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That was the Year that Was!

Well, 2010 is past, and we're now well into 2011. And what a year it was! In some ways one of our toughest!

While its easy to look back and remember just the challenges and difficulties, lets take a few moments to review the victories and the breakthroughs!

- **Monthly Prayer Nights:** These have gone from strength to strength with pastors and leaders from many churches and ministries being involved.
- **Outside Broadcasts:** We now have the equipment to do these. While its basic, it does the job (as demonstrated at the Entrance High School Exo Day), so we're looking for more opportunities to use it!
- **Raised Antenna:** This has been a long term goal that we were able to achieve this year.
- **Talk-back Equipment:** We have launched into the area of talk-back radio with Pastor Martin Duffy's Sunday night "Arise" program, and can now do telephone interviews and live-to-air listener calls for competitions, etc.
- **Day Of Prayer for Churches & Pastors:** This will hopefully become an annual event to

build up the church on the Central Coast, and encourage unity within the body.

- **Website:** Our website has been extensively redesigned, with many new features, and even more still to come.

the year in a slightly better position than we started it. God has been faithful in His provision, through you His people!

- **People:** We've continued to see new people join the team as announcers, office staff, and directors. Unfortunately we've also had quite a few move on to other things. This constant turnover is always challenging! So there you are - a quick overview of the year. As you can see a lot has been accomplished. But there are still many challenges as we enter a



- **Community Events:** Its been great to promote and be involved in events like One World Mission Expo, Coast Men's Convention 2010, and The Entrance High Exo Day
- **Studio Guests:** Our humble studio has been graced by a number of celebrities, such as Pastor Joe Armstrong, artist Neale Joseph, Dr Juli Slattery from Focus On The Family, and country music legend Kasey Chambers.
- **Finances:** While things have been tight, fundraising at the start of the year and then thru our Rise Up 2010 campaign in May, has meant that we finish

new year. There are great opportunities available to us, but for us to fully grasp them, we really need breakthroughs in the following three areas:

- **Premises:** We need to find a suitable, affordable, place to move the studio and offices to. Our current premises is really inhibiting our growth.
- **People:** We need many more people willing to offer their time to the ministry, in a whole range of roles.
- **Finances:** As always, it costs money to keep doing what we're doing, and to keep on improving our service to you.



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Is your church or community group having an event?

Would you like Rhema Central Coast to do a live broadcast from your event, to let everyone know what is happening and help build the excitement?

Call 4325 1000 to discuss it with our Station Manager.

2010 Annual General Meeting.

Some of the AGM crowd.

The night of Tuesday 16th of November was our Annual General Meeting for 2010.

This year the AGM was held at a new location: the conference room at Cornerstone Books at Erina, which has been the venue for our popular monthly prayer meetings since they commenced in October 2009.

Although the numbers were a little down on last year, it was still a great night, giving our members a chance to hear an overview of the last year, and a glimpse into what the future holds.

It was also a good chance for our listeners to "put faces to the voices" that they hear on Rhema Central Coast.

The meeting was chaired by John Hypatidis, and we heard a report on the financial state of the ministry from treasurer Murray Allibone, and the Music and Station Manager's Reports were given by Rick Broome.

Our three directors who were standing for re-election: John Hypatidis, Murray Allibone, and Cheryl Smith, were re-elected.

Thanks to all who made the effort to come along to the AGM. Your support in this way is much appreciated.

We look forward to an exciting 2011 together!



Rick Broome giving his Annual Report.

Studio Guest—Kasey Chambers.

On Tuesday November 11 we were greatly honoured to have yet another special guest in our humble William St studio!

Country music legend, winner of so many Golden Guitar awards that she has stopped counting, Kasey Chambers, called in for a chat with Phil Lawrence.

Phil normally does a Friday shift, but he was so excited about this opportunity that he convinced Denise to give up her spot on a Tuesday so he could do this interview.

Kasey was humble, charming and approachable. Clearly all her success has not gone to her head! She shared from her heart on the origin and meaning of some of her best known songs, and was as surprised as the rest of us when Phil seemed to know more about them than even she did!

Phil, your secrets out! You're a closet Kasey Chambers tragic!

So Kasey, thanks so much for taking the time to visit, and you're welcome back any time you like!



Kasey Chambers getting deep with Phil Lawrence.

Facts & Fallacies!**Reception Problems**

We are very aware that some of our listeners are experiencing less-than-ideal reception. We touched on this last issue, but thought we should expand on the situation.

There are four factors that are causing problems with the signal.

1. Studio-to-Transmitter Link (STL):

When we were forced to replace our land-line link with a wireless one, it was always going to be marginal, as we don't have a clear line-of-sight between the studio and the transmission site at Somersby. This marginal path, which skirts President Hill, causes a loss in signal quality which is most noticeable on windy days.

The best solution to this is to relocate our studio to get a clearer path. We are hunting for a suitable location.

2. **Transmitter:** Our transmitter does not allow us to broadcast at the full 2kw permitted by our license. We therefore broadcast at a lower power than other community stations on the Coast, some of whose frequencies are very close to ours. This can cause our signal to be "lost" among other stations, especially on radios that have analogue, not digital, tuning.

The solution to this is a new, more powerful, transmitter.

3. **Broadcast Antenna:** While this is adequate with our current signal strength, it will need to be upgraded when we do get a more powerful transmitter.

