

# Australian DX News

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Welcome to another edition of the ADXN. This month some big news sections, so enjoy.

We start off with news from the branches...

## ADELAIDE

Saturday May 25th 2pm. Uwe Dreseler 16 Powell Plavce, Morphett Vale. (08) 93828923. The committee supports Uwe, and his efforts to make and get together this meeting, and has sent out individual notices to those in Adelaide. Even if you can't make the meeting give Uwe a call....might even rekindle some interest, etc..

## BRISBANE

7th April 2002. The meeting was hosted by Ray and Raewyn Crawford with an afternoon BBQ at their Forestdale home. Members present were Ray and Raewyn Crawford, Brian and Pam Halpin, Chris Martin, John and Colleen Smith. Apologies from Ian Johnston in hospital, Dave Humpries, Rob Shepherd from Toowoomba, and John Bastable from Kingaroy. Chris Martin brought along a very nice AR-2001 receiver and John Smith a Sangean 505 receiver to play with. Ray showed us his beverage and dipole antennas as well as a very neat and tidy radio room. We enjoyed a great BBQ with friendly discussion on various radio topics including beverageantennas, past DX trips and planning of a future DX trip in August. (Yes I have heard from John Bastable, and looks like Kingaroy)....very nice. Ed

Next Meeting: A BBQ lunch will be held on Saturday 22nd June at midday at John and Colleen Smith's, 52 Mungarie St Keperra, partners are very welcome. Please contact John on (07) 3851 0448 or 0429 176 131 and email smiffy6@bigpond.com or Brian Halpin (07) 3286 2543 if you wish to attend.

Pickup can be arranged from

Keperra railway station. (Best wishes go to Ian Johnson, hope your on the mend. ed).

## TASMANIA

Chris Elliott, tell us that Paul Bailey is in Africa?....(hope he took a radio), Chris can be contacted on (03) 62 615896. Visitors to Tassie especially welcome to contact Chris.

## BATHURST

Bathurst boys are rugging up for winter, and are looking forward to two new stations in their area. Phil (02) 6331 9621 or John (02) 6331 8120.

## ROCKHAMPTON

Been a bit quite but Tony is working on a few people outside of the club, if you are visiting Rocky give Tony Smith a call (07) 4926 6021.

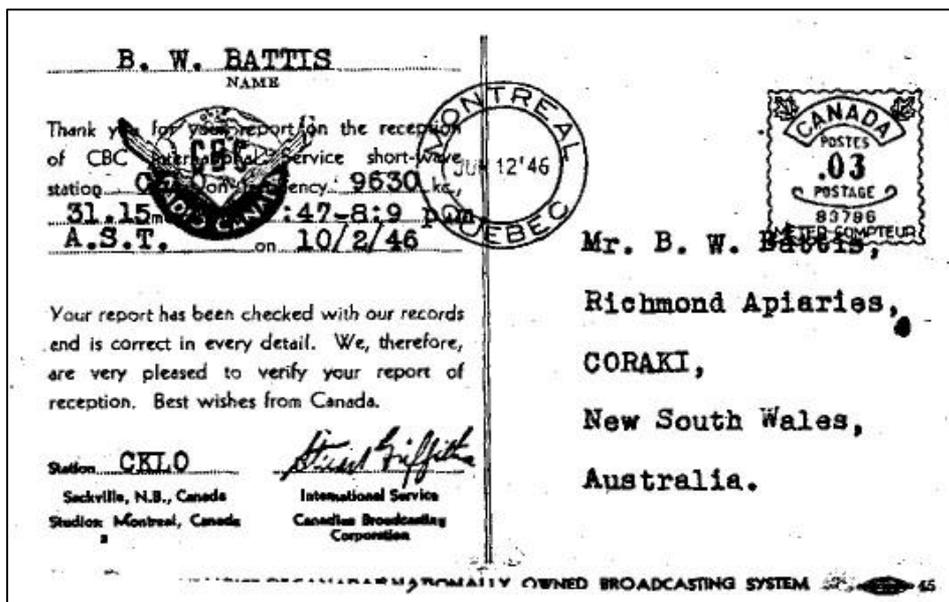
## SYDNEY

Balun making was the theme recently, and not taking anything away from those beautifully engineered examples from Paul Ormandy, 33 Greta St, Oamaru 3301, New Zealand, \$40-00 AUD (Gee Paul a few are mentioned in this ADXN), however it seems to be a skill lost, however I think I am right in saying a proper workshop where everyone had a go at making their own balun.

Saturday 20th April. John Wright's place 3pm Those present Glen Benfield (one leg and crutches after knee reconstruction....OUCH had one after footy...OHHHH it hurts...), John Sanderson, David Brown, Tony Magon, Ian Mcelleand, Edwin Lowe a brief moment with the trestle table...thanks mate, Dennis Allen, Lloyd Wharton, David Stevens, John Wright, Charles Jones, brief appearance from Mitchell, and Warren Johnson..good to see you again Warren. From the mountains Jem Cullen. Afterwards a tune of the bands, however the bands were really hopeless, due to polar cap disturbances etc... Plenty of apologies, as I apparently picked a very social weekend, however one notable mention to Evan Hunt, who was so keen to get a Paul Ormandy balun, he flew to NZ and picked his up personally, now that's dedication and application.

Tuesday 30th April, 2002. Another balun session with only Peter Grundman present, although Mitchell turned up for a brief moment to get the chocolate off Peter. Actually Peter joined in 1980, so we had a good chat about the development of the club, and a good listen on the shortwave bands.

Another old QSL from Bruce Battis...



## ARDXC Officials and Addresses

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Club web page: [http:// www.ardxc.fl.net.au](http://www.ardxc.fl.net.au)

## RENEWALS

Notices are going out in this month's magazine: \$36-00 for A4, \$20-00 PDF includes GST a reduction, Overseas members are on the same rates no change.

The PDF Aussie members, will find a extra section, the PDF renewal form.

Well I think I've covered everything (I always forget something - old age) Well enjoy....JW.

## BOOKS.

The last of the Passport Books have been sold, and the only items in stock are now 8 Medium wave guides at \$10-00 each includes GST and delivery and the FREE update in November 2002, also the French, Indonesian and Spanish guides for reporting at \$4-.00 each and the Bandcharts at 20 cents each, log sheets 10cents each. The last remaining Joe Carr Antenna Receiving book is at \$45-00. Cheques & M/o's payable to ARDXC and not to myself, post to 15 Olive Crescent, Peakhurst NSW 2210.

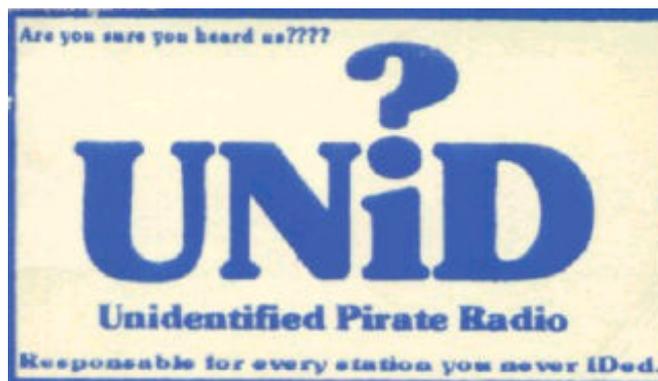
## LOANER SETS

TRIO 9R59DS, Realistic DX 440, ICOM R72 are back with me - John Wright and the ICOM R75 is now out on loan again...Try before you buy I guess....The deal is that you pay the freight both ways etc....no fee's as such, but you are responsible for any loss. Thanks to those that made these sets possible.

## CLUB BIRTHDAY

Next month, Club has been going around since June 1965, so we would like to hear from you. On that subject we have found Peter Bunn.....a real blast from the past....good to chat to Peter the other day on the phone, and as we didn't have his address or any contact no magazines could be sent to him, now he receives the magazine via PDF....maybe just maybe he might even turn on the

radio....he says hello to all.



