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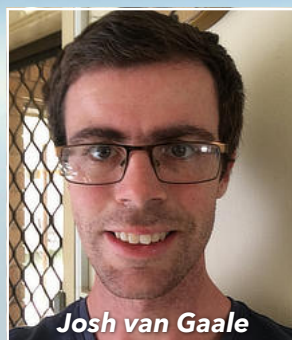
L to R: Ps David Dennis, Tricia Newman, Sue Bullen, Werner Egger, David Montgomery, Karen Wright, Sue Montgomery, Bianca Ball, Steven Linney (behind), John Sedman, Rev. David Thompson.

It takes a lot of volunteers to run a radio station like Rhema 99.9, and we also need a few faithful paid staff. Yes, amazing as it may sound, people do need to eat and pay rent!

We are so thankful for our staff and volunteers – and we can tell you that even our 3 paid staff members volunteer many hours beyond what they are paid for.

As you can see from the photo above, we have quite a few people involved behind the scenes (plus many not in the photo), ensuring that the message of hope continues to go out to our community hour after hour, day after day on Rhema 99.9.

Here's just a few who volunteer faithfully week after week...

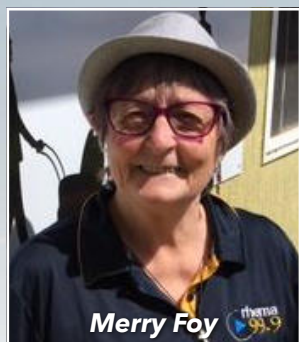


Josh van Gaale



Steven Linney

Josh and Steven are amazing. They ensure that the talk programs heard on Rhema are refreshed every week.



Merry Foy

Merry turns up every week to clean our office area, never complaining about the mess left by wayward staff. 😊 She also helps organise the Bunnings BBQ fundraisers that we have from time to time. And such a joy to work with. Her name suits her!



Bianca Ball

Bianca is our bookkeeper, doing a great job keeping our accounts in order. She works at Advantage iT and comes to Rhema House every Friday to update our accounts. Bianca is also currently acting as Rhema's Treasurer.



Karen Wright

Karen is a vital new member of the Rhema volunteer staff. She contacts people who are (or were) members of Rhema, asking if they need prayer, praying with them over the phone and giving words of encouragement. If you ever get a call from Karen, prepare to be blessed! Karen also helps during our Appeals.



John Sedman

John is a long-time Board member and also plays a vital role in scheduling what you hear day to day. He drives down from Kundabung every Friday so please pray for his safety.

This is why we do what we do...

"An individual called in to a radio station while they were live and on the air, and thanked the team for playing a song from Hulvey. He was on his way to take his life, and the lyrics in the track convinced him to keep going. He had turned around and was heading home and wanted some prayer."

The above is taken from @newreleasetoday. We too have heard life-changing stories from our listeners locally. You have no idea the effect your Christian radio station is having on the listening public.

And yes, this is why we do what we do! Your Rhema 99.9 has far-reaching effects on our community and this is why we need your support to keep going. Head to rhema999.com.au to make a much-needed donation and keep our life-changing message of hope going out over the airwaves.



Invitation or Lecture?

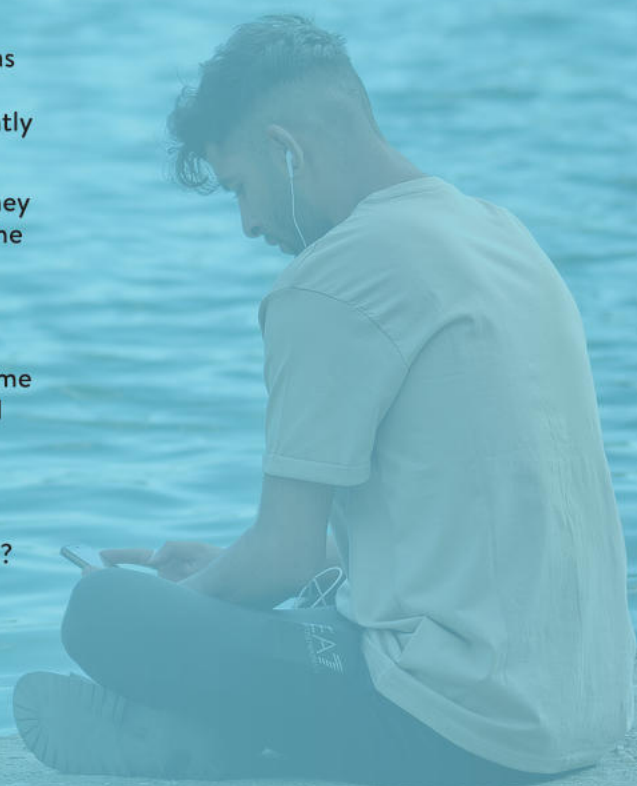
One of Rhema's valuable resources is the Christian Music Weekly which updates us on the US Christian music charts each week. I was struck by the message from one of their key staff writers, Bill Arbuckle, who relates how one of the biggest US companies recently got it wrong when launching their latest advertising campaign.

