



## Our New Transmission Tower

**TYGA FM** started transmission from its new tower on top of Peppermint Hill on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 about 8pm and the first announcer to have his programme transmitted from the new tower was ... **Peter Sweetlove**. Congratulations to the



magnificent technical team who made the transition possible with less than two hours off air.

This project has been a major undertaking by your Board over the past few years. As President **Bruce Lamb** said on a recent facebook® post, it has been

almost 11 years to the day since **TYGA FM** started broadcasting and now we have our own transmission tower on Peppermint Hill. A great achievement, for which we can all be proud!

At present, our transmission power remains just 300 watts (it was 150W from our previous transmission location at the New Norfolk Golf Club). However, your Board's intention is to increase to something approaching 1,000 watts (1kW), which the Board would hope to achieve next year. Transmitting at 1kW will require a bespoke antenna array (which has to be matched to our transmission frequency - 98.9 MHz).

## Did You Know...

Your **TYGA FM** Board is working hard to deal with the myriad of administrative tasks required to keep

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the station operating within its licence conditions and operating environment. These include:

- Preparation of a formal business/strategic plan,
- Consideration of CBAA recommendations including:
  - A reduction of reliance on grant funding
  - Changes to our Constitution to meet changed legal requirements.
- Constant monitoring of training requirements and opportunities for Board members and for announcers,
- Day to day operation of the station, including our current studio facilities and studio equipment, the wellbeing and safety of announcers, and so on.

## Our Announcer: Martin Bennett

**Martin** has a wealth of knowledge about music and movies which he makes use of when broadcasting **Soundscapes** on Friday nights. In this edition, he reveals some of his family history on King Island.

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## Martin Bennett

Recently fate presented me with the opportunity to trace my family history. With International travel currently not an option Sharp Airlines announced direct flights from Hobart to King Island. My father had been born on King Island, and had had a huge impact on my life. Sadly, this was largely through his absence, with bowel cancer claiming him aged only 36 (two-weeks before my 6th birthday). As such I'd lost that personal history; any stories he might have shared with me about growing up in such a remote and rugged place. I'd always thought about travelling there, but life got in the way... until now. Finally, the stars had aligned. I reached out to the islanders (and was contacted by some cousins I didn't know I had) and had soon booked my flights. I also contacted the local Community Radio Station - 100.5 FM - in the interest of solidarity, and was invited to arrange a visit to their studios once I'd made my way across the waves.

And so it was that (very) early - on the morning of Wednesday 30 September - I arrived at Hobart Airport, ready to be a passenger on the inaugural direct flight to King Island with Sharp Airlines. The airport was virtually empty. Myself and the other (two) passengers were met by Captain Sharp and soon boarded a MetroLiner (19-seat twin-turboprop aircraft). After touchdown we were met by the Mayor of King Island and presented with King Island passports, and a certificate from Sharp Airlines, before allowed on our way. I was met by Natalie - one of the extended clan - who'd offered to help me to find my way around The Rock (as the locals refer to the island). After a quick check-in (and bag-dump) we went to the Currie Cemetery, locating the graves of my grandparents, and members of the Bennett (and Crack) Clan.

Across my five-day visit I managed to make my way to all points of the compass. The Northernmost point (Cape Wickham, complete with Lighthouse), the Southernmost point (Stoke's Point, accessible via a private road, through a series of cattle gates). Currie (the main settlement, closest to the airport) on the West Coast, Naracoopa is located on the



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East, with the third main settlement, Grassy (a vestige of the once booming Scheelite Mine) is located to the South East. On Day #4 we travelled to Naracoopa before heading back along Pegarah Road to Parenna Place - a residence, private reserve and studio - to meet and be interviewed by Wade Roskam, President and backbone of 100.5 FM.

Martin's story will be continued in the next issue of **TYGAbytes**

## Welcome to a new Board Member



The Board welcomes **Steve Nieuwhof** who has offered to step in to assist with the duties of Treasurer. The Board is very grateful to **Youssef Mohamed** for all he has done us.

## Your Board Members

**Bruce Lamb** (President)

**Craig Farrell** (Vice President)

**Valerie Costarelli** (Secretary)

**Steve Nieuwhof** (Treasurer)

**Roz Chapman** (Station Operations Manager)

**Peter Sweetlove** (Sponsorship)

**Doug Smith** (Public Officer)

**Janet Onn** (Ordinary Member)

**Russell Alphey** (Ordinary Member)

## 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

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

**TYGAbytes** Autumn Edition ..... March 2021

## What is Scheelite?

**Scheelite** is a calcium tungstate mineral with the chemical formula  $\text{CaWO}_4$ . It is an important ore of tungsten. Well-formed crystals are sought by collectors and are occasionally fashioned into gemstones when suitably free of flaws. **Scheelite** was mined until 1990 at King Island. Believe it or not, it really is a *scintillating* material.

Scheeze, it's just amazing the things you can learn from your community radio station - **TYGA FM!**

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