*A very useful QSL, one I am sure we wish we had in the collection for all those long distance MW or Latins that fade out just as an ID comes up ☺*

## Editorial Deadlines & Addresses

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Well, the Club approaches another anniversary milestone, and is still going strong. On a personal level I will be moving house and may be changing jobs soon, so a relocation somewhere may be in order. Once I get all this sorted I might have some more time to turn on the radio myself Fingers crossed, anyway – Richard Jary



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**Coming Deadline:** Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>

*Unfortunately, general conditions have been poor, particularly on the lower frequencies, and this is a trend that we will continue to see in large patches whilst sunspot activity remains high. Some abnormal solar disturbances were also in evidence during April, resulting in abrupt but almost complete shortwave fade-outs. In short, it has been pretty tough going.*

*From mid-June or thereabouts, however, Pacific listeners will be able to seek some solace from improved Latin American and African reception, but in the interim, what action there is will be on the international bands. Bon chance!*

- 3103.47** Unid. Indonesian. Koran at 0940 t/in, then what sounded like Eastern European folk music at 1000 (!). No announcements and the signal drifted up to 3103.95 in a 30 minute period. Lack of anncts. suggest a non-RRI, and probably not as far to the west as Java or Sumatra, based on the early fade-in. Roland Schulze in The Philippines recently reported RSPDT2 Halmaherah Tengah on 3105v, so possibly this, 24/4 (Seager-L).
- 3205 R.Sundaun, Vanimo. Local nx items in Pidgin 0825, reference to Vanimo, 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 3210 WWCR, Nashville. Gospel anncts. 0827, promos for Christian pxs, 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 3300 R.Cultural, Guatemala City. Gospel mx & messages in SS 0841, 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 3305 R.Western, Daru. Trad. mx w/typical Pacific Island beat 0854, EE reference to "Kara Radio", 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 3316** SLBS, Goderich. 2000, EE ID "this is SLBS, Freetown", mx interlude played on vibraphone, the easy listening mx spoilt by bursts of RTTY. Low level audio 1/4 & not heard since (Morris-CNP)
- 3345 RRI Ternate. Rapid-fire anncts. in II 1035, 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 3355 R.Simbu, Kundiawa. Gospel px starting w/very distorted audio 0907, 24/4 (Ireland-L)

To Join the Oztrail you need nothing more than a shortwave radio, and a willingness to share your loggings with the rest of the ARDXC membership. Entry to these pages couldn't be easier! Just post or e-mail details of what you have been hearing by the published deadline and observe a few basic ground rules:

- Do list your items in the format you see below, including all relevant details, such as frequency, date, time and language
- Do obtain positive on-air identification of each station submitted
- Don't submit loggings heard prior to the previous Oztrail deadline.
- Don't be shy. Space is reserved here for your loggings!

Note that submissions may be edited for clarity, accuracy or space reasons.

- 3360 La Voz de Nahualá (GTM). 0244-0420\* 15/3, SS talk followed by marimba mx. Retune at 0400 and going strong with reception much improved from fair with lot's of noise to good. (D'Angelo\*)
- 3365 AIR Delhi. 1823 Indian mx, 1830 ID and nx in EE. Good. 13/4 (Takeno\*)
- 3366 GBC, Radio 2 Accra. 1930, EE Gospel px 2000, drum roll, ID, EE nx 25/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 3380 MBC, Limbe. Vn, fair level signal 2023 16/4 (Jones)
- 3905 R.New Ireland, Kavieng. Local dialect 0915 w/ID & advert. for job position as manager of radio stn., 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 3925 R.Tampa, Tokyo. Nx items 0920, in JJ, 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 3955 RKI via Skelton. GG px 2035 w/nx, then song. Fair on 27/4 (Seager)
- 3975 R.Budapest, Jaszberény. 2100 EE ID px summary, nx & information 25/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 4648.9 R.Santa Ana, Santa Ana del Yacuma (BOL). 1115 SS rustic instrumental mx & vocals, advert carniceria Santa Cruz. Poor 2/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 4725 R.Myanmar, Yangon. UNID language, fair level signal degraded severely by atmospheric noise, 1220 20/4 (Jones)
- 4746.8 R.Huanta 2000. 0930, SS ID "les saluda R Huanta 2000", huaynos mx, adv cooperativa de ahorro, fair 25/4 (Morris-CNP). Very poor 0926, anncts. & up-tempo anncr, fading to noise, 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 4753 RRI Makassar. Latin beat pop mx 0928, then II anncts. w/ID 0930, 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 4785 Nei Menggu PBS, Hohhot. Unknown language, anncr. appeared to be speaking by phone, 1045 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 4789 RRI Fak Fak. Middle eastern-style contemporary mx 0933, few anncts., 24/4 (Ireland-L). 0945 w/Tom Jones & "Green Green Grass of Home", then II anncts. Still audible 1130, 8/4 (Allen)
- 4826.5 R.Sicuni (PRU). 0950 Indian dialect TC, ID, comunicados & huayno mx, poor 25/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 4832.05 R.Litoral, La Ceiba (HND). 0225-0241 15/3, continuous vocals until excited man gave ID and brief SS talk followed choir vocals and more talks