He explains that the parent company of Bud Light Beer thought they would make a transgender activist the face of its new campaign. The beer company claimed it wanted to expand its customer base and bring it in touch with today.

Bill goes on to say "The new 'outreach' is failing. Why such a spectacular failing? Among the many reasons, the ad campaign came across as a lecture ... not a story. The vice president stated her goal was inclusivity, yet by forcing that narrative on customers, she managed to turn customers away."

"As Christians, we have a life-changing message to share. Are we telling Christ's story in such a way that people can't help but listen? Jesus **invited** people to join his adventure. An **invitation** – not a lecture – frequently opens the door to life-altering change." (emphasis ours)

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Did you know?

Christian radio reaches more Australians each week than attend church each month!

(Nathan Brown, Christian Media and the Arts Australia)

SHINE THE LIGHT

Once again, Rhema's Shine the Light fundraising event is on at the C3 Church building, 12 Acacia Ave, Port Macquarie. This popular event is a favourite as will be attested by those who have attended in past years.

The night includes Christian comedian (and Pastor), Uncle Nath, along with great music, delicious supper boxes, barista-made coffee (or tea if you'd prefer), an online auction and the usual fun of the night.

It starts at 6:30pm on Saturday September 16th at \$55 per person and you can book by either contacting Rhema on 6584 1246, or drop in to Rhema at 198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie (rear of Hamilton Green). The Rhema office is open Tuesday to Friday.

Do you think you could book a table of 5 (or maybe 2 tables 😊)? There's a discount price of \$50 for each person when booking tables of 5.

This year, funds raised are going towards a battery back-up system to ensure we can stay on air when we have blackouts that, too many times, have taken us off air recently.

Get in quick to reserve your place. Book NOW!



We Need Your Voice!!

Rhema 99.9 is looking for local people to train as announcers. If you'd like to try out, email production@rhema999.com.au. The only requirements are: a heart to serve God, a willingness to work as part of a team, and be teachable. You also need to become a member of the station if you are accepted. Give it a try!

New Programs

Delving with Des

Des Kennedy has been presenting this program since July which shares the stories of local people with a significant story to tell. It kicked off with Des's chat with Lady Mayor, Peta Pinson, and continued with chats with people like St Columba School Principal, Terry Muldoon, and Pastor Mark Van Der Veer. Coming up in August are interviews with Lifeline volunteer, Kristie Hawkins, plus a couple of local pastors including Phil & Terri Thomson who are also foster carers & are part of our program 'Faith & Fostering' heard on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm.

Delving with Des is on Rhema 99.9 at 1pm Wednesday & Saturday at 1pm.



Pure Gold

This program features music from the 80s & 90s and is hosted by Rhema's Alan Sharpham. It features music from the early days of Christian broadcasting in Australia with stories from artists from those days, some of whom are still around in today's Christian music scene. You may remember Amy Grant & Michael W Smith who were massive favourites back then, along with crossover artists like Dion DiMucci, Dan Peak (lead singer of 'America' in the 70s) and Leon Patillo (formerly from 'Santana').

If you were a fan of Christian music during its heyday, you'll love this program. Pure Gold is on Saturday nights at 7pm.



From the Manager's Desk...

During my morning devotions with God the other day, I was reading through Romans 8 contemplating on the victory we have as followers of Jesus... who can be against us, when God is for us?! And that nothing is able to separate us from the love of Christ! When I came to the often-quoted Romans 8:28 verse, a fresh Holy Spirit revelation opened-up to me.

Many folk casually recite the verse as, "All things work together for good for those who love God, and those called according to His purpose". Of course, there are different Bible translations for this verse, but I like how the NASB puts it: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose".

Two things stood out to me reading it this time. First, that it's God who is causing the good things to work together; it's not by chance or happenstance! And secondly, Paul points out that "we know", without a doubt, that it's our loving Heavenly Father who can work a blessing in and through us when we put our trust in Jesus during any trial or hardship that comes our way!

Do you really believe that?! Is God good?! And does His faithfulness and loving-kindness endure forever?! The absolute truth of Scripture certainly reveals all these things. Yes, we can indeed be transformed by the renewing of your mind... let's read God's Word every day! Believing! 😊



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