

The Pulse

NEWSLETTER
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NEWCASTLE'S
Rhema
99.7



INSIDE

THE END OF AN ERA...
SEE HOW *The Pulse* IS CHANGING IN 2021!



**CHANGES ARE COMING...
TO A LETTERBOX NEAR YOU!**

NEW PULSE, AND A NEW DEVOTIONAL

After a military career in the Australian Army and a successful career in IT consultancy, Berni Dymet was called by God into something quite different. Not long after giving his life to Christ, Berni knew that he couldn't just sit there. He had to tell people the Good News of The Gospel, news that was 'stunningly fantastic news', news that the world needed to hear. And so Berni became involved with the ministry of Christianityworks. In that role, he now hosts the weekly teaching program, Christianityworks, which is broadcast on Rhema 99.7, every Sunday morning.

Berni Dymet also writes the daily-devotional series, "Fresh". Berni has a passion for sharing the Word of God in a way that's first and foremost biblically faithful but, at the same time, intensely relevant to the things that we all experience as we travel through life.

"Fresh" will be the new devotional resource that will be mailed to all Rhema members, from the beginning of next year.

It will replace 'The Word for Today'.

The "Fresh" devotional and Rhema's newsletter, "The Pulse" will be incorporated into a single booklet, that will be provided at no additional cost to Rhema members. The booklet will include daily devotionals as well as all the latest news, a program guide, and features from Rhema 99.7.



Watch your letterbox, next year, for the new-look "Pulse" as it teams-up with "Fresh", to bring you daily encouragement and inspiration.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Come along to show your support!

Rhema's AGM is a great opportunity to learn more about your radio station, to ask questions, and to have your input into the future direction of Rhema's ministry

Monday, 9th November, 2020 | Commencing with refreshments at 6:30pm
In the Function Room - Compassion Australia | 30 Warabrook Boulevard, Warabrook

- » Ample parking is available at the front of the building
- » Covid-safe seating and arrangements will be in place.
- » Meet the Directors, Management and Staff

Hear what has happened over the last twelve months, and what is being planned for the future!
Be informed so that you can pray, specifically, for Rhema and its ministry.
All financial members of Newcastle Christian Broadcasters Limited are invited to attend and vote.



Please note, though, that because of the need to limit the number of members attending (due to Covid restrictions), members will need to pre-register at rhema.fm.com.au. Members should have received full information about this meeting, with the previous edition of 'The Pulse'.

For members to access our 2019/2020 financial statement, please contact reception on 4962 2338 or email rhema.fm@rhema.fm.com.au

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FROM THE CEO...

FEAR NOT!

Since around February this year and the advent of Covid-19, all our lives have changed so dramatically. Our lives have been turned upside down. In our communities there's been fear, anxiety, depression, feelings of helplessness and hopelessness for all of us and so many all around us, every day. It's in our face through all levels and outlets of the media.

We can't go anywhere without being told with signage to keep our 1.5 metre social distancing and use sanitizer every which way we turn. We've been isolated from our Church families and isolated from our family members, especially if they live interstate or overseas. We just can't escape it. It's been a long time from February until now.



Having said all this, we give thanks to God for our Government and our country's leadership. The decisions that have had to be taken are probably almost as difficult as the decisions that had to be made by our leaders during WWII. For most of us, we're all desiring that COVID-19 would come to an end sooner than later. People who do not have our Lord Jesus in their heart and lives live through fear every day. For those of us who know Him, we don't

have to live through fear every day. So what does the Bible really say about such things?

Here's a reminder of some very encouraging things God reminds us of:

*'Do **not** fear, for I am with you; Do **not** anxiously look about you, for I am your*

no fear

God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you. Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’ (Isaiah 41:10)

*The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will **not** fail you or forsake you. Do **not fear** or be dismayed.” (Deut 31:8)*

When the people of Israel followed God’s leading, through Moses, out of captivity and out of Egypt, they had no idea what lay ahead for them. The first big thing they faced was standing at the edge of the Red sea with Pharaoh and the whole Egyptian army bearing down on them! How could this be? Through Moses, they had just been set free by Pharaoh. Now shall they all be killed by Pharaoh and his armies and their swords?

In the face of great adversity, Moses listened to God’s voice in his life and Moses said the most remarkable words to all the people :

*“But Moses said to the people, “Do **not fear!** Stand by and see the salvation of the*

LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.” (Exodus 14:13)

And that’s exactly what happened. I’m sure we all know the story. As the Red Sea parted, Moses held up his staff and they walked through the “dry” sea floor to safety, and what seemed to be the devourer behind them was seen no more forever. Let me encourage you today “choose” to ‘Fear Not’ today and from here forward. Trust in God. Know that He’s got this! And like he told the people of Israel once during a massive battle with some enemies, He said: *“Do not listen to the battle noise”.*

Together let’s put our safety and trust in Him and not listen to the battle noise that may be all around us in the modern era in which we all live, as bad news comes at us from all directions. Let’s choose to listen to His voice instead! Let’s choose to trust in His safety and protection over us.

John Marks (CEO)

SARAH CLEMENT

Welcome to the Rhema Team!



During a period of time when Sarah Clement was feeling a little low, spiritually, she found that Rhema kept her connected to God, and was a great encouragement and influence on her life. So, she wanted to support Rhema's ministry through volunteering.