- mentioning the station. Fair. (D'Angelo\*). Beaut level in SS 1115 29/4 and again 2/5. Religious programming f/out by 1145 both occasions. Nice to hear Honduras again. (Wright)
- 4835 RTV Malienne, Bamako. 2335-0002\* 16/e, FF talk and a highlife music until brief ID and sign off followed by marching band NA. Fair and on //5995 but //4783 was poor. (D'Angelo\*)
- 4855.6 R.La Hora, Cusco. 1100, SS TC, ID, noticias y huayno mx, fair 25/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 4874.3 RRI Sorong. Nx items 0938, severe het (used LSB) & cw QRM, 24/4 (Ireland-L)
- 4904.6 R.La Oroya (PRU). \*0941, SS ID "en los andes del Perú radio la Oroya", lively Andean mx poor 26/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 4915 GBC R One, Accra. 2000, EE drum roll, ID, time pips, nx in EE, fair 26/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 4919 R.Quito. 0832-0922 4/4, Latin vocals w/SS talk and frequent IDs ("Radio Quito, la voz de la capital") and ads. good signal. (D'Angelo\*)
- 4925 RRI Jambi. Very noisy reception of religious chanting at 1113, Il anncts. 1115, fair 17/4 (Allen)
- 4950 R.Nacional, Mulenvos. 0335-0408 18/3, pop and rap mx with PP talks, ID followed by 5 time pips at 0400 and nx. Fair. (D'Angelo\*)
- 4955 R.Cultural Amauta, Huanta. \*0950 w/SS ID "transmite radio cultural amauta", then "la hora cristiano", fair 26/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 4960 VOA-Pinheira. 0420-0434 6/4, pop mx program with VOA "News Now" ID and frequency announcements. Feature on health of Chesapeake Bay watershed followed. Fair signal but noisy conditions. (D'Angelo\*)
- 4975.97 R.Uganda, Kampala. 1908 nx in EE and ID. Good 14/4 (Takeno\*)
- 5005 R.Nepal, Kumaltar(Presumed). 1749 nx in EE, 1755 like Indian music then local language talk.
- 5009.7 R.Cristal, Sto Domingo. 1100 SS TC, ID mentioning "1510 kHz onda media", balada y pop musica, poor 26/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 5024.9 R.Quillabamba (PRU). 1030 SS-Quechua, TC, ID, saludos y mensajes, fair 25/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 5029 University Network via Costa Rica. Dr Gene's messages 3/5 poor level in USB around 0630 (Wright).
- 5030 RTV Burkina, Ouagadougou. 2332-0001\* 15/3, FF pxing w/mx. At 2358, ID and closing announcements followed by instrumental music (anthem?). Fair to good. (D'Angelo\*). 1807, talk by man and woman in FF. 1845, African style music and ID at 1900. Fair 13/4 (Takeno\*). FF nx 0633 t/in, het w/presumed Gene Scott Costa Rica, which hadn't quite faded in by then. Peaked around 0640, 28/4 (Seager)
- 5765U AFRTS, Guam. Good reception of talkback sports px at 0950, 17/4 (Allen)
- 5850 RCI via Hörby Sweden. Heard here EE ID 2030 13/5 fading quickly by 2055 (Wright).
- 5905 R.Ukraine Int., Kiev. In GG at poor level but readable 1700 w/frequent IDs, 23/4 (Agius)
- 5925 R.Falun Dafa, tx site not known. Opened at 2100 with CC type music then speakers in (assumed) CC. Weak signal marred by atmospherics but no jamming. Infrequent c/c from a local CB/ham operator. 2058 3/5 (Jones). *Said to be from Sitkunai, Lithuania -cs.*
- 5957.75 LV de los Centauros, Villavicencio. Apparent \*1100 w/anthem, local & network IDs (Caracol), into nx. fair only on 19/4 (Seager-K)
- 5964.8 R.Nacional, Huanuni. Presumed this w/cheerful Andean-type songs & guitar accompaniment, 1005-1020. No anncts. or breaks, 10/4 (Allen)
- 5965 R.Havana. Good in SS, nx reports 0640, ID 0646, //6000, 14/4 (Seager-K)
- 5970 R.Minsk. 0303-0336 16/3, EE nx followed by mix of features and local mx selections. Nice ID and sign-off announcements at 0328. Generally poor reception and badly squeezed by BBC splatter on 5975. (D'Angelo\*)
- 5985 RTV Congolaise, Brazzaville. 2035, African pops and Talk, ID. Good. 19/4 (Takeno\*)
- 5985.8 R.Myanmar, Yangon. UNID language, apparently addressing a group from whom responses were heard. Heavy noise mars reception of this outlet. 1225 20/4 (Jones)
- 5995 RCI via Hörby. Service to Europe in EE. Female announcer advising that there would be relay of national programme because usual px of RCI not available due to industrial dispute. Good level of signal, //5850 weaker, 2105 3/5 (Jones)
- 6000 V.O.Strait, Fuzhou. CC to Taiwan, poor to fair w/romantic CC songs, nx 1220, 17/4 (Agius)
- 6055 R.Rwanda, Kigali. 1916, traditional music and Talk in FF. QRM from co-channel. 13/4 (Takeno\*)
- 6090 Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla. Gene Scott (or his double) sermonising about Australia and its lack of adherence to religious principles as he sees them. Weak at tune-in, gaining strength as grey line approaches Sydney. 0645 25/4 (Jones)
- 6135 R.Santa Cruz (BOL). 0930, SS greetings, pan flute mx & comunicados. ID "en sintonia radio santa cruz", fair 26/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 6137.84 Apparently R.UNAMSIL, UN Mission in Sierra Leone, "me too" of a primo log by Ralph Brandi of New Jersey, hrd weak signal here arnd 2200 20/4, building slowly, audio discernible from arnd 2300, building, dropping back after 2340 or so, unusable in QRM after 0000. Checked again on and off over the next few hrs. and it was continually present, pretty decent at 0235 check 21/4 but almost immediately lost its steam. Was always present, however, and was "best" after 0600 with mx, interludes of studio talk; though mostly QRM free by then, still a weak signal, with occasional very brief fade-ups. I gave up arnd. 0630, hoping for better rcpn another day. (Berg\*)
- 6150 R.Singapore Int. Nx, stock market report, mx 1100, 17/4 (Agius)
- 6165 Hvratski Radio, Deanovec. 2235-2309 29/3, pop vocals in various languages with announcer in Croat. Nice ID at top of hour followed by nx and another ID at 2307. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo\*)
- 6175 High Adventure via Jülich. Very strong \*2000-2100\* w/ID & sked. at s/off, 27/4 (Seager)
- 6188.03 R.Oriente, Yurimaguas. 1052, Andean mx 1059 religious talk? and ID. Good. 5/4 (Takeno\*)
- 6193.4 R.Cusco. 0910, SS, lively Andean mx, ID "desde cusco Perú", mentioning 1470 kHz, then Inca Kola adv., fair 26/4 (Morris-CNP)
- 6200 V of Islamic Rep. Ahvaz. Reported to be b'cast from Iran to Palestine. In assumed AA with frequent mentions of Hamas and Arafat. Strong signal, //6025 also strong. 2115 3/5 (Jones)
- 6265 ZBS, Lusaka. In EE at 1800, 3/5 (Hambly)
- 6249.4 R.Nacional, Malabo (presumed). 2155-2253\* 29/3, non-stop instr. mx until broadcast concluded at 2253 without usual sign off fanfare. Poor at

6350U	tune in but steadily improving. (D'Angelo*) AFN, Hawaii. 0831-0848 20/3, CNN nx, promos, Consumer Reports Test for DVD players, ID and Speaking of Health segment. Fair. (D'Angelo*)	7445U	RFPI, Ciudad Colón. Discussion about countries and their borders and the movement of people over these. Signal strength fair but readability reduced by atmospheric. 0720 25/4 (Jones). Good w/EE nx 0940, then "Native News" & off suddenly 0945, 17/4 (Allen)
<u>6715</u>	UNID Korean Religious Station. 2302-2336* 29/3, first time hearing what others have been reporting. Generally poor signal with talks and religious vocals with broadcast terminated during a piano instrumental. (D'Angelo*). Presumably the unid. Korean religious stn, hrd 2210 26/4, weak, just a shadow of what it was a month ago. Off by 2233 re-check, so probably 2230*. (Berg*)	9400	R.Bulgaria, Plovdiv. 2100 interval signal and ID, EE. Good. 19/4 (Takeno*)
6925	United Patriot Militia Bingo (Pirate). 0208-0221 30/3, ID, "Dukes of Hazard" theme song, numerous parodies of United Patriot Radio's Steve Anderson, etc. Very strong signal. (D'Angelo*)	9470	V.O.Croatia via Jülich. *0500, fair level w/nx in EE 0508, 25/4 (Agius)
<u>7120</u>	Voice of the People (via RN-Madagascar). BBC-Meyerton has replaced RFE-RL here at 0330; however, VoP, which was there daily, generally a little behind RFE-RL, had been absent for a few days. I checked the RN schedule and found that they are now listed on 7310 at this hour. I have now checked it a couple of nights and they are there signing on at 0330, but strength is below 7120 and they are almost useless due to being badly squeezed between Vatican-7305 and WHRI-7315. (Berg*)	9505	R.Havana. SS to S.America, frequent mentions of reinstatement of Venezuelan Pres. Chavez 0545, //15230, good 14/4 (Agius)
<u>7120</u>	R.Rasant (via IRRS): Looked for the special px from this one on 12/4. IRRS came on air at 2200, played "Only You" by the Platters, then apologized for an interruption and presented R. 510 prgmng for a couple of minutes before going carrier only, no prgmng at all, for almost the entire hour, until 2254 when prgmng came back with "Cotton Eyed Joe" fiddle song and then closing anmt for what apparently was supposed to have been the R. Rasant prgm. R. Rasant ID given by man in EE who requested rpts, offered verification for return postage; then a pop selection, IRRS ID, request for rpts, address, anthem-like choral song (Italian NA?) and off at 2305. Also checked at 0755 on 7120 and 13840, but that's late; there was a whisper of something on 7120, nothing on 13840. Other times and fqys would not work for ECNA. (Berg*)	9525	V.O.Turkey, Emirler. 2049 ID, good in EE 19/4 (Takeno*)
7120	IRRS, Milan. 0600, EE ID, variety mx px 0615, ID 26/4, poor (Morris-CNP)	9545	R.Tashkent. 2032, music then nx in EE. Fair 19/4 (Takeno*)
7125	RTG, Conakry. Good marker station here, around 0700 plus good level LP in French and local languages, 3/5 (Wright).	9800	R.Varna (BUL). 0104-0126 1/4, pop mx w/Bulgarian talks and IDs. Fair overall with a strong carrier but much reduced voice modulation. (D'Angelo*). Suns on 2100, nothing except Bulgarian. Straight into programme, 14/4 (Wright).
7185	Bangladesh Betar, Dhaka. IS and sign-on at 1230 then discussion/announcements in EE. Strong level of atmospheric noise reduced readability of this signal. 1230 20/4 (Jones)	9820	RN-Bonaire. Good 0730, DD to Aust., NF this service, 31/3 (Carter)
7200	R.Sakha. Now leaves R.Rossii and begins its own prgm at 0810, hrd on 10/4 with IS, intro and "Govorit R.Republiki Sakha" ID. Back to Rossi at 1000, //7345 (Berg*)	9900	DW-Irkutsk. Good in GG 1030, NF this time, 31/3 (Carter)
7210.3	R.diff du Benin, Cotonou. 2233-2301* 17/3, with FF conversation followed by phone calls from listeners with short mx segments. ID and sign off at 2259 followed by orchestra NA. Fair signal but QRM made this poor overall. (D'Angelo*)	9930	Que Hong Radio via KWHR. Sign-on 1300 27/4, good level in VV played I think was the old Anthem (Wright).
7255	V of Nigeria, Ikorodu. Bright music then ID in EE at 0600 followed by nx. Good strength signal marred by strong fades. 0555 25/4 (Jones)	11430	New Star Broadcasting Stn (Cland). CC px 1115, but very comprehensively jammed on 27/4 (Seager)
7420	DW-Petropavlovsk. Poor at 1030 in GG, NF this time, 31/3 (Carter)	11510	V.O.Russia, Yerevan. FF ID 1704, African service, fair 26/3 (Carter)
		11540	R.Cairo, Abis. NF x longstanding 9850, General AA px w/chimes, ID & nx 2230. Strong & //12050, 27/4 (Seager)
		11565	RTI via Okeechobee. EE w/stock market & wx report, 2215, 11/4 (Agius)
		11610	AWR via Jülich. In AA 0600, strong on 13/4 (Agius)
		11620	AIR, Aligarh. *1613 w/IS, then RR. Poor 29/3 (Carter)
		11630	V.O.Russia, Moscow. SS language 2030, fair to good 18/4 (Agius)
		11635	Libyan Jamahiriya via Issoudun. In AA at very low level, talks about Britain & France, 2045 18/4 (Agius)
		11640	V.O.Vietnam, Hanoi. EE w/brief talk about coffee plantation, FF at 2100, good 18/4 (Agius)
		11660	CRI, Kunming. FF 2220, fair w/heavy atmospheric disturbances, 11/4 (Agius)
		11685	CRI, Beijing. RR to Europe *1800 w/CC & RR IDs, good 5/4 (Carter)
		<u>11690</u>	Scandinavian Weekend Radio. Very poor at 2310 5/4, twangy guitar, C&W mx, somewhat tinny-sounding anmts, Johnny Cash and "Ring of Fire." Clearer on LSB, but QRM there so had to be satisfied with USB. Ancd phone number at 2331. Not much signal after 2334. R. Vilnius took over the fqy at 0000 when SWR was supposed to switch to 11720, and that fqy already occupied by another stn. (Berg*)
		11690	Christian Voice, Santiago. Service to northern South America, in SS. Fair level though some degree of degradation from atmospheric. 0502 25/4 (Jones)
		11690	R.Jordan, Al-Karanah. EE service, continuous

