

# TYGAbytes



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## Di Lincoln Remembers the Early Days

Di remembers the early days of **TYGA FM**. Di says she can't remember the actual year, but she was at the Autumn Festival and **TYGA** had a stall there. They asked her whether she was interested in becoming a volunteer at the Station, then housed at the top of High St, now home of the WorkSkills organisation. "I thought why not - I had no



background in radio broadcasting but I thought it might be interesting and I was offered all the training I wanted". At first, **TYGA** was managed by **Graham Barrie** and getting an actual start date never seemed to be high on the priority list.

**Slabs** and **Heidi** took over the management at some point and things changed fairly quickly. Di was given training (thanks to **James Graham** and **Peter Arrowsmith** in particular) and then she was on-air. A mix of Country and Rock & Roll was Di's preferred musical genre. Di took request calls from listeners and she had a few regulars. **Myrtle** and **Merv** to name a few. **Merv** liked **Slim Dusty**. Di also recalls interviewing the long-serving Central Highlands mayor **Deirdre Flint** on a number of occasions, as well as **Tim Size**, the Captain of the Salvation Army Derwent Valley Corps.

Some of Di's happiest moments were having her grandchildren in the studio and allowing them to select the music they wanted to play and introduce it themselves.

It doesn't sound like Di was phased by much going on around the studio. When asked did she recall any amusing moments or whether she had to deal with the excitement of a studio computer crash or such like, Di calmly said, no, nothing like that...we lost power once...

Di remembers the move to the new Studio at the New Norfolk High School. Although the facilities feel somewhat cramped at **TYGA 'S** current

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location, Di says there was only a single studio at High St, plus a larger open area. Raffles and other forms of income generation were often conducted at the front of the High St address. A few years back, **TYGA** was represented at the New Norfolk Christmas parade and Di proudly took part. Di is also known for her other contributions to community activities, such as the Great Shave.

And so, ten or more years have passed since Di started with **TYGA** and Di has only now decided (at least temporarily) to give **TYGA** a bit of a rest. In recent years, Di has been assisted in the Studio by **Bruce** and **Janet** and would like to thank them for this assistance, otherwise it would not have been possible to continue until 2020. Di says **TYGA** has given her many good memories.

Ed: And Di has given its listeners many good memories too, I'm sure.



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## New Transmission Tower

In mid August 2020, the ground works were commenced, including trenching for power, and for the creation of the concrete pylons upon which the tower will sit. The pylons have since been poured and are now being given two weeks to cure. The security fence has been constructed and a cabin to house all the electricals has been "dropped" into position.



Circa 1Sep20 (Bruce Lamb)



Circa 17Jul20 (Doug Smith)



Early 15Sep20 (Roz Chapman)



Circa 31Aug20 (Bruce Lamb)



Circa 1Sep20 (Bruce Lamb)



3pm, 15Sep20 (Doug Smith)

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The tower was brought to the site on 15<sup>th</sup> September in Mechano<sup>®</sup> format. The very skilled installers from **Jettech Networks/Jeanneret Electrical Technologies** had little difficulty assembling the puzzle tower and over two working days, (the intervening day was not used due to the windy forecast). Many announcers are expressing their delight at being able to see our tower from various locations around the township.

One of the next major tasks is to have TasNetworks connect power to the site. We can then start to install the transmitter and associated electronics.



17Sep20 (Doug Smith)

The remainder of the installation is not expected to take very long. Even in COVID times, we would hope to be transmitting from the new location before the end of the year!

## Did You Know...

The **TYGA FM** studio remains 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](https://www.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](https://www.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.

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## Annual General Meeting

Don't miss your Annual General Meeting of Derwent Valley Community Radio Inc. It will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, at the New Norfolk RSL Club (Tank Street entrance), George Street, New Norfolk at 7pm.

## You Have New Representatives

Doug Smith remains on the TYGA board but has now been given the official title of Public Officer. According to our constitution, the Public Officer must "...maintain a register of members...".

So look out - Doug might be chasing after you if your membership or working with vulnerable people card look as though they are about to expire!

That change left an opening on the Board for a replacement ordinary member, which the Board determined should be filled by **Russell Alphey**, who just missed out on being elected to the board during the last AGM. Please look out for **Russell** and welcome him to your management team.



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## Your Board Members

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

### Ordinary members

**Janet Onn**  
**Russell Alphey**

## 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](mailto:tygabytes@tygafm.org.au) or by mobile on 0402 13 4474.

## Coming Up

TYGA FM Annual General Meeting ..... 24Sep 7pm  
Next time **TYGA** at Market ..... TBA  
**TYGAbytes** Summer Edition ..... December 2020

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