

## 2020!

What is going on?

What a year it has been! Fires, storms and floods, and now coronavirus!

Even as I write this I realise that whatever I say could all be irrelevant by tomorrow, things are changing so fast! By the time this reaches you, some of it might sound completely crazy :-)

Anyway, it's crazy times. We're doing everything we can to keep all your favourites on air while observing all the COVID-19 guidelines. Some things have had to be stopped as we have cut all in-studio interviews, but we're doing our best with the technology we have available to us.

At the same time we are opening up new ways of helping our community through this time.

- Our free "Open for Business" service is allowing local businesses to get the word out that they are still up and running, and any changes to their regular operation. Pop us an email if you want to add yours.
- Church@Home is a page on our website where you can find what churches are streaming their services over the internet while we're unable to gather in person. If your church wants to be added let us know.
- The Hope at Home 10-week online movie festival is allowing people to get some great faith-based movies delivered straight to their inboxes.
- We've even taken our monthly prayer meetings (on the second Tuesday night of each month, 7:15pm) online. You can click on the link on our webpage to join.

And through all this we're staying positive and delivering encouraging and faith-filled messages over the airwaves, through both song and teaching programs. We've even tweaked the song selection a little to make sure what you here is as uplifting as we can make it!

We're pushing back the fear that is so prevalent right now, especially in mainstream media and our social media feeds, with faith. We're standing on this scripture:

## "No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your tent. For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways". Ps 91:10-11

In fact the whole of Psalm 91 is worth reading and meditating on, regularly! Soak it in and let it speak into your spirit and soul.

God is still on His throne, and we'll get through this together. I believe that as a ministry, as the church, and as a community we'll come through this stronger and better equipped than we have ever been.

Rick Broome—General Manager



## Well actually, not a lot right now!

We did manage to squeeze in our preview screening of "I Still Believe" before the cinemas were shut down! It was great to see about 130 people come along and enjoy what was a brilliant movie. If you get a chance to see it once it available digitally, we'd highly recommend it!

And we did an outside broadcast from The Lakes Church Grand Opening of their new worship centre at Tuggerah (just before such activities were prohibited). That was a fun day of dodging wet weather!

We've had a bunch of things cancelled, which has impacted our ability to attract more volunteers and raise funds. So these cancellations have a very real and tangible impact on us. We're looking forward to getting back out amongst you all as soon as we possibly can!



Pandemic or not, life goes on! And so do the costs of running this amazing Christian radio station.

While our income, especially from sponsors, has been impacted significantly, there has been no reduction in the expenses we have to meet.

So our June Appeal this year is critically important. Our theme is "*Believe!*", and we're asking you to believe with us.

We believe what has been happening this year in Australia, and around the world, show that more than ever people need to hear the there is a God who loves them that He has a plan for them, and that they can enter a personal relationship with Him.

And we believe that people are ready to hear that message like never before. They have seen that the things they have placed their security in: jobs, money, possessions, health, sport, even church meetings, can be stripped away from them in an instant.

So we want to make sure we are able to fulfil that call and embrace that opportunity!

June Appeal this year will be different, especially the Launch Weekend on Friday 5th through Sunday 7th. We're still working out exactly how it will play out, as at this stage we won't be able to fill the studio with exciting guests as we normally do. And we can't really be asking people to come in for studio tours and to share meals with us. But be assured we'll be using all the technology available to us to make it as exciting and fun as we can!

So tune in and see how we go, and please start praying about what gift you're able to give to support us. We're really aware that many of you are also doing it tough, which makes your generosity toward keeping Christian radio live and local on the Coast even more precious!

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