

## **HUMBLE BEGINNINGS - How Aussie Grown Across the Nation (AGATN) was born.**

AGATN began as an in-house radio programme in 2014 at Sunshine Coast Christian radio station 106five (now Salt106.5). Hank was employed at the station from 2000 where he performed various roles from newsletter editor to office manager, Announcer and Music Director.

In 2014 Aussie Grown Radio was birthed with its radio show AGATN played exclusively on 106five. The objectives were to play anything from the top of the charts to the grassroots, praise and worship to metal, rock to blues, folk to country and anything in between.

Due to financial difficulties, 106five retrenched several staff in 2015, Hank included. While this was quite a severe blow to Hank, God had other plans.

Hank was gifted everything to do with AGR and AGATN – the Aussie music library, On-air music scheduling programme, website and business names, as well as a substantial amount of audio equipment to set up a home studio.

It took us a further 14 months to fit out the home studio with computers, sound proofing and other odds and ends. Hank now operates AGR from home with the help of Nellie (his wife) and records AGATN in the home studio each week.

Hank has a passion for connecting with Aussie Christian artists. His amazing collection and knowledge of current and past Australian Christian music is second to none and the continual research he does gives him the edge on all that is Australian Christian music.

The music used in AGATN is fresh, the information is relevant and the potential of the show since it was syndicated nationally, has seen it increase from the initial reach of 3 Christian Radio stations in Australia, to 27 community stations nationally (both Christian and non-Christian) as well as to 2 Christian radio networks in the US.

Check out the AGR socials (facebook, twitter and instagram) pages and you can be kept up-to-date with what's being played and what's coming up on the show. Our socials are there to let the artists know we are supporting them and actively playing their music and sharing their news.