	Western pops 1540, into EE nx 1600 w/ID @1610. Fair on 27/4 (Seager)		
11720	BBC, Rampisham. "Calling Falklands" px, Tuesdays & Fridays 2130-2145. Fair signal, but readability reduced due to "rushhhing" interference sound. 16/4 (Gauja)	12050	Ukraine, 0325-0340, 17/4 (Gauja). R.Cairo, Kafr Silim-Abis. Service to Europe in AA, signal strength adequate but audio poor. 2035 3/5 (Jones)
11730	RFE-Lampertheim. *1700 w/ID, unid. language, fair 8/4 (Carter)	12060	RTI via Issoudun. Strong, FF px 2245 t/in, ID, frequencies, URL etc 2256 just prior to s/off, 14/4 (Seager-K)
11730	NHK, Yamata. 1659*, GG to S.America, good 8/4 (Carter)	12065	FEBA, Bocaue. In presumed II, fair w/choral songs 2230, 12/4 (Agius)
11750	V.O.Russia via Moldova. Perfect reception, in EE 0400, 14/4 (Agius)	12085	R.Damascus, Adhra. ME type music in service to N.America. EE announcements not readable due to weakness of signal. 2031 3/5 (Jones)
11750	VOA Botswana. FF to Africa, fair level 0600, 16/4 (Agius)	13363L	Argentine Forces Radio. (Follow up to April Trail). Animated discussion in SS then bright pop music. Signal level only fair, 0610 25/4 (Jones)
11760	RFE, Biblis. ID at 1700 break, RR to Europe, fair 10/4 (Carter)	13590	R.Ukraine Int., Kharkov. In presumed Ukrainian to Western Europe, good 0600 //11705, 25/4 (Agius)
11760	RFE/RL, Kavala. Chechen px 0430 to Caucasus area, excellent level //9850, barely audible, 27/4 (Agius)	13635	Voice Intl., Darwin. *100 w/EE for Asia, good w/world nx on 24/4 (Allen). Very strong w/EE pxing 1118, web/phone details etc., 27/4 (Seager)
11765	KNLS, Anchor Point. brief talk about the Hindenburg, Tong Bennett singing "Cold Cold Heart" 0845, fair 9/4 (Agius)	13685	Voice Intl, Darwin. Hrd *1000-1100* 3/4 in EE, came on right at 1000; professionally done, upbeat prgmng, nx, sports, wx for various Asian locations, prgm preview, sked, fqys, promos, mostly pop and Christian mx, day in history, birthdays of famous people. Good (if not huge) signal, and improved over the hour. Switches to 13635 at 1100, but signal not as good there (and some problems with audio breaking up). A nice sound, and good to finally hear this one at listenable level. (Berg*)
11785	DW via Kigali. Service to Africa in PP, strong signal //9565 not readable. 0526 25/4 (Jones)	13710	R.Nederland, Irkutsk. Good in EE at 0930, NF, 31/3 (Carter)
11815	RL-Lampertheim. Strong in RR 0600, 13/4 (Agius)	13790	DW-Sines. EE to W.Africa, good at 0630, NF, 31/3 (Carter)
11840U	R.Sakhalin. Now leaves R. Rossii for own px at 0800 (13/4), returns to R. Rossii at 0900. Hrd for the first time in lang. other than RS before the changeover at 0900 on 11/4, unusually robust signal that day. (Berg*)	13800	R.Denmark via Kvitsøy. Service to Africa in (assumed) Danish. Interview in presumed nx commentary. Good strong signal //11615 weaker. 0535 25/4 (Jones)
11840	R.Ukraine Int, Kiev. In presumed Ukrainian, poor but readable 0630, 25/4 (Agius)	13840	IRRS Milano Italy. Special broadcast then followed a Germany station relay Radio Renaments....13/4 poor level in EE 0720 then the special at 0730..ann in EE at sign on then GG a one off event apparently unheard //7120. (Wright).
11850	CRI via Montsinery. Poor level in SS 0030, 6/4 (Agius)	15105	AWR via Meyerton. EE 0530, fair on 6/4 (Agius). Good in EE w/ID, Nairobi address prior to 0555*, 17/4 (Allen)
11850	RDP, São Gabriel. Good w/traditional mx 0730, 23/4 (Agius)	15105	R.Romania Int., Tiganesti. Poor level in EE 2300, 6/4 (Agius). Also in assumed Romanian 0730, Gypsy-type mx, 22/4 (Agius)
11865	HCJB, Pifo. RR language, 0415, strong on 14/4 (Agius)	15120	V of Nigeria, Ikorodu. Nx commentary by speakers in EE. Topics mainly relating to Nigeria. Good level signal marred by some electrical noise. ID at 0645. 25/4 (Jones)
11920	RTV Marocaine, Breich. Very poor in AA 0100, 27/4 (Agius)	15135	R.Finland, Pori. Strong in EE w/talk about holidays in Finland, 0630, 6/4 (Agius). Very good to 0700*, 17/4 (Allen)
11925	DW-Sines. EE to W.Africa, good at 0630, NF this service, 31/3 (Carter). Fair w/QRM at 0600, 6/4 (Agius)	15150	VOIRI, Mashad. Good level in AA 0415, 14/4 (Agius)
11925	R.Bandeirantes, São Paulo. Continuous Western AOR songs 0445-0505, then canned ID & promos, 14/4 (Seager-K)	15170	REE Noblejas. Poor level in SS 1130, 18/4 (Agius)
11935	Voz Cristiana, Santiago. Poor reception of SS religious talk, then ID & noticias 1100, 8/4 (Allen)	15190	ERT via Delano. NF, strong w/GK mx 0630, //15360, 13/4 (Agius)
11945	RCI via Moosbrunn. To Middle East in AA at very poor level, EE by Radio 0330, 27/4 (Agius)	15290	REE, Noblejas. 2052 SS lesson px in EE. Good 5/4 (Takeno*)
11970	VOIRI, Kamalabad. *0030-0132 3/4, caught opening of EE px w/ID, musical fanfare and Holy Koran recitation followed by nx. Announced 6065 and 6035 as frequencies but unheard. Very good signal and //9610 was also very good. (D'Angelo*)	15305	R.Rossii, Kaliningrad. Good level 0500 //15225, 13/4 (Agius)
11985	DW-Antigua. Poor at 1030 in GG, NF this timeslot, QRM SF, 31/3 (Carter)	15320	KSDA, Agat. Poor in VV 2300, 11/4 (Agius)
11990	R.Kuwait, Kabd. 2159 ID then NA and off. Fair 19/4 (Takeno*)	15345	AWR, Meyerton. Service to Central and East Africa. Speakers in Vn giving an address in
12000	DW via Novosibirsk. EE, talk on the environment, fair but noisy 2330, 24/4 (Agius)		
12005	RTV Tunisienne, Sfax. Very strong signal of ME type music and AA announcements 2040 3/5 (Jones)		
12040	Radio Ukraine Intl., Mykolaiv. EE service to NAm. Strong signal, Tx Pwr 1000KW according to last month's Station News! Talk on democracy in the		

