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About a Presenter

This is **Nanny Janny's** story !

The Radio has always been tuned in and kept my Grandparents and Parents company throughout the day. I 'sort of' have a musical background as my Grandmother and Mum were in the Glee Club and Church choirs and I was left behind the door when beautiful voices were handed out. I do love pop and country music and when I heard the magic voices of Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly I was hooked.

How did I get to be at TYGA FM?

Let's go back to one day in May, 2013 whilst serving a customer, I recognised his voice from our Radio Station. We got to talking and I mentioned that I always dreamed of being on the Radio Station and playing the songs I really loved. There was also another customer who said you ought to Janet, my friend, Mad Dog and I are going to be on the Radio too. TC did encourage me. OK said the customer, (his nickname being Slabs) be around at the Station on Monday at 12 O'clock.

Slabs answered the door and sat me down in front of a computer. He asked 'do you know how to use a computer and type?' Luckily I did. Slabs asked me 'what kind of music do you like?', I said Rock and Roll. 'Right Geordie won't mind if we go into his file and transfer all the songs you like into this playlist'. I couldn't believe it, all the songs I loved, which one will I choose! As Slabs was hosting the Time Tunnel he checked on me several times and told me five minutes before the hour you must save your playlist and then at one o'clock he said 'RIGHT O, YOU'RE ON'. OMG I am on now!!

Sit right down in front of this microphone, turn on this button and say the name of the song and singer and click to start the song playing. Now turn off this switch. YOU MUST REMEMBER TO TURN THIS SWITCH OFF WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED SPEAKING. Not much has changed, still don't talk much, still forget to turn off the mic but I have a little more confidence and don't get so nervous. I must say I love the Radio Station and have met some amazing people and made some wonderful friends.

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AGM Outcome

The Annual General Meeting of Derwent Valley Community Radio Inc was held on Nov 14th. There were about 16 members in attendance, including a few members of the general public. The proceedings were conducted by President **Bruce Lamb**, with the election component officiated by **Craig Farrell**. The new board for 2019/2020 is

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listed separately under the regular heading of Your Board Members. It is great to have a new name on the board, being the very talented **Peter Sweetlove**. The board would also like to thank **Peter Arrowsmith** for his contribution.

Lessons from CMTO

As readers will be aware, **TYGA FM** was able to take advantage of an offer of formal training delivered locally, here in New Norfolk. A few of the general guidelines from this training are presented below for your consideration.

Instead of saying *Hello to all of you out there* it would be better to say *Hello it's great to have you back again*. The reason is that radio works best when the listener feels they are being spoken to directly.

Instead of saying *I'm not a fan of Fleetwood Mac, but this track is quite good*, it would be better just to say *here's a great track from Fleetwood Mac*. You don't need to put off that part of your audience that doesn't share your dislike of Fleetwood Mac. (And what's wrong with you anyway!!! Ed)

You might want to say something like *everyone over 40 remembers Countdown...* but it would be better not to alienate listeners who did not grow up in Australia or did not get to see Countdown. Try to avoid categorising your audience and be mindful of the diversity of experiences in Australia. It might be better to say *Back in the 80s, if you were a young person living in Australia, chances are you watched Countdown. For those of you who don't know the programme, Countdown was...*

Be careful if you say something like *Welcome back to the programme*. This might be fine if you just played pre-recorded sponsorships, but if you say it after playing a song or interview, you're implying that they were not part of your programme.

TYGA Shirts for Announcers

An offer is being made to organise the purchase of T-Shirts and/or Polo Shirts for announcers who may wish to advertise both **TYGA** and their programme. This is not merchandise for general sale.

(Male or Female) "T" shirt front with name of programme and back with **TYGA** moto. Sizes S, M, L, XL and 2XL. At cost $20.

T-Shirt

Close-ups

(Male or Female) Polo shirt with embroidered logo. Sizes S, M, L, XL and 2XL. At cost - $31.

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Polo **Close-up**

These can be ordered by contacting Doug Smith via tygafm@drscc.com.au or 0402 13 4474. Costs have been rounded up to the nearest dollar and the additional cents will be donated to Vinnies in High Street. Please order by Saturday 11th January 2020. Please provide payment in advance and a phone number to contact when item(s) are ready.

TYGA in the Public Eye

Unfortunately, TYGA's return to the market is being delayed due to the fact that we need an on-air presenter that has telephone experience that can interact with **Glen Mazur** at the market. No date has yet been set for our return.

New Norfolk's Christmas Parade will be live broadcast again this year. Tune in to TYGA FM to listen to a great commentary from local member **Craig Farrell** and our wonderful station operations manager, **Roz**.

New Transmission Tower

At our October meeting, your board was informed that the lease for the area on Peppermint Hill where we intend to install our new transmission tower has been offered and formally accepted. The next step is soil testing and a geophysics report, which are a necessary first step, and already in progress.

Your (New) Board Members

On Wednesday 14th November, the TYGA Annual General Meeting elected board members to serve until August 2020. The results are as follows:

Bruce Lamb (President)
Nigel Jones (Vice President)
Valerie Costarelli (Secretary)
Youssef Mohamad (Treasurer)
Roz Chapman (Station Operations Manager)
Peter Sweetlove (Sponsorship)

Ordinary members

Janet Onn
Doug Smith

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Have Your Say

If you have any news you think worthy of inclusion in **TYGAbytes**, feel free to contact **Doug** at tygabytes@tygafm.org.au or by mobile on 0402 13 4474.

Coming Up...

It's nearly that time of the year when **TYGA** runs its Christmas Marathon. 66 hours of continuous manning of the **TYGA** studio phone, taking requests from listeners. The marathon starts at 6am on the day before Christmas and ends midnight on Boxing day. The primary purpose of the marathon is to give everyone, but especially those feeling lonely, an opportunity at any time, to call in, talk to a real person and request a song (or two) and send messages that will lift their spirits. Everyone deserves to be happy at this time of year. The Station Operations Manager will be calling for volunteers closer to the start of the marathon. Please think about how (and when) you can contribute. Volunteers must be prepared to play no more than two songs in a row without speaking. Having a real person to talk to, and talking to the listeners frequently is a foundation stone of this marathon.

Next time **TYGA** at Market..... TBA
Christmas Parade Outside Broadcast .....Dec 14th
TYGA Marathon..... 24Dec 6am - 26Dec midnight
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