

SOUNDWAVES NEWSLETTER

Christians IN MUSIC

As Christians, aren't we supposed to meet people where they are? Yes, and sometimes that requires being in a space that isn't inside the boundaries of the Church - and that's okay. This is where we need Christians in music, not just Christians in Christian music. These are Christian artists on the secular music scene.

We need Christian people outside the walls of the Church speaking to those who will never set foot inside one or hit play on a Christian song. Recently, Seventh Day Slumber did a show in a dive bar where the local opener acts were trying to be "edgy" with profanity-laden lyrics. While the rock band is still in Christian music, they stepped out into a venue vastly different from the Church where contemporary Christian artists, Pat Barrett and Josh Baldwin, appeared the night before. Those opening acts stuck around and heard about Jesus and heard the band's testimony.

Rhema 99.9 plays 100% Christian artists. That means any artist who is born again, whether producing music in the Christian "genre" or not. You may be surprised who in the secular market are Christian. Like Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, John Coltrane and of course, Alice Cooper. And on the Aussie scene, Voice 2023 winner, Tarryn Stokes, Guy Sebastian and former Voice winner, Bella Taylor Smith.

Even Taylor Swift had her beginnings in Church. But Rhema does have a limit!

Whether a Christian artist on the Christian music scene or not, Rhema's staff and the Programming Team determine the overall suitability of a song for airplay. Seeing our tagline is "we're for families", if it doesn't fit, it gets the flick!

You can be part of the music selection process on Rhema by becoming part of their Programming Team. Just contact Alan at production@rhema999.com.au and he'll fill you in on how you can become part of the team.



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Anyone there?

This year Rhema 99.9 is required to renew our broadcasting licence. We need to prove to the federal government that you want Rhema to continue as a local radio station, and this is how you can help:

- **Become a member** of Rhema (or if your membership has lapsed, renew it online or by phone). Membership is available from our website rhema999.com.au/membership or phone 02 6584 1246 Tuesday to Friday. If you're not sure whether your membership is current, ring 6584 1246 Tuesday to Friday to check.
- **Become a regular financial supporter** of Rhema (see article below).
- **Encourage your friends and family to become members** of the station. And stay tuned for a very special announcement about our membership drive in February!



To keep Rhema going to air into the future, we need the government to see that we have your support. Community stations like ours have had their licences revoked simply because they were not able to prove local support. **Don't let that happen in the Hastings!**

Ways to listen to Rhema

Don't have a radio at home? All good!



Stream Rhema 99.9 on iHeart Radio, Community Radio Plus or Radio Garden on your phone or computer. Just log on to any of these and search for Rhema 99.9 Port Macquarie.

Or go to the Rhema website at rhema999.com.au and click 'Listen Online' at the top of the page. This way, you can take Rhema with you wherever you go.

Okay, I'm a member BUT...

What is my next step to keeping Rhema in our region?

How about monthly support? It can be as small as \$2 or as large as you like. But regular donations allow us to budget as we look to keeping family-friendly radio on the air.

Our Life Changing Partner program gives you the opportunity to sow into this important ministry that God has placed in our midst. Can you imagine not having Rhema around?!

And at the moment we have a special offer for new Partners. No matter what amount you decide to pledge, you will go into the draw to win a 3-day holiday at Melbourne's Seasons5 Resort & Spa for 2 people. Check it out at seasons5.com.au.

**Go to
rhema999.com.au
to sign up for our
Life Changing Partner
program.**

From the Manager's Desk...

Yes, that's right, we're already in the second month of 2024; and Rhema 99.9 has hit the road running. Without question, the major project for the year is the station's 5-year licence renewal. This is a daunting task, requiring many hours of collating detailed information to satisfy the Australian government that the Hastings' Christian community wants their voice to be heard... and remain being heard!

Here's where you can help as a valued member. Please pray with us for the Lord to provide increased membership numbers and monthly financial partners through our Life Changing Partner program. Through regular dedicated prayer, we can witness God's provision to grow the capacity of Rhema 99.9 and reach more people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Together in the Spirit of unity, we can demonstrate to God we are serious about seeing Him glorified through Rhema's media ministry and to make a real difference in people's lives, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



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