Lagos, Nigeria followed by CC sounding music! EE ID at 0626. Off at 0631. Good strong signal. 0615 25/4 (Jones)

15365.6 Voice Intl., Darwin. EE pop songs for "Reality Zone" & ID as "Suara International", then into EE 1028, 24/4 (Allen)

15385 REE, Noblejas. EE px to NAM, powerhouse signal. 0030 talk on SS literature, 0047 Radio Waves program 21/4 (Gauja). Nx, sports results in EE, fair to good 0000, 6/4 (Agius)

15425 SLBC, Ekala. Pleasant music with announcements in EE. Good strength signal degraded by atmospherics. 0110 27/4 (Jones)

15455 R.Budapest, Jaszberény. Service to S.America, ID at \*2100. Speaker in (assumed) Hungarian. Good strong signal 2059, 3/5 (Jones)

15470 DW-Irkutsk. EE to Aust., fair at 0930, NF 8/4 (Carter)

15510 DW via Trincomalee. NF, commenced tx this day, service in GG to East Asia signing on at 2200. Good strong signal. 2200 28/4 (Jones)

15535 RFI via Novosibirsk. Nx in FF, discussion about Presidential elections, fair 0040, 27/4 (Agius)

15640 Kol Israel, Tel Aviv. Service to Europe in FF. Good strength until close at 0516. //17545 stronger. 25/4 (Jones)

15675 R.Tashkent. NF, believed to be Voice of Mesopotamiya in Kurdish. Language similar to AA. Good strength signal 0522 25/4 (Jones)

15785 Galei Zahal, Tel Aviv. Serious discussion in (assumed) Hebrew. Good level signal 0421 25/4 (Jones)

15825 Emerald Radio via WWCR. Songs such as "Danny Boy", "Nothing Compares", biography of Sinead O'Connor, fair 1040 //5070, 24/4 (Agius). Yes, and 15825 a replacement for long-standing 15685! -cs.

17500 R.Bulgaria, Plovdiv. Weak in GG, in fact just readable, 1000 25/4 (Agius)

17525 Voice of Iran (cland). 1728-1733\* 17/3, tune in to instr. mx followed by short talk. Px ended at 1730 but carrier stayed in for another three minutes. Good signal. (D'Angelo\*)

17560 DW-Wertachtal. Poor in GG 1030, NF 31/3 (Carter)

17665 Radio Ezra (presumed), Vladivostok. Very weak signal, no ID copied, but recognised EE accented voice of John Hill, 2350-0000 19/4 (Gauja)

17695 Libyan Jamahiriya via Issoudun. In AA 1120, fair level & earlier than skeded. here, 11/4 (Agius)

17715 DW-Komsomolsk. EE to Aust., good at 0930, NF this service, 31/3 (Carter)

17775 R.Tashkent, Tashkent. Uzbek nx and commentary in EE then local music from 1205. Good level of signal from 1200 sign-on with some degradation from atmospherics, 1200 25/4 (Jones)

17810 DW-Wertachtal. Good in GG 0500, NF this timeslot, 15/4 (Carter)

17860 DW, Kigali. NF, service to East Asia in GG. Nx at good strength from \*0000, 27/4 (Jones)

17860 DW, Wertachtal. Fair at 0630, EE to W.Africa, NF 31/3 (Carter)

17900 ERT, Avlis. Nx in GK 1150, a change from 17905, 25/4 (Agius). Adjustment from 17905, carrier on 0655, into Orthodox church service 0658, ID 0700, 28/4 (Seager)

18950 R.Norway, Sveio. \*1200 in NN, good signal on 24/4 (Allen)

18960 R.Sweden, Hörby. Fair w/only slight noise & fading, EE ID 1145, 24/4 (Allen)

19015 CNR-1. Very strong in CC 1254, possibly intended to jam VOA Iranawila which has moved here from 19000 & presumed to be the stn. vaguely here underneath, 26/4 (Seager)

21560 South African Relay League via Meyerton. Sundays only at 0800 sign on very poor level then rose to a fair level at 0815 then f/out 0840 14/4 (Wright).

21640 DW-Trincomalee. Fair at 1030 in GG, NF 31/3 (Carter)

21655 RDP São Gabriel. In PP, noisy at 1100 on 10/4 (Agius)

21695 Libyan Jamahiriya via Issoudun. AA, w/headline nx in EE, FF at good level 1130, //21675 10/4 (Agius)

21790 DW-Wertachtal. Poor at 0930, EE to Aust., NF this service, 31/3 (Carter)

21810 Libyan Jamahiriya via Issoudun. Lengthy political talk in AA 1100, fair 10/4 (Agius)

25870 WFLA, Tampa Fl. OK in FM on very brief peaks, but mostly poor, nx 2205, 27/4 (Seager)

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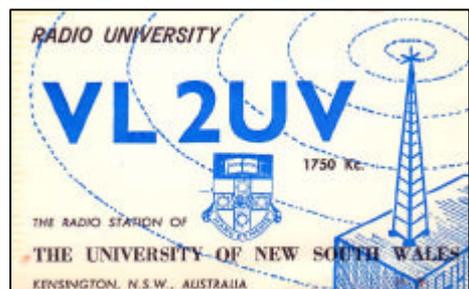
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## ECUADOR

### HCJB World Radio to Move Transmitter Site to Ecuador's Coast

After decades of broadcasting the gospel worldwide via shortwave from its international transmitter site high in the Andes in Pifo, Ecuador, HCJB World Radio is preparing to move the facility to the country's coast to avoid interfering with Quito's long-awaited new airport that is planned for the area.

HCJB World Radio's board of trustees recently approved Project SERVE (Santa Elena: Renew the Voice from Ecuador), a \$4.6-million, four-year project to relocate the international transmitter site from Pifo to the Santa Elena Peninsula. Initial broadcasts from the new site could go on the air as early as mid-2003. Construction will begin as soon as authorities in Quito sign a contract to build the airport.

