasm during the five 2hour shifts across the day. With all expenses taken into account, we were able to raise a record gross amount of \$900... praise God! The money raised will go toward helping the station grow its ministry in our region. Please consider being a part of the next Bunnings BBQ. Yes, it takes only 2 hours of your time and provides a great opportunity to meet and greet the community in Christ's name. We'll definitely keep you in the loop with plenty of notice with an email leading up to the next event.



David Montgomery with Werner Egger.



Will Jamieson ready for the next batch of sausages.

Hooray!! The antenna repair is now in sight!

Within a few weeks of receiving this newsletter, your Christian radio ministry expects to be transmitting at 100% power again. Enabling the station to more effectively reach in to cars and homes with messages of faith, hope and love. I'm sure those of you who have been receiving a somewhat 'scratchy' reception will be thrilled by this news. Please pray with us as we ask the Lord to use the stronger signal of this newly refurbished antenna system to likewise minister more powerfully the Holy Spirit's conviction and enabling to fulfil God's purposes in people's lives.



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