

SOUNDWAVES NEWSLETTER

Become a Life Changing Partner TODAY!



Thanks to all those who joined our Life Changing Partner program in October. Rhema's Life Changing Partner program gives you the opportunity to help Rhema have a better financial standing to carry out our ministry to the Hastings community during 2023.

And during November, we continue the fundraising Appeal so you and your neighbours can keep hearing about God's love over the airwaves.

What a privilege to have Christian radio in our region. Please help Rhema stay on the air. Go to rhema999.com.au/donate and either sign up as a Life Changing Partner with a monthly gift, or make a one-off donation. All gifts, large or small, make a difference. And gifts \$2 & over are tax deductible.

We so appreciate your support. Thank you!



CBM Miracles Day

Back in August, CBM held Miracles Day across Australia on many Christian radio stations including Rhema 99.9. Miracles Day raises much needed funds to help those in third world countries get simple eye surgery costing just \$33.

Across Australia, 62,789 surgeries were funded and this included 145 from our region, raising well over \$4,000 for surgeries. This is well in excess of our target of 48 and we are so thankful for your compassion and generosity. And so is CBM!

AGM On November 22 at 7pm, Rhema is holding our Annual General Meeting via Zoom. If you'd like to attend, we'll send you a link closer to the date. Please email us at admin@rhema999.com.au to be added to the list. All financial members will be emailed with an invitation to attend online.



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK by Werner Egger

What will your legacy look like?

I recently drove down to Newcastle to celebrate John Marks on his retirement as CEO of Rhema FM Newcastle, in honour of his 30 years of faithful service. John shared many joyful occasions, including some of the very real challenges he encountered along the journey... no real surprise! For 'the prince of the power of the air' is not happy with any radio station broadcasting the good news of Jesus across the airwaves.

Nevertheless, John shared stories of his pioneering spirit that helped launch Christian radio in Australia. Rhema Newcastle was the very first Rhema radio station to come out of New Zealand and broadcast in Australia. Also, Rhema Port Macquarie began its test-broadcasts from the Newcastle station.

A key message which came out of many testimonies at the event was that despite his position as CEO, John was always available and tender-hearted toward people, no matter their background or status. John considered the work of Rhema a valued Christian ministry which is totally committed to serving God and people. He was asked during the evening that, if he had the chance, would he do it all again? And he responded... "In a heartbeat!"

John influenced many folk over the last 30 years. Not just because he was CEO of a vibrant Christian radio ministry, but because he had a passion to love and serve God and people.

Though it will look different from person to person, I pray that we will also leave such a compelling legacy, in Jesus' name. Amen.



One Year Ends - Another Begins

Here we are ... looking forward to Christmas ... again. Can you believe it? Maybe it's a rest or a holiday. Maybe you're looking forward to the family gathering or the presents or maybe there's something more.

To tell you the truth as I look forward to Christmas, the biggest thing that my body looks forward to quite frankly is a rest. You know, just the ability to stop producing and stop doing and just have a time with my wife and my family. Just to rest for a few weeks over that period.

Yet somehow in these weeks leading up to Christmas, we seem to race around and rack up bills on the credit cards, busy preparing for what? My hunch is that we almost never stop and think what am I really looking forward to when it comes to Christmas?



As you look forward to this Christmas, what are you looking forward to? What if there's something more? What if Jesus wants to break into your reality and touch your heart and set you free? What are you looking forward to?

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