

SOUNDWAVES NEWSLETTER

We're in this Together!



Every year, Rhema 99.9 sets aside two months for financial appeals to keep the station running. They are usually in June and November. This year, the theme of our June Appeal is "We're in this Together" and we're asking you to get behind us with a donation as we work together to broadcast God's love to our region **24 hours a day**. And remember, all donations \$2 or more attract a tax deduction.

This is also our 'licensing year' when the government decides whether or not to extend our broadcasting licence for another five years. Membership numbers factor into this decision.

Membership Drive

In March, our membership drive helped boost the number of members of Rhema 99.9 by a very healthy 101 (as at the end of March) and is still growing. Thank you to all those who renewed their membership or became new members.

We have also instituted a 'subscriber' model for those who enjoy listening to Rhema 99.9 but without the full

requirements of membership (signing of the Statement of Faith & being a regular Church attender). So if any of your unchurched friends are regular listeners to Rhema, they can become subscribers for just \$10 per year. This provides them with the quarterly newsletter and program guide, enabling them to keep up with what Rhema's doing.

Licence Renewal

Rhema's broadcasting licence is due for renewal this year and we have until the end of May to prove to the government that you want this radio station to stay on the air. As a special offer, and because membership numbers are a sign of local support, Rhema 99.9 has reduced fees to just \$10 for new and renewed memberships until June 2025.

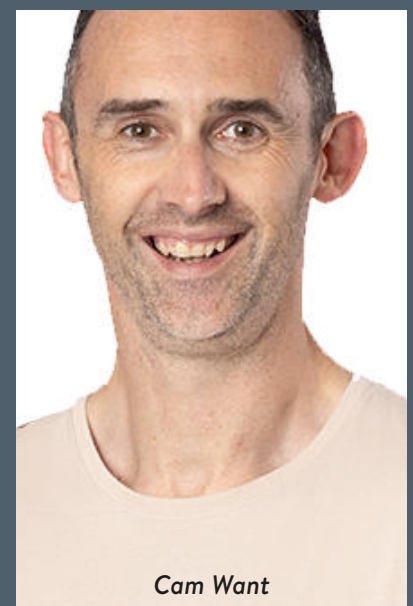
If you are still not a member, or your membership has lapsed, please give serious thought to becoming a member or updating your membership. This can be done online at rhema999.com.au/membership or by phoning Rhema on 6584 1246 Tuesday to Friday during business hours.

This is urgent if you want family-friendly radio to continue in our community.

NEW PROGRAMS

We have 2 new programs starting soon. The first is "**Forget-Me-Not**", a program focusing on dementia, and hosted by local dementia worker, Anne Elliott. The program will provide listeners with information on dementia and dementia care, support carers of those with dementia and conduct interviews with people with dementia, carers and professionals in the field. "**Forget-Me-Not**" can be heard on Rhema 99.9 at 7:10pm Tuesdays.

Another new program is our Breakfast Session from 7 to 10am weekdays. It's called "**The Daily with Cam Want**" and has been on air since early April. Cam currently hosts the TCM Update which is a music news program heard on Rhema 99.9 at 10pm Friday nights and just after the 11am news on Saturdays. This replaces the Luke & Susie Show which finished just before Easter.



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HOW (NOT) TO RUN A CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION:

- 1) Play only music heard in Church, like hymns and worship music.
- 2) Don't play any songs that don't mention the name of Jesus at least once.
- 3) Play a wide variety of music interspersed all day that will reach both young and old.
- 4) Play at least one hymn every hour.
- 5) Fill the schedule with talk programs.
- 6) Don't pay anyone including management (they should all work by faith).
- 7) Keep away from social media (because it's all of the devil).

What is Rhema 99.9's answer to these "rules"?

- ▶ Radio must have a target audience. No one will listen to a station that plays heavy rock one minute and a hymn the next.
- ▶ We want to present music that will reach both young and old, and this is best done by presenting specific times for youth and seniors.
- ▶ A balance of music between overtly Christian and those with positive lyrics but not necessarily "God-centred", is much more likely to achieve the result of encouraging unchurched listeners to think positively about God and feeling included.
- ▶ While talk programs are important, those who just want to listen to radio for the music will leave Rhema on, knowing it is safe when their children can hear it

and provides a pleasant mix of music. Rhema's target audience is the family with primary age children. But plenty of other people have told us they like it too!

