

TYGAbytes



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Our Announcer: Kimbra Bester

Having been involved with the arts community in the Derwent Valley for many years I naturally understand the importance of volunteering to the survival of "the arts" at a local level, and also its relevance to a thriving community. I have a family who are music lovers, two brothers who are musicians, and a lifelong love of music and the creative arts. My previous experience as a member of DV Regional Arts, many years as Secretary, and board member of the executive in Tasmania, a love of theatre, dance, and years of practising and teaching Bellydance in New Norfolk expanded my connections with other creative people, as well as involvement with DV players in its early years.



I have always been willing to share with others in the community, giving my time and energy freely to bring shared joy in cultural activity. My children grew up in this valley, and I have lived here for most of my adult life, having

moved to Molesworth shortly after the birth of my 3rd child. I strongly believe that a community without art is a community without heart...so when chatting to **TYGA** stalwart **Roz**, I unwittingly embarked on a wild and unexpected adventure...becoming a Radio Presenter in several short weeks...thanks to **Roz, Janet, Doug** and **Jeannie**. I was surprised at how much I enjoy my weekly 2-hour show, and unsurprised at the passion and dedication that the other volunteer presenters show...this is the story of the "arts"

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everywhere...it's not that you have to do it, rather that you need to do it...

I regard all the presenters at **TYGA FM** as incredibly diverse dedicated humans, and am happy to add my little sketchy voice to the mix! I have really found this time at **TYGA** joyous, I am sharing the music I enjoy, discovering new music, and connecting to people all over the place.

I have been treated with kindness, understanding and support, like the time I couldn't make something work and a quick call to Roz resolved it! Sometimes technology is amazing! Lucky for me I haven't had any major dramas...well there was the day when the power suddenly went off...while I was creating my playlist for the morning...oops nearly showtime and my unsaved tracks all gone...luckily **Doug** knew what to do and the system worked...hardly a bump in broadcasting... It's FUN, and my niece (aka TYGA cub) enjoys her trips to **TYGA** land with me. Being part of something that gives joy to others, sharing my passion and feeling safe, even when I make a little mistake, like playing the news twice over, or not listening to a track before putting it to air, only to discover that it's full of naughty words, or is not

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what I expected; sometimes you CAN'T tell a song by it's cover!

But I also feel that as volunteers, we are not expected to be at a professional level, and since we don't have a team of researchers, or a producer at hand, and are fitting our radio shows into our other lives, a little bit of glitch goes with the territory.

At any rate it is a happy journey so far, and I am pleased to be part of the **TYGA** team. My next journey will be learning to use the CD players, so I can play some of the music not available in the very extensive **TYGA** library, and then working out how to put the music I want into my own folder (as yet empty), however I need more free time to manage these things. SIGH...work gets in the way of all the fun stuff!

Thanks for the opportunity, TYGAs you rock!

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Derwent Valley Radio Inc (trading as **TYGA FM**) was held at the new Norfolk RSL Club on November 4th, 2021.

Our president, **Bruce Lamb** gave his final annual President's report, including an audio presentation of the final transmission from the old tower at the New Norfolk Golf Club and the first words broadcast from the new Peppermint Hill tower on 28th December 2020. So much has been achieved during the 6 years of **Bruce's** presidency and the members present showed their heart-felt appreciation.

The election of Board members was straightforward, as there was exactly one nomination for each position. Your new board membership is listed under a separate heading. The stand-out changes include a new President, **Craig Farrell**, **Janet Onn** has taken on the role of Vice President and the Board vacancy created by the changes has been filled by **Sylvia Ranson**.

TYGA on the Move

TYGA is about to embark on the next step in its epic journey to be the most well-known and outstanding community radio station in Tasmania (and perhaps the World!!).

Members will know that we have been asked to relinquish our occupation of the small tailor-made studio area at the New Norfolk High School in Kensington St. Your Board, the Tasmanian Department of Education and the Derwent Valley Council have been working together to facilitate a smooth transition from the High School to new premises. Our intention has always been to ensure any new premises will be a more permanent home for the radio station, while still being both affordable and having line of sight to the Peppermint Hill Tower. The latter is necessary as the signal has to be transmitted from the studio to the tower before it is broadcast to the whole of the Valley.

At the Derwent Valley Council Meeting of Thursday 9th December, Council endorsed unanimously, the following recommendation:

- 1. On-going discussions with Tyga FM Community Radio (Tyga FM) with a view to Council providing a lease to Tyga FM within part of the Court House building on the Circle, as a result of Tyga FM having to vacate its current premises at the New Norfolk High School by January 2022, on the provision that appropriate building works required be undertaken at Tyga FM's cost;***
- 2. Derwent Catchment Project (DCP) staff offices be relocated from the Court House to the vacant former Visitor Information Centre, on Circle Street.***

The Council's General Manager (Mr Dean Griggs) has been delegated to "***negotiate the terms of a lease with Tyga FM taking into consideration the community status and benefit of the station's services.***"

Your board has already been given a tour of the "raw" facilities and there is much activity now required to plan a transition, as smoothly as possible, to the new premises.

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Management Reorganisation

The Board now meets on the 1st Friday of every month. The Board is in the process of forming sub-committees to deal with a number of ongoing matters, including:

- potential constitutional changes to clarify the manner in which we should operate,
- realignment of operational duties,
- management of our every-growing music library.

To this end, additional meetings are being planned for the 3rd Friday of each month.

Your Board Members

At the Annual General Meeting on November 4th, the following board members were elected.

Craig Farrell (President)

Janet Onn (Vice President)

Valerie Costarelli (Secretary)

Steve Nieuwhof (Treasurer)

Roz Chapman (Station Operations Manager)

Peter Sweetlove (Sponsorship)

Doug Smith (Public Officer)

Russell Alphey (Ordinary Member)

Sylvia Ranson (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 or by mobile on 0402 13 4474.

Coming Up

Next time **TYGA** at MarketTBA

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