

# SOUNDWAVES NEWSLETTER



Left to right: Wendy Seddon, Sue Montgomery, Ulrich Grollmus and Werner Egger - showing off their new Rhema polo shirts!

The new Rhema Marquee and flags arrived just in time for our participation in the Wauchope Show which was on April 26th & 27th. What a fantastic time we had sharing about Rhema and God's love presented over the airwaves. There were many opportunities to speak to people wandering around the Showgrounds and wondering what "Rhema" was all about. **And our Team were very happy to tell them!**

## **Special Appeal!**

In June we are running an on-air appeal to assist with Rhema's ongoing expenses. It costs around \$11,000 per month to provide a Christian voice on air to our region and, as a Community Radio Station, we operate on membership, donations and sponsorship.

Leading up to the Appeal in the first week of June, please pray about how you can help. Can you be part of the Team for Friday & Saturday June 7th and 8th? Can you help financially with a tax-deductible gift?

We need **you** to support the voice of love and hope to our community - Rhema 99.9.

*Because 'We're for families!'*

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# thinking right in a world gone wrong

by David Montgomery

I believe the great challenge that God is bringing to His church is: What do you think about each day? Is your mind being renewed according to God's Word?

It was the Apostle Paul who penned the great statement "whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things" - Philippians 4 verse 8.

You may ask "how can my mind be renewed?". I believe we can make 3 positive changes that will bring life-changing benefits.

1. Esteem God's Word - Selwyn Hughes says "As human beings, we are designed to function on the Word of the Lord. We were created by His word and we cannot function effectively unless we are energised by His word".
2. Read wholesome material - We must encourage people both young and old alike to read books and magazines that are morally acceptable. Books will enhance our thinking and stretch our mental muscles.
3. Discern the media - Every day the media seeks to influence our Christian walk. The impact of television and in recent times social media and online programming have contributed greatly to the shaping of people's thoughts like no other generation.

As followers of Christ, I believe we need to implement a fightback strategy in our families and in our churches that will see us thinking on those things that are pure, just, noble and of good report.

*David fellowships at the Port Macquarie Church of Christ with his wife Sue. David & Sue have been incredible supporters of Rhema 99.9 over the last few years and if you ring Rhema on a Tuesday or Wednesday, it's very likely Sue is the one you hear on our end of the phone.*



## Rhema Licensed Again!

Every 5 years, like all community radio stations, Rhema 99.9 must prove to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) that we should retain our broadcasting licence. Our renewal application was lodged towards the end of 2018 and we have recently heard that it was successful. *Praise God!*

Just because we have had our licence for many years doesn't mean relicensing is automatic. We must prove that the community still wants us on the air. And we were able to demonstrate this once again.

Every time we lodge applications of one sort or another, including Grant applications, it is more obvious that the push towards matters like gender-inclusiveness (not just male/female) is becoming a real issue. We need fervent prayer that issues important to the world but not necessarily to God will not prevent us from being successful in Licence or Grant applications.

## From the Manager's Desk

### ***We want to be seen as well as heard!***

It's so encouraging to watch God confirm the direction He is steering your Christian media ministry, Rhema 99.9. Even with Rhema's limited financial resources, our amazing Father is providing exactly what we need to fulfil His ultimate purpose for the station... to better impact our community with the life-changing message of Jesus.

Building on our 5-year strategic plan, to become more visible in the community, 2019 will be known as a significant year in meeting this goal through promoting Rhema's new logo and branding... 'We're for families'.

The new marquee and banners are the first instalments for getting Rhema's new brand recognised in the community. The new signage at the station and on the vehicle are being finalised as I write this... by the time you receive this newsletter, you may have already seen Rhema's vehicle billboard. Other initiatives to increase visibility in our community during 2019 include church visits, advising local papers and TV stations of the new look and sound of Rhema 99.9, and a sponsorship sales and fundraising dinner event to follow later in the year.

When you see Rhema's newly signed vehicle around the region, please allow it to be a prompt to pray for the ministry of Rhema 99.9 and use it as an opportunity to share Rhema through discussion with family and friends... you are indeed Rhema's advocates.

Thanking you in advance for your prayer support.

God bless,

*Werner*



## **Billet needed**

In June, Rhema 99.9 is running a fundraising campaign and our Production Manager, Alan Sharpham, arrives from Perth to help run the weekend. Alan needs accommodation for Thursday the 6th to Saturday the 15th of June so if you can help with his accommodation please call Rhema on 6584 1246 or email [admin@rhema999.com.au](mailto:admin@rhema999.com.au).



# Rhema Volunteers



## **Edith & Zsolt Newby**

Edith Newby is one of the volunteers who, for the last few years, has helped at Rhema 99.9 mainly doing the newsletter mailouts and also helping in other ways.

She lives in Port Macquarie with her son, Zsolt (pictured with Edith), and enjoys travelling. She also loves to read, do crosswords, loves sport and loves the beach which she tries to get to every day.

Edith and Zsolt come to the Rhema office every 3 months to help with folding the newsletter and preparing for its posting out with the Word for Today. Thank you, Edith & Zsolt, for your untiring efforts on behalf of Rhema members.

## **Steven Linney**

Steven is a volunteer who has been training with Josh in the Ripping Department. This involves downloading the programs that go to air and editing them to ensure that they run smoothly. Steven was born in Darwin and has been living in Port Macquarie for 22 years. He gave his life to Jesus when he was 18 years old and now attends Lifeway Church. He enjoys meeting new people and so he wanted to become part of the Rhema family to bring Christ and His Word to the community through radio.



**Edith, Zsolt and Steven love working at Rhema. Would you like to become a volunteer also? Go to [rhema999.com.au](http://rhema999.com.au) and select 'Volunteer' under the 'Get Involved' tab.**



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