"I'm excited about the chance to develop a new facility that prepares us for the future and strengthens our coverage of the Americas," says Engineering Director Charles Jacobson. "At the same time, it's an overwhelming task, especially considering the timeframe. Our Pifo facility has grown and developed for 50 years, and one does not easily replace it in four!" The new site, expected to be completed by 2006, will be used primarily to broadcast programs in Spanish, English, Portuguese, Quechua and German.

The possibility of having to move the site first came to light in 1996 when HCJB World Radio engineers learned that the new airport might be built in the valley east of the

capital near Puenbo, just six miles from the shortwave facilities. Communications began with the government, and after an investigation, Ecuador's Civil Aviation Division issued a letter in May 1997 saying that HCJB World Radio would have to dismantle its installations in Pifo before the new airport goes into operation.

"We immediately began to seek the Lord's guidance for the best way to handle this news," Jacobson explains. "Options ranged from discontinuing shortwave broadcasting to using only relay sites operated by other organizations. However, after much prayer and discussion, we decided to relocate. This is based upon the conviction, founded on extensive research and prayer, that shortwave radio will continue to be a viable medium for communicating the gospel in its existing analogue form for many years. And with the added potential of digital shortwave, we decided to move the facility."

After investigating 30 potential sites around Ecuador and creating in-depth studies on several of those, the decision was made to purchase a 500-acre site about a year ago near San Vicente on the Santa Elena peninsula about 1½ hours from the port city of Guayaquil.

Approximately half of the present antennas will be moved to the new site but only a few of the towers that support the antennas, Jacobson adds. "We hope to acquire some solid-core, galvanized towers from a former Voice of America site in the U.S. which will be more reliable in the coastal environment.

"We're looking for two top-quality, high-gain, wide-band antennas to strengthen our coverage of North and South America which will be the main target area for the broadcasts," he says. "We also plan to move the one-of-a-kind steerable antenna, but it will be re-aimed primarily to South America. Our four newest transmitters (HC-100s built in Elkhart, Ind.) will also be moved. And we want to add two new HC-100s and three low-power regional transmitters to replace some older units."

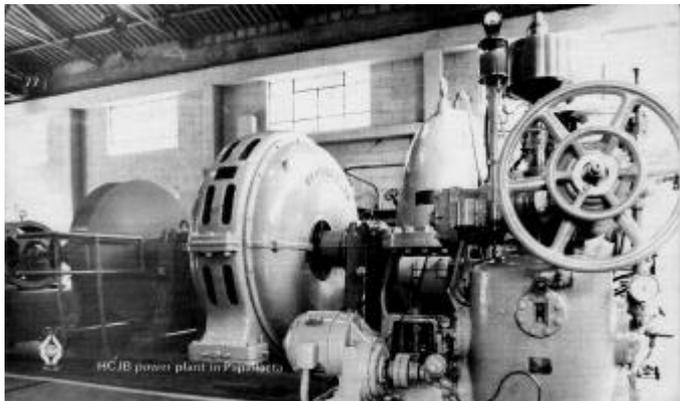
While the new site is about eight hours from the studios in Quito and means facing corrosive coastal winds, hotter air temperatures and slightly higher power costs, it has many advantages, Jacobson explains. "The signal's propagation will be better, especially toward Brazil due to the flat land and low horizon angles. In Pifo the mountains to the east interfere with our Brazilian and African broadcasts. Lower altitude is an advantage for cooling of the equipment and reduced problems with electrical arcs in the transmitters and antennas. And the new site is also almost five times larger than our current property, giving us more flexibility for the future and a wide-open area for the antennas. The area is also much less developed compared to Pifo."

HCJB World Radio is also forging ahead with innovative communication tools such as satellite radio networks, low-power FM transmitters, direct-to-home satellite broadcasting, station automations systems and the Internet.

Jacobson has named Ecuadorian engineer Gonzalo Carvajal as project director while missionary Steve Sutherland is the lead project engineer. He also urges people to apply as working visitors to help speed the project along. "We could use professional masons, builders, carpenters, plumbers, electricians and civil and

electrical engineers," he adds. The project will be financed primarily by the sale of the 110-acre site in Pifo, but funds will also be raised to purchase at least one 100,000-watt transmitter.

(HCJB World Radio)



HCJB's Papallacta Power Plant, mid-1970s

## MADAGASCAR

The Station pro Marc Ravalomanana is now being identified as MBS and beside 9685 it is also on 7130 from 0300 to ? but it is still on the air at 19.00. Identified after every song as MBS and some time as MBS Radio 1623 Guitar Music before News then followed by National and International News bulletin at 16.25 until 16.35 and just after the news some advertisements clips in Malagasy has also been heard.

RTM 3287 is on the air from 1400 to 0300 while 5010 went off at 1900

(Mahendra Vaghjee, via Hard-Core DX Mailing List)

## BELGIUM

On the occasion of its 20th anniversary DX-Antwerp will broadcast a special commemorative programme, on the 25th of May 2002 between 0800 and 0900 UTC. The programme will be aired via the 3 stations listed below. A specially issued QSL card will be available for correct reception reports.

During this broadcast five keywords will be given. If you note at least 4 of these keywords, you can send them, together with a reception report to the following address: DX-Antwerp, PO Box 16, B-2660 Hoboken, Belgium or email us at : qsl@dxa.be. After verification of your report, we will send you this special DX-Antwerp QSL card by mail.

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 Russia - Krasnodar Tbilisskaya: 17785 kHz (250 kW)  
 Lithuania - Vilnius Sitkunai: 9945 kHz (100 kW)  
 Germany - Jülich: 7180 kHz (100 kW)  
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(Guido Schotmans – DXA)

## NEW ZEALAND

On now to what is perhaps the biggest news of the month for listeners in Oceania.....

At last its official!

When Radio NZ International's Technical Manager Adrian Sainsbury attended the NZ Radio DX League's Convention in early February, those attending learnt of the proposed use of the 100kw transmitter at Rangataiki in the centre of NZ's North Island to relay broadcasts of the Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB). But the news was embargoed until today.

On today's first airing of 'Mailbox', Adrian confirmed that DVB had first approached RNZI in November 2001 regarding the hiring of airtime during RNZI's overnight silent period.

Test transmissions were made in December and January, and since 15 March 2002, DVB has been relayed on a regular basis.

The schedule is 1430 to 1530 hrs UTC on 15620kHz. Programmes originate from the DVB studios in Oslo Norway.

Adrian notes that this is not the first time that the RNZI transmitter has been hired out to other organisations. The BBC was relayed in the 1100-1200 UTC period for many years, and more recently the NZ Defence Forces Radio.

From monitoring in Thailand, the reception in the target area of the relay from New Zealand should be very good.

(Bryan Clark, Auckland via Paul Ormandy)

## ARGENTINA

RAE, Radiodifusion Argentina al Exterior, transmite de acuerdo al siguiente esquema de emisiones, valido desde el 24/04/02 al 01/11/02:

Lunes a Viernes:

HORA UTC	kHz	IDIOMA
	DESTINO	
1000-1200	11710	JJ Oriente
1200-1400	15345	SS
	America	
1800-1900	9690, 15345	EE Europa
2000-2100	9690, 15345	FF
	Eur/N.Africa	
2100-2200	9690, 15345	GG
	Eur/N.Africa	
2200-2300	6060,11710,15345	SS
	Eur/N.Africa	
2300-2400	6060,11710,15345	SS
	America/Eur	
0000-0200	6060, 11710	PP America
0200-0300	6060, 11710	EE America
0300-0400	6060, 11710	FF America
0900-1200	6060	LRA1con
	"Panorama Nacional de Noticias"	

Nota:

Los sabados solamente, de 2000-2200 UTC por 6060, 11710 y 15345 Khz., opera RAE, y en caso de que este fuera del aire, lo hace LRA1 Radio Nacional Buenos Aires. Luego de 2200-0230 UTC, sigue con programas de LRA1. Los

Domingos solamente, de 1400-0300 UTC por 6060 y 15345 Khz., opera LRA1 Radio Nacional Buenos Aires, en // 870 Khz. AM.

