

TYGAbytes



E-NEWSLETTER OF DERWENT VALLEY COMMUNITY RADIO INC.

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Our Announcer: Nigel Jones

Nigel kindly put together this description of his radio journey for **TYGAbytes**. This edition contains part 2 of his journey.

Sport Is A Highlight For Me

I was blessed to umpire STJFL, TFL and VFL during my sporting career. Within the valley, I am a former board member of The New Norfolk District Football Club and a former board member of the New Norfolk Pacing Club. At the New Norfolk Football Club, I became resident DJ and a ground announcer at Boyer Oval during football home games over many years. I have also been ground announcer at the Bushy Park Show for six years.

Part of TYGA FM

For the past ten years I have been at **TYGA FM**, in many different announcer roles. Recently, my primary shows have included:

- Monday 10.30am **Talking Point**, a current affairs program now in its 5th Year,
- Monday 12noon, **Time Tunnel**, covering a year in music,
- Wednesday 6-9am, **Breakfast with the Stars**. (I love doing breakfast providing all the latest Tasmanian news, sport and weather, artist interviews, comedy, and stacks of great music to kick start people's day),
- Saturday 11am-1pm, **Top 40 Country**, a national country music show produced at **TYGA** and heard across many radio stations here in Australia and across the world on OZCMR (Oz Country Music Radio is an internet country music station).

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My Highlights at TYGA FM

- Broadcasting the Golden Guitars Awards Red Carpet Live from Tamworth in 2017 with the excellent production work of **Bruce Lamb**,

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- Creating a Tasmanian news bulletin for breakfast radio,
- Being nominated for the People’s Choice Awards for Best Australian Country Music Radio broadcaster,
- Taking out Most Popular Country DJ and Program as voted by the public, artists, and managers,
- **TYGAFM** being voted by the public, artist, and managers as most popular country music station,
- Other announcers **Glen Dee, Scott Shaw, Ray Hewitt,** and **Bruce Lamb** have also been recognised for their contribution,
- Board member, Vice President and Secretary and Sponsorship Manager over many years.

Community radio is very special for many listeners, it’s a companion, it’s a trusted source of information plus community radio has variety.

Other Involvements

While 44 years in the media would keep most people busy, I’ve spent 33 years in education, five years as a mental health advocate, coached school sport in football and T20 cricket. I’m also a former Alderman of the Glenorchy City Council, having served for seven years.

TYGA on the Move

The NBN has been connected and we have quotations for glazing, air conditioning and carpet. There is a backlog of about 6 weeks or so for some of the remedial work that is required, as many trades are flat out.

The current intention is to be operating out of the new premises by the end of this calendar year. Due to a number of limiting factors, this will likely be achieved using a temporary setup. Just how temporary is not fully known as yet. There are a large number of factors to consider, but your Board is on top of it.

Many thanks to those who have provided suggestions about what the Board should be considering as important improvements when we outfit the new studios. Some of the suggestions received so far include:

- A janitorial room/closet,
- A vacuum that works (perhaps more people will use it!!),
- The first aid kit should be correctly located and mounted,
- CCTV of the entrance and where presenter’s cars are likely to be located,
- We could ask Council for at least one “reserved” park space near the entrance for TYGA FM announcers,
- A video doorbell at the entrance back to one or both studios or the another central location,
- A height-adjustable desk in at least one studio,
- Larger monitors in the studios, but mounted (perhaps from the ceiling) so they can be pushed out of the way when interviewing.

The Board is still interested in hearing your ideas for anything that we could “do better” this time around, in designing the new studios or other facilities. Please raise with a Board member, or better still, write to the editor at tygabytes@tygafm.org.au.

Revenue Subcommittee

If you would like to offer your services, please contact a Board member or write to secretary@tygafm.org.au.

Proposed Constitution Changes

Some significant improvements to our constitution are still in the pipeline. Once the Board has approved the draft changes, the intention is that the new constitution will be made available from the **TYGA** web site before being voted on at the next Annual General meeting.

New Radio App

Did you know there is a new App specifically for listening to Aussie community radio. It has been created by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) and can be found by searching “Community Radio Plus” in your search engine of choice.

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Announcer Vacancies

The number of current announcers waxes and wanes all the time, with new people showing an interest and existing announcers leaving for various reasons, but often due to other commitments, as well as age and health considerations. In any event, while **TYGA** was somewhat short on night-time announcers several months ago, we are now instead a little shy of where we'd like to be with daytime announcers. **TYGA** would especially like to get more younger announcers on air.

If you know someone who might like to be involved in a very worthwhile community pursuit, get them (or their parent/guardian) to contact our Station Manager **Roz** on (03) 6261 2888, 9am – 5pm.

A very special thankyou to the small number of **TYGA** announcers that regularly fill-in for other announcers who are away or can't do their show from time to time.

Rule Reminder

TYGAFM is the trading name of Derwent Valley Community Radio Incorporated (DVCR) and we operate under rules given by both our constitution and those set by the Board.

This is a friendly reminder that there are restrictions and limitations on who may be on **TYGAFM** premises. To enter our premises on a regular basis, a person must be both

- a member of **TYGAFM**, and
- hold a current Working with Vulnerable People (WwVP) card.

Further, to be an on-air presenter, even if not operating the control panel, a person must be fully trained and use their access token to enter the studio.

There are some exceptions to the above. Guests may be invited to be interviewed, with prior permission from the Station Manager. A (non-member) visitor may be brought into the studio but only on occasion and not on a regular (e.g. weekly) basis.

Parents/guardians of under-18 fully qualified announcers will meet the rules as they will be a

member and hold the WwVP card as well as the studio access token.

The board has considered the implications of **TYGAFM** moving to its new premises, which will not be on Department of Education property, and has determined that this will make no difference to the rules already in place.

Because **TYGAFM** is inclusive and wants to encourage participation in community radio by as wide a section of the community as possible, the requirement for all adult members on **TYGAFM** premises to hold a current WwVP card will continue.

Your Board Members

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Have Your Say

If you have any news that 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 Market TBA

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