4. **Frequency:** We share the 94.9 FM frequency with a commercial station in Nowra called Power FM (or 2ST). Being a commercial station, they are licensed to transmit at much higher power than we are (50kW vs 2kW).

While theoretically their broadcast shouldn't reach the Central Coast, in reality it often does, overpowering our signal.

While we can't do much about factor 4, factors 1-3 can be fixed, with sufficient funds. For this, we need your support!

From the Desk of the Station Manager.

Where To From Here?

We seem to have come to an interesting stage in our growth as a ministry.

No longer are we considered 'new'. After all, we've been around since 2002, and we've had our full time license for over six years.

So most of the teething issues have been sorted out. We have procedures and practices in place, and the day-to-day aspects of operating a radio station are generally under control.

But we're not really at a stage where you could call us 'well established'.

We are still struggling with too few people having to carry too much of the workload.

Its like there are not enough people involved to generate the level of activity and excitement that is necessary to attract more people to get involved!

It's a Catch-22 situation!

Often our receptionists have to work on their own, which can get lonely, and sometimes there is little work to do.

If we had more office staff, we could extend our hours and have over-lapping shifts, so that there could be at least some social interaction!

Longer office hours would also

give more opportunity for people to call into the office.

And if we had more on-air announcers, this would create more activity from listeners, again generating work for the office staff, and growth in the ministry.

More volunteers in technical areas would also add to the "social" side of working at Rhema, while allowing this work load to be better shared.

So basically we need more people to put their hands up and offer their time to the ministry of Rhema. Why not be part of the team, and help us break through to the next level!

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Don't forget on the second Tuesday of each month we get together at Cornerstone Books and prayer for the ministry of Rhema Central Coast.

We go from 7:15 to 8:45pm.

Everyone is welcome!



What's Happening!

Lots of comings and goings!

- **Murray Allibone** has stood down from his role as both director and treasurer, to concentrate on other areas.

Thanks Murray for your hard work! You'll be much missed!

- **Peta Cameron**, receptionist and voice of our Community Service Announcements, has also left us to pursue a new direction. All the best Pete!
- Also leaving us late January is **Samantha Cooper**, who is starting a job in day-care

after spending some of her Work-for-the-Dole hours doing volunteer work for Rhema.

Sam, your help has been greatly appreciated!

- New to the 180 Live crew are **Matt & Emma Jepson**, from Encounter Life Church.

They'll be on-air on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

- **Mark Tipple** is finding life a little too busy, so is pulling out of the 180 Live crew for now.

- Monday receptionist **Jan Shultz** has decided to pursue some other areas of ministry so until we can replace her the office will be closed on Mondays.

- **The Reality Zone**, which has been airing at 7pm Saturdays is no longer being produced.

- **Behind the Music** is a new program to our line-up, each weekday at 6pm.

It is produced by Wes Jay of The Rock Across Australia, who also provide us with TRAA News.

Program Guide

This is now a separate A5 insert so you can stick it on your fridge!

Enjoy!

Church Profile: Church Unlimited.

Venue: 162 Pacific Highway
Charmhaven, 2263

Services: Sunday 9:30am & 6:00pm
Friday 7:00pm Youth Service

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Meet The Team!

Shane Edwards

In this issue, we highlight our Drive Time announcer, "Shano on the Radio".



Ten Questions:

- Who is in your family?**
Peter (Dad), Andrea (Mum) and Luke (brother).
- When did you start with Rhema?**
This is a tricky one! Not sure exactly when I started. Guessing I'd say around 2008 sometime. Ha ha!
(Correct! Your first shift was 26 May 2008—Ed.)
- What do you like about working with Rhema?**
Get to listen to great music, meet interesting people, discuss important life issues and hot topics from a Christian perspective AND it's a ministry to people at the same time! Win/win!
- How do you relax?**
I love to go on long drives and I love singing. My two favourite ways to relax, often both at once. I'm one of those people who you see at the stop lights with the music blaring and pulling weird faces trying to hit the high notes.
- Current favourite song?**
Tricky question! I love everything Jimmy Needham, so I'm going to say 'Yours To Take'. Also Brooke Fraser's 'Something In The Water' is a favourite at the moment.
- Favourite TV show?**
Top Gear, Modern Family and Glee tie for favourite!
- Most recent book you read?**
Something very boring for study. I wont bore you.
- Favourite holiday destination?**
New York, New York!
- Favourite Food?**
Prawns & Oysters.
- What do you like about living on the Central Coast?**
The beaches, and the laid back lifestyle.

Are You D.J. Material?



We're always on the lookout for new announcers!

Maybe you've thought about it in the past, but didn't think you had the right stuff!

Or maybe you thought it would be too difficult.

Well, its not as hard as you might think, and we train you thoroughly and don't "let you loose" until you're ready!

So if you've got a good voice, and you're willing and able to commit to giving some time on a regular basis, why not get it touch and find out more?

Its open to all ages, so you're never too young or too old.

Download a Volunteer Application Form from our website, or call the office and we'll send you one. We'll do a brief voice test to see if your voice would "work" on the radio, and if that's all good, training can start.

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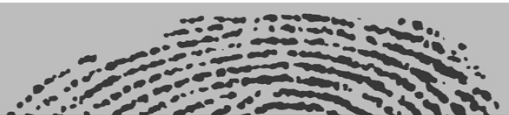
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