QTH: RAE, Casilla 555, Correo Central, 1000 Buenos Aires, Argentina. E-mail: barrera@arg.sicoar.com (Esquema de la emisora)

(Conexión Digital)

**AUSTRALIA**

Radio Australia English Service as at April:

**ASIA**

0000-0130	17775
0030-0400	17750
0000-0900	15415
0000-0900	21725
0430-0500	17750
0530-0800	17750*
0800-1130	15240 11880
0830-0900	17750
0930-1100	17750
0900-1400	21820*
0900-1330	11880
1100-1400	9475
1330-1700	11660*
1530-1900	9475*
1900-2130	9500*
2200-0000	15230
2200-0000	13620
2330-0000	11695, 15415

\* sometimes heard weakly in Europe

**PACIFIC**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, MICRONESIA, GUAM and JAPAN

1700-2100	9815
1800-2000	6080, 7240
2100-2200	7240, 9660
2100-0000	17715
0000-0800	17580
2300-0800	9660
0000-0800	15240
0000-0900	21725
0800-0900	5995, 9710
0800-1100	9580
1100-1400	6020, 5995
1100-1700	11650

VANUATU, NEW CALEDONIA, FIJI, TONGA, SAMOA, NORTH AMERICA

2000-2200	12080
2100-0000	17715
2100-0000	21740
2100-2200	7240
2200-0200	17795
2300-0900	12080
0200-0700	15515
0700-0900	15240
0800-1100	9580
1100-2130	9580
1100-1200	12080
1100-1700	11650
1400-1800	5995
1700-2200	11880

1800-2000 7240

**Grandstand**

Radio Australia's weekend sports program, Grandstand, is broadcast on English frequencies from 0210-0700 on Saturday and Sunday according to the schedule below:

South-east Asia 21725  
South-west Pacific 12080, 17580

Papua New Guinea & West Pacific, Japan 9660, 17580, 21725

(Nigel Holmes, Radio Australia Frequency Manager)

**ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO**

Complete AWR schedule:

3215	50	Talata	Malagasy	0230-0330
3215	50	Talata	Malagasy	1530-1630
5960	100	Meyerton	English	0500-0530
5970	100	Meyerton	English	1800-1830
6015	100	Meyerton	English	0500-0530
6035	250	Al Dhabbaya	Hindi English	0000-0100
6055	250	Al Dhabbaya	Hindi English	0000-0100
6095	100	Meyerton	English	1800-1830
6145	250	Al Dhabbaya	Farsi	0230-0300
7130	250	Rimavská Sob.	English	1930-2000
7165	300	Moosbrunn	German	1500-1530
7170	250	Meyerton	English	1800-1900
7170	250	Meyerton	French Yoruba	2000-2100
7230	300	Moosbrunn	English German	0700-0800
7235	500	Meyerton	English	0400-0430
9385	100	Agat	Tagalog/EE	1600-1700
9570	100	Jülich	Bulgarian	0400-0500
9600	250	Al Dhabbaya	Marathi EE	1600-1700
9720	100	Agat	Korean	1200-1300
9740	100	Agat	Korean	2000-2100
9745	500	Meyerton	Hausa	1930-2000
9745	250	Meyerton	English	2000-2100
9780	250	Meyerton	French	2000-2030
9820	500	Moosbrunn	English Urdu	0200-0300
9845	500	Meyerton	French	0430-0500
11560	100	Agat	EE/Mandarin	1000-1200
11610	100	Jülich	Arabic/French	0600-0730
11640	250	Meyerton	Fulfuldi Ibo	1900-2000
11665	500	Moosbrunn	Farsi	0330-0400
11705	100	Agat	JJ/English	1300-1400
11710	500	Moosbrunn	Oro	0300-0330
11770	100	Agat	Chinese Karen	0000-0100
11775	250	Al Dhabbaya	RR/English	0300-0400
11775	100	Agat	Mandarin	1200-1300
11850	100	Agat	Indian, English	1500-1700
11850	100	Agat	English & Asian	2100-2300
11860	100	Agat	Korean	2000-2100
11880	100	Jülich	Italian	0800-0900
11880	100	Agat	Mandarin	1400-1500
11890	100	Agat	Nepali Hindi	1500-1600
11930	100	Agat	EE/Tagalog	1000-1100
11930	100	Agat	Burmese	1400-1500
11945	250	Al Dhabbaya	Tigrinya	
			0300-0330	
11955	250	Al Dhabbaya	Somali	0330-0400
11975	250	Al Dhabbaya	Amharic	0300-0330
11975	250	Meyerton	Kiswahili/EE	0400-0500
11975	100	Agat	Mandarin	1100-1200
11980	100	Agat	JJ/English	1300-1400
11980	100	Agat	JJ/English	2100-2200

12010	100	Agat	Mandarin	2300-2400
12120	100	Agat	Mandarin	2200-0200
12130	250	Meyerton	African	1700-1800
13705	250	Al Dhabbaya	Punjabi Hindi	1500-1600
13720	100	Jülich	Romanian	1600-1700
15105	250	Meyerton	Yoruba English	0500-0630
15150	100	Agat	Mandarin	1200-1300
15175	500	Moosbrunn	Arabic	1900-2000
15195	100	Agat	Punjabi Hindi	1500-1600
15205	100	Agat	II/Javanese	1100-1200
15235	100	Jülich	Bulgarian	1700-1800
15265	100	Agat	Mandarin	2100-2200
15320	250	Al Dhabbaya	Bangla	1300-1330
15320	250	Al Dhabbaya	English Urdu	1330-1500
15320	100	Agat	Vietnamese	2200-2400
15345	250	Meyerton	Ibo Hausa	0530-0630
15355	500	Moosbrunn	English	2000-2200
15370	100	Agat	Mandarin	0000-0200
15380	100	Agat	Chinese Karen	1400-1500
15385	100	Agat	EE/Bangla	1300-1400
15410	500	Moosbrunn	Farsi	1630-1700
15445		Taipei	Vietnamese	0100-0200
15450	100	Agat	Tagalog	1600-1700
15460	500	Moosbrunn	Arabic	1700-1800
15470	300	Moosbrunn	Arabic	0400-0700
15485	100	Jülich	Arabic French	1900-2030
15490		Taipei	Vietnamese	1400-1500
15510	100	Agat	Mandarin	1000-1100
15520	250	Al Dhabbaya	Amhar./Tigrinya	1700-1800
15575	100	Agat	Tel./Kannada	1500-1600
15615	100	Agat	Mandarin	1000-1500
17555	300	Moosbrunn	Arabic	1800-1900
17630	250	Al Dhabbaya	Sinhala	1430-1500
17630	250	Al Dhabbaya	Nep/Malayalam	1500-1600
17635	100	Agat	Mandarin	2100-0200
17660	250	Al Dhabbaya	Indian	1330-1500
17665	250	Al Dhabbaya	Somali	1630-1700
17665	250	Al Dhabbaya	Afar Oro	1700-1800
17710	250	Al Dhabbaya	Hindi	1400-1430
17740	250	Al Dhabbaya	EE/Russian	1300-1400
17780	500	Moosbrunn	Dyul/FF/EE	0730-0900
17835	250	Al Dhabbaya	Mandarin	1100-1300

(John Wright)

## NIGERIA [non].

Radio Jakada Begins Test Transmission  
Daily Trust (Abuja) May 2, 2002 Posted to the web May 2, 2002 --- by Rabiul Ibrahim

Denied radio broadcast licence by the Nigerian authorities, former Nigeria's ambassador to Spain and factional chairman of Alliance for Democracy, Yaro Yusuf Mamman yesterday, began test transmission of his Jakada Radio International on the short-wave (SW) band, to Africa. It broadcast from Spain.

Jakada Radio, according to briefs posted on its website, is a team of international broadcasters and broadcast investors led by a distinguished Nigerian international broadcaster and diplomat, Ambassador Yusuf Mamman." The statement said the radio station is registered with all the relevant broadcasting bodies in the world and has fulfilled all the requirements for the issuance of short-wave [sic] broadcasting licence.