- ▶ Pay peanuts and get monkeys. Would you work for nothing? Then why expect others to? Even Christians have mortgages or rent to pay. And most need to eat daily. Remember, "the labourer is worthy of his hire" (see Luke 10:7 & 1 Tim 5:18).
- ▶ Yes, there's a lot wrong with social media. But there's also a lot of good content reaching out and proclaiming the Gospel. While the devil does use social media, so does God. Have you checked out Rhema's Facebook pages?

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.



WANNA BE ON RADIO?

We're looking for people who can host programs featuring **Country** music, **Jazz** or **Hymns**. If you have a particular interest in any of these music genres, and feel you could host a one hour program featuring any of these styles, please let us know by email to production@rhema999.com.au. You need to be (or become) a member of Rhema, complete a Volunteer Application Form, and we'll provide all the training you need.

We also need hosts for our **Young Adults program** on Saturday nights.

Please pray with us for these 'on air' needs.

The hottest duo in Christian music today happen to be Australian. And they're visiting Aus from their home base in the USA for a series of concerts in May and June.

If you'd love to see them perform live, you can go to the Rhema website and click the "For King & Country The Homecoming Tour" banner on our home page. This will

take you to the Ticketek page where you can select which concert you wish to attend. The nearest concerts to Port Macquarie are Newcastle and Sydney.

Every ticket sold through our website helps support Rhema 99.9.



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Have you ever wondered if you're walking in God's will?

What a great response we had from Rhema's 'Membership Drive'. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to promote this much needed result for our upcoming 5-year licence renewal.

Even with this amazing result, you probably didn't know what was going on behind the scenes?! During the Membership Drive across the whole of March, the station and staff experienced several unusual anomalies – from unexpected health problems, to out of the ordinary computer and technology issues – things that just make no sense in the natural. However, it makes perfect sense in the spiritual realm.

The enemy of our souls does not want Rhema 99.9 to grow its reach in our community, for this is God's will and calling. Our Membership Drives and fund-raising activities are a means to that end.

One of the ways to recognise whether you're walking in God's will, is by the ongoing attacks from the

enemy; of course, without placing too much focus on him. You've most likely experienced attacks on occasion yourself! Even so, we know that greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 Jn 4:4). And how important it is to remember to put on the full armour of God every day (Eph. 6:10-17). There is, however, much comfort and peace knowing that if God is for us, who can be against us (Rom 8:31).

Rhema 99.9 continues with a desire to walk according to God's word, will, and way. I pray that it's your desire in life too. 😊

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Weekdays

News on the hour 6am to 7pm - Headlines on the half hour 7:30-9:30am

1:00 AM	MON - FRI	DEREK PRINCE LEGACY RADIO (12 MINS)	BIBLE TEACHING
3:30 AM	MON - FRI	FAMILY LIFE TODAY (25 MINS)	GREAT ADVICE FOR FAMILIES
5:30 AM	MON - FRI	INSIGHT FOR LIVING (30 MINS)	BIBLE TEACHING (CHUCK SWINDOLL)
6:05 AM	MON - FRI	FRESH DEVOTIONAL (3 MINS)	DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM BERNI DYMET
6:30 AM	MON - FRI	DEREK PRINCE LEGACY RADIO (12 MINS)	BIBLE TEACHING
7:00 AM	MON - FRI	THE DAILY WITH CAM WANT (3 HOURS)	BREAKFAST SHOW
8:40 AM	MON - FRI	CREATION MINUTE (1 MIN)	THE SCIENCE BEHIND CREATION
12:05 PM	TUE	THE TRAVELLER'S GUIDE (3 MINS)	A ROAD TRIP THROUGH LIFE (HELEN MOTTEE)
12:30 PM	MON	THE BIG QUESTION (3 MINS)	AN IMPORTANT ISSUE TO MAKE YOU THINK
1:05 PM	WED	DELVING WITH DES (55 MINS)	INTERVIEWS WITH NOTEWORTHY LOCAL IDENTITIES
3:50 PM	MON - FRI	CREATION MINUTE (1 MIN)	THE SCIENCE BEHIND CREATION
6:05 PM	MON - FRI	ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY (30 MINS)	FAMILY RADIO THEATRE
6:30 PM	MON - FRI	FOCUS ON THE FAMILY (30 MINS)	MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE
7:05 PM	MON - FRI	FRESH DEVOTIONAL (3 MINS)	DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM BERNI DYMET
7:10 PM	MON	FOR ETERNITY (1 HR)	THE PERSECUTED CHURCH (HELEN MOTTEE)
7:10PM	TUE	FORGET-ME-NOT (25 MINS)	INFORMATION ABOUT DEMENTIA WITH ANNE ELLIOTT
7:10 PM	WED	ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS	ELI GONZALES AND MALCOLM POLLARD
7:10 PM	THURS	THE BIG QUESTION (3 MINS)	AN IMPORTANT ISSUE TO THINK ABOUT
7:10 PM	FRI	AUSSIE GROWN ACROSS THE NATION (1 HR)	AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN MUSICIANS
7:15 PM	THURS	THE TRAVELLER'S GUIDE (5 MINS)	A ROAD TRIP THROUGH LIFE (HELEN MOTTEE)
7:30 PM	TUES	FAITH & FOSTERING (30 MINS)	FOSTERING FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE
7:30 PM	WED	MOMENTUM (30 MINS)	A PROGRAM ESPECIALLY FOR MEN
7:30 PM	THURS	HELPING YOU BECOME (25 MINS)	BIBLE TEACHING (PS JOE ARMSTRONG)
8:00 PM	MON - FRI	A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE (10 MINS)	CHRISTIAN GROWTH (BERNI DYMET)
8:30 PM	MON - FRI	A NEW BEGINNING (25 MINS)	EVANGELISM (GREG LAURIE)
9:00 PM	MON - FRI	INSIGHT FOR LIVING (30MINS)	BIBLE TEACHING (CHUCK SWINDOLL)
9:30 PM	MON - FRI	FAMILY LIFE TODAY (25 MINS)	BUILDING UP FAMILIES
10:00 PM	FRI	TCM NEWS (3 MINS)	TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC - MUSIC NEWS
11:45 PM	MON - FRI	A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE (10 MINS)	CHRISTIAN GROWTH (BERNI DYMET)

