

Welcome to our new edition of Airwaves. Grab a cuppa, read & enjoy!

Goodbye 2020, Hello 2021!

Well 2020 was certainly a year we'll never forget!

Toilet paper, sanitiser, face masks, social distancing, lockdowns, contact tracing, Zoom, QR codes, super-spreaders, clusters—these are all things that we became highly aware of, sometimes for the first time (except toilet paper—what is it with toilet paper panic!) And if I hear that word “unprecedented” one more time, I think I'll scream!

And we're not out of the woods yet, as recent flare-ups in Sydney and other areas have clearly demonstrated.

It's been exciting to see how the Church has responded to the challenges of the year. The doors may have been closed at times, but the message kept going. Technology was embraced, priorities were re-examined, long-held traditions and methods were turned on their heads, and fundamental questions were asked!

It really has been a reset. Just what is “Church”? What should it look like in 2021? How do we disciple, reach out, support, teach, worship, encourage, even gather, in this new world? I don't think we have all the answers yet, but at least we're asking the questions!

So bring on 2021! There are more challenges ahead, for sure, but one thing that has been clear from the 2020 experience is that we can meet any challenge that comes our way if we rely on God and stand by each other!



Your response to our November Appeal: “We Rise Together” was so encouraging!

Our target of \$40,000 was exceeded with almost \$46,000 being given by you, our wonderful, faithful, listeners and supporters. God really moved in your hearts, and we so appreciate it!

This sets us up for a really strong start to 2021, which is so important with the ongoing uncertainty related to COVID-19 and the other many challenges our community is facing.

It's vital that the eternal message of love and hope found in Jesus is broadcast out to our community and our whole nation as people search for deeper meaning and true peace and security.

So thank you! We couldn't do what we do without your support!

What's Happening?

- **Christmas Eve Service Broadcast**

On Christmas Eve we were blessed to visit Erina Community Baptist Church to broadcast their service live-to-air. It was great to be out in the community for the first time since March, even if we had to wear masks and observe physical distancing!



- **Changing of the Guard**

The end of 2020 has seen some changes to the Rhema Central Coast board. After 4 years of valuable service to the ministry of Rhema, Jeff Nagle did not stand for re-election at the 2020 AGM. We're sad to see him go but wish him every blessing in his future endeavours. Thanks Jeff!

Joining the board at the AGM was Dom Sirone. He will be a great asset as he brings a wealth of experience in ministry and business (and pizza creation! :-)) Welcome aboard Dom!

Felicity Robinson also stood down from the board in December to allow her to concentrate on other areas of her life. Thanks for serving while you could Felicity! Blessings for the future!

- **On Air Changes**

You may have noticed a few changes in our on-air roster as well. Sadly Annette Williams has left us, at least for now. We hope she'll be back once she can find some time in her busy life!

The smooth tones of Graeme Blaiklock are now filling the 6-10pm timeslot each weekday. You may recognise him as the voice behind some of our scriptures. It's great to have you on the team Graeme!

- **Workplace Tips**

We have a new short segment on air each Monday afternoon at 5:15. It's called Workplace Tips and is produced by Ross Blaikie. Ross is an experienced business consultant and shares some great insights into how to make your workplace happier and more effective.

- **Ministry Updates**

We're developing a couple of new segments during the Brekkie Club as well.

On the first Thursday of each month Kylie McGillivray shares an update from Mission Aviation Fellowship Australia (MAF), full of inspiring stories. MAF provide fantastic support to missions and general communities in remote and regional areas of Australia and our nearby neighbours such as PNG.



We'll also soon have regular reports from Red Frogs Central Coast. Caleb Reid has been in a couple of times so far and we're looking to make it a regular feature. Red Frogs are doing some great work amongst the young people on the Coast, and they have some powerful testimonies to share.

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