



Valley Loses A Radio Legend

Community radio has lost one of the true legends of radio broadcasting. This eulogy by his very close friend Nigel Jones.

Former commercial and community radio jock Bill Kinnane passed away suddenly at home on Sunday 22nd March aged 72.



Peter Hughes (left) and Bill Kinnane

Former colleague Nigel Jones who worked with Bill at commercial radio 7HT and recently at Derwent Valley Community Radio **TYGA FM** said Bill was the ultimate professional, helping many presenters with their preparation and on-air skills. He mentored friend and former colleague Peter Hughes in his early career and Peter went on to a very successful career in radio & TV. Bill's love for music talent saw him create great friendships with Tasmanian music talent like legend inductees Lindy Lou Bean and Glen Dee, his great friend legend inductee country musician and radio broadcaster/producer Rob Bean was very distraught to lose a great mate.

TYGA FM would like to thank **New Norfolk Rotary** and **Craig Farrell** for generously funding the purchase of equipment that allows our ...

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Bill was not just a radio broadcaster, he was a friend and mentor to many aspiring broadcasters. Bill was a walking encyclopedia, his knowledge of music from the 60's & 70's was amazing. He was also a Vietnam veteran who experienced the atrocities of a war as a signal controller that left him psychologically scarred for life. When he arrived in Tasmania early on in his career at 7HT he was involved in a horrendous car accident that left him sidelined for months. But Bill Kinnane's *tomorrow is a new day* attitude, saw him fight back and become one of the most beloved radio broadcasters in Tasmania, over his career of 40+ years. He enjoyed a punt, horses, two up and his beloved Kangas' North Melbourne Football Club.

Bill loved the valley of love and his new radio home **TYGA FM**, his audience on Tuesday's and Wednesday's was many, he brought companionship and comfort to many listeners with his selection of music.

President Bruce Lamb and Station Manager Roz Chapman to broadcast from home.
The Derwent Valley - a great community.

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(Left to right) Peter Cox, Peter Hughes and Bill Kinnane outside the TYGA FM studio

From all his former radio colleagues at 7HT, 7TAB, Hobart FM and **TYGA FM** and the hundreds of listeners who tuned in every week Bill will be forever remembered as The Sweet Music Man.

Editor's note: After announcing for only one week or so at **TYGA FM**, I heard Bill's show while driving back from Hobart. Bill was using techniques, that I had not yet learned. I drove directly to the studio and introduced myself. Bill was very happy to explain what he was doing and it was Bill who taught me what a sweeper was! That will be one of my lasting memories of Bill.

New Transmission Tower

The new transmission tower has been constructed and will be transported to Tasmania in a number of sections. Ground works are about to start, but due to having to get additional approvals after the tower height was increased by some two metres, and all this while COVID-19 got in the way, these works are a little behind schedule.

The board believes that the base construction will not take very long at all, once started, and the tower should be being erected on-site before too long. Included in the construction will be a small hut for electricals and appropriate fencing.

Editor's Note: I fully expect to be able to include a photo of the tower in-situ in the next edition of

TYGAbytes.

Member subscriptions are due 1st July 2020. Subscriptions can be paid online via the **TYGA** ...

Did You Know...

The **TYGA FM** studio is COVID safe, provided announcers follow a few simple rules:

1. Do not come to the studio if you have flu-like symptoms or if you have recently travelled overseas or been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. If you are concerned, go to health.gov.au for advice.
2. Hand sanitiser is located in the kitchen area. Please use it.
3. Disinfecting surfaces - please use the disinfectant wipes located in the kitchen to clean desk, light switches, door handles as needed.
4. Please do not spray anything directly on keyboards or consoles because this may cause damage. You can spray onto tissues or towels and use this to wipe down surfaces.
5. All announcers should be mindful of disseminating information, giving advice or opinions regarding COVID-19 that is not accurate or current. You should not disseminate information from any source other than health.gov.au.
6. There should be no in-person interviews or visitors to the studio until further notice.
7. Help each other - please keep everything clean, both *before* your programme and *after* it.

Your Busy President

For those that may not be aware...

Bruce, like a number of others particularly affected by COVID-19, has been staying home during the pandemic. However there's no keeping him down.

Bruce has been managing the progress of our transmission tower replacement project all through this period. Please refer to a separate report on the Transmission Tower.

Bruce has also been able to produce a number of programmes from home and even deliver programmes live to air from his home.

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Sunday mornings at 9am had been missing Andrew Clarke's **Sounds Like Sunday** for a while and the COVID-19 situation created as emptiness on a Sunday morning for the Congregation of St Matthew's Church. Bruce approached Reverend Celia Hooker from St Matthews Church to see whether Reverend Hooker was interested in filling the void caused by the closing of all Church meetings. This could be a way of keeping in contact with members of the congregation and provide comfort for those that were used to the Sunday Service.

Reverend Hooker advised Bruce that he will have to consult church superiors. In the end, several levels had to be consulted and the final approval was given by the Bishop of Tasmania. The first programme to air was the Easter Sunday service (April 12th). Each message is prepared by Reverend Hooker and submitted to the Arch Deacon of Derwent and South East Ministry. Bruce then performs his magic, which is understood to be a not-insignificant amount of work each week. He has a Podcast setup in his wife's Sewing Room (she very graciously has allowed me to use it) which Bruce calls **Studio 2½**. 😊

The studio consists of a Behringer Mini Mixer (Xenyx502 for the Tech nards) which he can output to his PC to record incoming messages or his own voice in Adobe Audition for processing. Reverend Hooker or Rob Craft phones him (usually on a Thursday) and he plugs his phone into the mixer and inputs the dialogue into the computer. Then the sound file is edited and broken into segments

ready for broadcast. The music tracks between the messages are selected, some by Bruce and some as requests from the Church members and the segments are placed in the playout timeslot ready for broadcast.

As an added advantage Bruce has found this same process very convenient for **The Corumbene Hour** recordings as well. (Previously Bruce had to go to Corumbene to record each track intro from the residents, but because of the shutdown for COVID-19, this has not been possible so he now does **The Corumbene Hour** the same way as the Sunday programme.

Bruce also edits **TOP 40 Country** that goes to numerous radio stations and is now even heard in Nashville!

Editor's Note: The editor himself must thank Bruce for all his efforts in assembling his **Virtual Breakfast With Doug** programme for the last several weeks.

TYGA FM overcoming COVID-19 in our community in innovative ways.

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Coming Up

Next time **TYGA** at Market.....TBA

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