Saturday

News on the hour 7am to 1pm

6:00 AM	FRESH DEVOTIONAL (3 MINS)	DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM BERNI DYMET
1:05 AM	TCM NEWS (3 MINS)	TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC - MUSIC NEWS
1:05 PM	DELVING WITH DES (55 MINS)	INTERVIEWS WITH NOTEWORTHY LOCAL IDENTITIES
4:00 PM	TCM (2 HRS)	CHRISTIAN MUSIC HITS COUNTDOWN
7:00 PM	FRESH DEVOTIONAL (3 MINS)	DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM BERNI DYMET
7:03 PM	PURE GOLD (1 HOUR)	MUSIC FROM THE CHRISTIAN CHARTS OF THE 80S & 90S
8:30 PM	REAL FAITH (30 MINS)	REAL PEOPLE WITH REAL STORIES
9:00 PM	YOUTH (2½ HOURS)	MUSIC FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday

12:00 AM	AUSSIE GROWN ACROSS THE NATION (1 HR)	AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN MUSICIANS
2:00 AM	HISTORY MAKERS (25 MINS)	INTERVIEWS WITH NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL LEADERS
6:00 AM	FRESH DEVOTIONAL (3 MINS)	DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM BERNI DYMET
7:00 AM	HYMNS OLD & NEW (1 HR)	TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY HYMNS
8:30 AM	MESSAGES OF HOPE (15 MINS)	SHARING FROM LUTHERAN PASTORS
11:00 AM	THE JOURNEY (1 HR)	CATHOLIC LIFESTYLE PROGRAM
12:00 PM	HOMECOMING RADIO	MUSIC FROM THE GAITHERS
3:00 PM	RHEMA COUNTRY (1 HR)	CHRISTIAN COUNTRY MUSIC
5:30 PM	CHRISTIANITY WORKS (30 MINS)	CHRISTIAN GROWTH (BERNI DYMET)
6:00 PM	HISTORY MAKERS (25 MINS)	INTERVIEWS WITH NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL LEADERS
7:00 PM	FRESH DEVOTIONAL (3 MINS)	DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM BERNI DYMET
7:03 PM	MOMENTUM (30 MINS)	A PROGRAM ESPECIALLY FOR MEN
8:00 PM	FOR ETERNITY (1 HR)	THE PERSECUTED CHURCH (HELEN MOTTEE)
9:00 PM	TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING (2 HOURS)	INTERVIEWS WITH NOTABLE AUSTRALIANS
11:00 PM	HELPING YOU BECOME (25 MINS)	BIBLE TEACHING (PS JOE ARMSTRONG)
11:45 PM	THE TRAVELLER'S GUIDE (5 MINS)	A ROAD TRIP THROUGH LIFE (HELEN MOTTEE)