

# TYGAbytes



E-NEWSLETTER OF DERWENT VALLEY COMMUNITY RADIO INC.

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## Our Announcer: John McDevitt

1961 was a very good year for **John** and for **TYGA** as **John** came into the world and is a Tasmanian through and through. He has had an interest in music from an early age as he was able to remember all kinds of facts about the music he really liked.



## Getting Started

**John** served 11 years in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). It was actually **John's** mate **Craig Farrell** who really encouraged him to get involved in **TYGA FM**. **Craig** introduced **John** to station manager **Roz** and before long **John** was receiving training and encouragement to get on-air. **John** says he's never looked back, as his joining the community of **TYGA** announcers was one of the best decisions he's ever made. **John's** been with **TYGA** for almost 5 years now.

As part of his involvement in **TYGA**, **John** has also made many friends, including **The Geordie**, for whom he was once a "producer" and the name "The Producer" is still bandied about in the studio from time to time

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Originally starting on Thursday night, **John** was soon asked whether he would mind changing to Wednesday as another announcer could only do the Thursday night time-slot. So **John** moved to 10pm Wednesday night and has occupied the 10pm to midnight time-slot ever since. **John** says the freedom to play music of his own choice and to entertain people and lift their spirits and bring back some mid 60's to naughties nostalgia, is what makes him feel very satisfied and rewarded, that he's making a real difference to other people's lives. He says it's a real honour to be able to be part of the **TYGA FM** team. **John** likes to forward-plan his shows, (27-30 songs in each two-hour show), so **Wednesday Night Classics** is not a request programme, but when he is asked to include a specific recording, he is happy to include it into the next show.

Having now presented 245 shows (yes, he does keep count!) **John** says his membership fee is great value as he gets much more than \$22 reward from each show he presents.

[**Editor's** note: Capacity to increase **John's** membership fee 😊]

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**John** emphasises that the freedom given to announcers to play music to their own tastes and interests, is really very important to him and he praises **TYGA** management for providing such an atmosphere to work in.

### Musical Tastes

**John** has a wide taste in music but of course significantly influenced by the music that was around in the period of his youth; **ABBA, Wings, Bachman Turner Overdrive, Sweet, Alice Cooper,** Australian groups such as **Marcia Hines, Jon English, John Paul Young, Skyhooks, Sherbet.**

### Other Interests

**John** also has other interests and he volunteers with **Derwent Valley Railway** and **Tasmanian Transport Museum** and **Maydena Railtrack Riders.**

### Derwent Valley Community Radio



### The TYGA Studio

The Board is still awaiting any news in regard to a move away from our current studio location at the New Norfolk High School in Kensington Street.

### Announcer Promos

Our **Gazette Action Plan** is now well under way. The following shows have been added to the list of promotions that are already pre-programmed for display in the **Derwent Valley Gazette** each week.

- **Kimba Bester** - Saturday Morning
- **Brian Corr** - Bit of Irish
- **James Dicker** - Bits & Pieces
- **James Graham** - Under the Covers
- **John McDevitt** - Wednesday Night Classics (updated)
- **Janet & Robin** - Golden Oldies
- **Cat Smith** - World Music
- **Doug Smith** - Breakfast With Doug
- **Janet & Geordie** - A Little Bit Country & A Little Bit Rock & Roll
- **John Crowle and Madge Lathey** - Corrubene

The promotions for these shows are almost complete and will be added to the list shortly, as soon as they are finalised.

- **Barry Atkins** - Country
- **Roz & Craig** - CARS
- **Andrew Clarke** - Asian Pop
- **Chris Ranson** - SNAP-M

If any announcer has not been invited or would like to be added to the roll-call of **Gazette** promotions, just make contact with **Doug** on 0402 13 4474 or [tygabytes@tygafm.org.au](mailto:tygabytes@tygafm.org.au) to discuss or provide material. As a guide, the text to accompany your choice of photo can be up to about 45 words or 250 characters. The photo must be at least 762 pixels wide, otherwise a close-up taken with any phone camera and not compressed or reduced in size, should meet this requirement.

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## Latest Tower/Transmitter News

Your board can advise that TYGA has been successful in obtaining a grant to replace our current transmitter and antenna arrays. You may remember that we were hit by a storm not long after the new transmission tower was erected on Peppermint Hill and became online. We were able to get some equipment replaced fairly quickly and have been transmitting with reduced power and a limited antenna array since then. Weather and other factors intervened to make it difficult to make more permanent rectifications.

We have now taken delivery of new transmission equipment which allow us to take our power output up close to our allowed capacity of 1000 watts. We are just waiting now for the Riggers and Technicians required to be available to fit the new components. The current thinking, is that the antenna and transmitter we have been using most of this year, will be used as a backup for any future weather damage situation.

## Your Board Members

**Bruce Lamb** (President)  
**Craig Farrell** (Vice President)  
**Valerie Costarelli** (Secretary)  
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**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** Summer Edition ..... Dec 2021



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