And, as they say, one thing led to another. Recently, Sarah became part of the staff team at Rhema. From helping to prepare our mail-out, she was asked if she would be willing to 'fill in' as Rhema's receptionist, when needed, to cover staff leave. Sarah has recently been appointed as our part-time receptionist. She is now the friendly voice at the end of the phone. Sarah is married (to Nathan) and has two children, Susannah and Isaac. The family live at Wallsend and attend Cameron Park Fellowship.

While not holding any particular administration qualifications, Sarah has had significant experience in volunteer roles, bringing to her new role organisational and event management skills, and skills in the area of working with others as part of a team. Previous employment has included a period of time as an assistant nurse and in retail.

Of her new role, Sarah says that, she loves working with and chatting to people, and that she is really enjoying getting to know Rhema members as they contact the Rhema office.

Sarah feels greatly blessed to have been offered this new position, which she clearly sees as God's perfect timing and provision. And we also see that Sarah's willingness to 'step up' into the role has been God's provision for Rhema, and we warmly welcome her to the team.

Contact Us

Listen

FM Frequency: 99.7
(Available throughout the Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Port Stephens areas)

Live Streaming: rhemafm.com.au

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Tech Talk... ANOTHER LIGHTNING STRIKE!



Listeners may recall that, early last year, our transmitter on the Sugarloaf Range, was damaged by a significant lightning strike. This put Rhema off-air for a period of time, while repairs were arranged.

Prior to our annual fundraiser, Rhemathon 2020, David Badcock (our Chief Engineer) became aware of an intermittent fault on our 6 bay broadcast antenna. The problem was the result of another lightning strike that also caused water ingress. Two antenna coaxial cable feeds were completely disconnected from the 6 bay antenna. An assessment was made and replacement parts were ordered. There was a 12-week delay on delivery, with the great concern being our ability to stay on air over this time period.

We praise God that, despite this damage, Rhema continued to broadcast, with just some decrease in reception in places on the fringes of our broadcast area. Rhema has now returned to full signal strength, broadcasting at 10kWatts of power.

PRAYER *Link*

As you uphold Rhema in prayer, please:

- ▶ Give thanks for the provision of some financial help through the 'Job Keeper' program that has enabled Rhema to maintain staffing levels, despite a significant downturn in other income sources. Pray that our station sponsors will find themselves in a stronger financial position in the coming months, so that they are able to continue/resume their financial support for Rhema.
- ▶ Pray for Rhema's Board of Directors as they oversee the ministry and seek God's guidance in the direction for Rhema into the future.
- ▶ Pray for Rhema's Annual General Meeting on 9th November. Pray that this evening will be strongly supported by the membership, and that it provides Rhema with a great foundation for the coming twelve months.
- ▶ Praise God for the talented staff that God has provided for Rhema. Thank God for Sarah's willingness to step up into the Receptionist role, and pray for Sarah as she settles into the position.

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PROGRAM GUIDE



WEEKDAYS

WEEKENDS

EARLY MORNING

Focus on the Family (also 11.30am) 2:30am

Leading the Way Dr Michael Youssef 5:30am

Keys to Successful Living Derek Prince 6:05am

Enjoying Everyday Life Joyce Meyer 6:35am

THE BIG BREAKFAST

with Wayne Hindson (7am-10am) inc...

Family Life Today 9:05am

Kingdom Works with Rick Prosser (Friday) ^L 9:30am

THE LONG LUNCH

with Laurel McCulloch and Keith Davies (10am- 2pm) inc...

Focus on the Family 11:30am

DRIVE

with Aaron Brown (3pm – 6pm)

EVENINGS

with John Marks (6pm – 11pm) inc...

Adventures in Odyssey 6:30pm

Miromaa For Life (Monday) 7:30pm

Homecoming Southern Gospel (Tuesday)

Cream of Christian Country
with Shayne Holstein (Wednesday) ^L

Hymns of Praise with Keith Davies (Thursday) ^L

Turning Point with David Jeremiah 8:30pm

In Touch with Dr Charles Stanley 9:30pm

Insights for Living with Chuck Swindoll 10:05pm

Prayer for Newcastle & the Hunter 11:00pm

A New Beginning with Greg Laurie 11:05pm



SATURDAY BREAKFAST

with Keith Davies (6am – 9am)



SATURDAY MORNINGS

with Chris Hall (9am -12) inc...

Screen Talk ^L 9:30am

Today's Christian Music (TCM) ^A 10:00am

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

The Artist Spotlight ^L 12:30pm

History Makers ^A 4:00pm

The Alternative For Youth 7-9pm

The Edge Christian Music With An Edge 9:00pm

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday Mornings With Rhema FM (6-8am)

God's Word for God's World
with Stephen Taylor ^L 7:30am

Contemporary Praise & Worship (8-10am)

New Hope for Life
with Pastor Colin Grigg ^L 9:00am

Christianity Works with Berni Dymet ^A 10:00am

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

with Keith Davies (12-3pm) and Phil Antonuccio (3-4pm)

Bill Gaither's Homecoming Radio Hour 4:05pm

Cream of Christian Country
with Shayne Holstein ^L 5:00pm

Kingdom Works with Rick Prosser ^L 6:00pm

The Journey ^A 6:30pm

Hymns of Praise with Keith Davies ^L 7:30pm

In Touch – Dr Charles Stanley 8:30pm

Aussie Grown Across the Nation ^A 9-10pm

^L Local ^A Australian

ON THE
RHEMA APP...



▶ **Rhema FM** All of the above programs

▶ **Rhema Worship** A dedicated digital worship channel, available 24-hours per day

