

TYGAbytes



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AROUND THE STATION

Relay for Life

The Derwent Valley Relay for Life was held at Tynwald Park on 5 and 6 March 2016. A dedicated team of TYGA FM volunteers participated in the event.

The Relay was one of over 200 relays that will be, or have already been, held across Australia during this year to raise funds for the Cancer Council.



TYGA team members Bruce, Beck, Janet & Roz

It's a chance for communities to "recognise and celebrate those who have overcome cancer or are undergoing treatment, as well as the people who care for them. It also provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of loved ones lost to cancer." (www.relayforlife.org.au).

Led by Station Manager Roz Chapman, the TYGA team raised \$1156, which is a fantastic effort.

Each team member had their own reasons for taking part.

Roz said that she's had relatives and friends succumb to cancer, and that being in the relay and raising money for research helped her cope with the grief of losing people close to her.

As a cancer survivor, TYGA president Bruce Lamb says it's important to let people that are newly diagnosed or going through cancer to know that there is "the other side" and they can have life after cancer.

"I would recommend the Candle Ceremony for remembrance of those who have left us. It helps to keep the memory of those dear ones alive in our hearts," says Bruce.

Former TYGA Vice-President Katrina Higgins also took part, and said that it was a personal way for her family to acknowledge their loved ones while also raising awareness and funds.

The TYGA team will be participating again next year, and Roz says they'll be aiming to raise \$2500.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this worthwhile event, which raised over \$32,000 for the Cancer Council.

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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

The Corumbene Hour

TYGA FM provides a wide variety of programs covering almost all musical tastes. Each issue of **TYGAbytes** will spotlight a different show.

This time it's **The Corumbene Hour**, with Bruce Lamb, which goes to air on Mondays at 9 am.

The show brings the residents of the Corumbene Nursing Home in New Norfolk the music that they grew up with and love, but rarely hear on radio.

"The show was created as part of the station's mission to reach all of the community," says Bruce. "It came out of discussions I had with Barbara Davis (Lifestyle and Leisure Coordinator at Corumbene) about developing a request hour for the residents."



Corumbene Hour presenter Bruce Lamb

The show first aired on 26 January 2015, and it's a much-loved show at Corumbene.

Bruce works with the staff to get requests from the residents of each 'street' in Corumbene, and leaves no stone unturned in trying to find the music that the residents request.

Ms Davis says that the show has increased social support for residents as they spend time reminiscing with volunteers about their requests.

"The social network of the residents has expanded," she says. "I often see small groups around the radio anticipating their song being played."



Fans of The Corumbene Hour.
Standing: Barbara Davis (Lifestyle and Leisure Coordinator), Ian Gordon, John Crowle, Kaye Parker.
Seated: Joan Brown, Daphne McMahon, Beryl Burns.

Ms Davis has noticed residents singing along to the songs, and says there's a lot of toe-tapping happening. "If they don't hear their chosen song, believe me when I say they certainly let me know!"

Another benefit of the show has been to provide residents with a topic of conversation to share with visiting family and friends. Ms Davis says that Corumbene receives positive feedback about the show from family members.



Standing: Tanja Walsh (Volunteer), Ian Gordon, John Crowle, Kaye Parker.
Seated: Joan Brown, Daphne McMahon, Beryl Burns.

The Corumbene Hour is repeated on Saturdays at 1 pm on TYGA FM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Derwent Valley Autumn Festival

TYGA FM will again be broadcasting live from the Derwent Valley Autumn Festival from 10 am on Sunday 10 April.



Presenters Jim and Kelly Jo at the 2015 festival

The outside broadcast is one of the highlights of TYGA FM's year, and gives listeners a chance to see their favourite presenters in action.

**Sunday
10 April
2016**

**DERWENT VALLEY
AUTUMN
FESTIVAL**

**Sally
Wise**
Taste of our Valley
Cooking Demonstrations

FREE - Entry **FREE - Shuttle Bus**
FREE - Parking at Tynwald Park

Art Exhibition **Food** **Wine** **Craft**
Children's activities
Entertainment

Public viewing
11.00am to 4.00pm
Winners to be announced at 2pm

www.derwentvalleyautumnfestival.com.au

If you're attending the festival, which will be held at The Esplanade, New Norfolk, be sure to pop in and say hello to the TYGA team.

If you can't be there, you'll be able to soak up some of the atmosphere by tuning in to the broadcast on 98.9 FM or at www.tygafm.org.au

T-SHIRTS

TYGA FM t-shirts are now available in various sizes, styles and colours.



Slabs, 6 Pak and Dolly modelling some of the TYGA FM t-shirts

Featuring our mascot Strypes, these will make a stylish addition to your wardrobe.

You can even get them in baby sizes for that special little person in your life.

The shirts will cost about \$25, depending on the size and style you want.

For enquiries and orders, you can contact Slabs slabs989@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

TYGA Admin is working on a subscription management database to make sure we can keep in touch with all members of the association about important issues.

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