

Rhema FM Tamworth Policy: Music

Background

Community broadcasters are renowned for supporting new, local, independent and particularly Australian music. We are in a unique position to play and engage with a broad range of Christian musical styles and to provide Christian programming that is not necessarily available within our community.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Rhema FM Tamworth

- continues to play a diverse range of Christian music throughout all of our programming,
- supports local musicians, and
- complies with the 25% Australian music requirement of the Codes

Policy

1. Rhema FM Tamworth will provide a wide range of musical styles to meet the wide diversity of Tamworth's Christian community.
2. All programs will endeavour to ensure that of the total music played throughout a program, at least 30% of this is Australian unless:
 - a. The programs aim is to focus on music or culture other than Australian
 - b. The musical style of a program is of a nature that does not have a high instance of Australian recordings.
3. All Australian recordings that are the property of the station will be visibly identified as Australian.
4. An audit of Australian music content will be conducted regularly.
5. Presenters are encouraged to, within the confines of the sponsorship framework, promote events where local musicians are featured.
6. Presenters must not make representations to record companies or other music suppliers on behalf of Rhema FM Tamworth unless prior consent has been given by the Management Committee.
7. Rhema FM Tamworth will not accept any form of payment in cash or in-kind, in return for providing airplay or promotion of music, except under standard sponsorship arrangements.