

President's Report

By David Dennis

I am grateful to say that compared the previous several years, 2023 has been a year of relative stability for Rhema. The board and management team have worked well together in harmony to support and continue in the gospel ministry that stands at the centre of Rhema's reason for being. It is a testament to the good character of all involved that such harmony is on display, despite the challenges that occur in running any organisation.

My first acknowledgement must go to Werner Egger, who continues to operate as our very diligent and effective General Manager, heading up the team of staff, both paid and volunteer, who work so hard to serve the purpose of Rhema 99.9. Werner works tirelessly to not only keep the station on air but also to build rapport with church leaders and other ministries around the region, to whom Rhema 99.9 seeks to complement and cooperate in our singular mission under Jesus Christ to proclaim the gospel and make disciples. It seems that along the way there is a relentless stream of technical matters, grant applications, licensing matters, appeals planning, programme development and scheduling work. Werner manages all of this with grace, care and perseverance. Alan Sharpham is also "right up there" in supporting Werner and carrying much of the day-to-day load also – thanks, Alan!

I also want to express sincere gratitude to Crisanta Ball, who fulfilled the Treasurer's duties very diligently to the end of the financial year in June. Crisanta brought excellent accountancy skills to build upon previous treasurers' work, implementing good systems and practices for tracking and monthly reporting of the finances of the organisation. She brought a new level of detail and clarity to our reporting and managed to keep that uneasy tension between faith and fiscal responsibility that is always present in faith-based organisations that run on donations and voluntary support. We are very grateful for the insights, skill and faith she demonstrated through the last fiscal year.

This brings me to another point of gratitude, that being for our new Treasurer, Bianca Ball (Crisanta's daughter, no less!), who accepted the role as a casual vacancy from the start of July this year. Bianca has been doing the book work for several years, but has ably stepped up and has already proven her skill and worth as a member of the board. We look forward to formally recognising and ratifying her in the Treasurer role. I should mention our sincere continuing gratitude to Paul Hazelgrove and Advantage IT for effectively sponsoring Bianca's time as our bookkeeper.

There are numerous other volunteers and staff who contribute to the daily operation of Rhema 99.9 and they all deserve our thanks. Let's not forget to pray for not only the organisation but also its people, for Werner and the team who are on the front line of this ministry serving Christ and our region in His name.

Your brother in Christ,



David Dennis