It added that, Jakada Radio has a poll of international

correspondents around the globe with bureaus in Frankfurt, Cairo, Accra, Washington and Harare, and would broadcast every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. "We will start a daily broadcast to Africa, however, we are now on test transmission three times a week from 8.00 am to 8.30 pm Nigerian time on frequency 12125 kHz (1900-1930 UTC -cs)." The team of broadcasters and broadcast investors involved in the venture - five in number - including Yusuf Mamman, was also profiled on the website.

(from <http://allafrica.com/stories/200205020433.html> via Mike Dorner, LA, DXLD)

## SIERRA LEONE

The Public Information Section of the UN Mission in Sierra Leone, on Mon, 22 April, will launch a series of radio programmes and public outreach efforts to sensitize the population about the upcoming elections.

Starting on Monday, R UNAMSIL, on FM 103 and SW 6140 kHz, will launch "Election Watch," a progr that will air Mon-Fri from 7:30 to 10:30 am, and will cover electoral activities around the country, supply public education on the issues and provide all political parties with an equal chance to air their platforms.

Programming will also devote core time to electoral issues of concern to vulnerable groups, i.e. handicapped, internally displaced persons, women and children.

Two presidential debates will be organized and aired by R UNAMSIL in collaboration with the Sierra Leone Bcing Service and other stakeholders on 29 April and 3 May. R UNAMSIL will provide live coverage from around the country on 14 May, Election Day itself, up to the annt of final results.

The Section's Community Liaison Unit will continue ongoing voter education throughout the country in accordance with NEC supplied information. Starting on 23 April, its performing artists will undertake a nation-wide tour in all districts at the chiefdom level to disseminate information on the elections.

A Command Performance will be held at the Lagunda Theatre in Freetown on 30 April, the theme of which will be free and fair elections. The performance will be adapted for radio and bc nationwide, as well as performed at all UNAMSIL Sector Headquarters.

The Video Unit will continue collaborating with SLBS on the popular "Kapu Sens" progrme and is producing public sce annts to be aired on the network.

UNAMSIL Headquarters, Mammy Yoko, P.O.Box 5, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

(Ralph Brandi-NY-USA, DXplorer via WWDXC "Top News")

See *Oztrail!* -cs

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# Shortwave DX Report

edited by Edwin Lowe

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*This section is for your musings, let us know what reports you have sent and what QSLs you have received. This is a Club, not just a newsletter and we want to know what you have been up to.*

It must have been a quiet month, despite the recent holiday periods. This month sees in the start of the Latin season (see the OZTRAIL for details!), so we may see some Latin QSLs in the months to come. (I can feel a Dxpedition or two coming on). Also this month, we welcome Colin Stewart and Ian Johnson from the back from the sick list. The highlight of this month must surely be Jerry Berg's report 23 years after reception and subsequent QSL. Truly amazing! A good bag there Jerry. So here we go! 73 DE ED UR ED SK

Ian Johnson, Brisbane QLD (R75)

"Well, I'm back in the land of the living and I would like to thank members for their good wishes during my recent illness and thanks to Rob Shepherd for the visit. I have been home for nearly a month and hope to be back at work in about 3 weeks. I can talk most of the time and I hope for an improvement in both quality and quantity of speech, but for now my home phone goes straight to message bank - I think that will change next week with a new voice prosthesis. I am really looking forward to getting back into the Brisbane branch - I missed some very good meetings, by the sound of things. Put the headphones on for the first time in 4 months yesterday (02/05). Some tantalising carriers with sporadic audio on some 60M west African frequencies. Until later 73 de IanJ" – *Glad to hear you are up and active and feeling well enough again Ian. For those who don't know, Ian was very seriously ill for a while. - Ed*

Craig Edwards, Mawson Lakes & Port Augusta SA (Drake SPR4, 50m LW)

Reports: AFRTS Diego Garcia 4319 USB; AFRTS Puerto Rico 6458 USB; LRA36 Antarctica 15476; Radio New Ireland 3905, Radio West New Britain 3235; Caribbean Beacon 6090, Zanzibar Radio 11734; Voice of Russia Kaliningrad and St Petersburg 5920 and 5975 and Radio Nacional de la Republica Arabe Saharavi Democratica (Western Sahara) 7460.

"Very happy this month as I've moved up to Port Augusta and began listening in the first week! This is big news seeing though I've only listened on less than ten nights in the last six years. I've strung out a 50 metre longwire in the

trees in the park next to my house. I haven't put in earthing or constructed baluns yet, that will come in time. But I'll need them for the evening Latins, probably not so important for morning Africans. I'm delighted to say that my first fortnight has brought in eight new countries as back when I was active Anguilla and the two AFRTS stations weren't even a twinkle in their creators eye. The New Britain and New Ireland stations always used to be buried under Indonesians and were poor verifiers, hopefully times have changed. I never had transmitter details for Kaliningrad used to be scare, Argentine Antarctica was almost impossible to hear and Western Sahara wasn't around on shortwave, although I heard and verified them on mediumwave on 1544 kHz in 1996 in between Germany 1539 and Moldova 1548 at the Coorong on one successful trip. I think my QSL'ing goal is to reach 190 by Christmas, if these stations are nice to me then that will get me up there, fingers crossed. "

David Stevens, Revesby NSW (Yaesu FRG 7700, FRT 7700 ATU, 20m random wire)

Reports: KTWR Agana Guam 15330 0845, DW Wertachtal 21790 0915, Christian Science via Vladivostok 9875 1200, Radio Singapore International 9600 1300 KSDA Agat Guam 11705 1340, Radio France Internationale Issoudun 17620 1416 Channel Africa 15215 0556

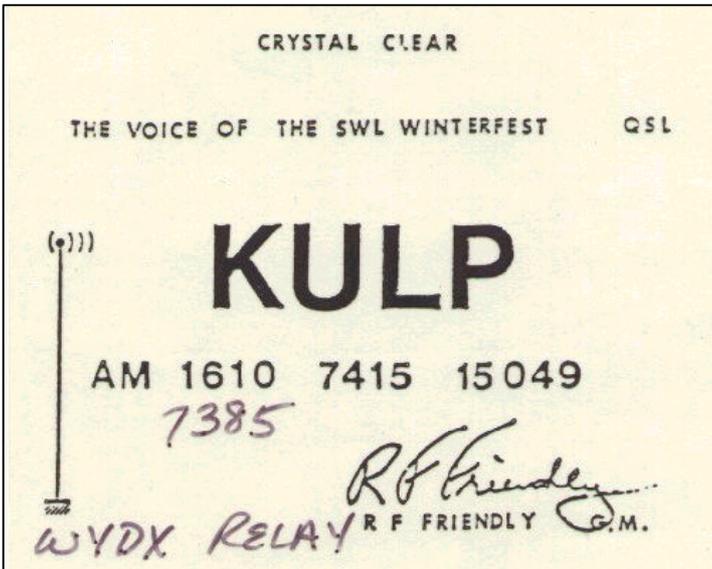
"First contribution to the ARDXC Newsletter this year, and first reports out this year, nothing flash, but where has the year gone? No reports out means no QSLs to report, but after Jerry Berg's 23 year wait for one card, perhaps I just have to learn to be patient (just looking at my old log book to see what is outstanding from 1979).

I have enjoyed the Sydney meetings this year, and I thought the balun workshop was a great idea, and well attended (all I have to do is dig out the soldering iron to finish mine off, make the wife and kids proud of me). Had a good night at Johnno's recently mucking around with his Collins, it is certainly impressive. After I commented that the only Latin station I could ever tell was HCJB, he then proceeded to find five South and Central American countries in five minutes (only a slight exaggeration). My wife is not impressed however with his plans for a parabolic dish in our backyard (something to do with it being the size of the backyard).

Edwin, you have commented often in your column on the good fellowship in the club, and I have to agree. I have only been impressed by the atmosphere at the meetings, the welcoming, inclusive tone of the newsletter, the willingness to share ideas, knowledge and experience, and the friendship that has been offered me.

I noted the suggestions in recent newsletters for "around the world in 80 day" type contests, which could be a lot of

fun. Perhaps even if we started with something simpler, like targeting a certain number of stations in each continent. That could be accompanied with short articles by the more experienced hands on particular windows for picking up those continents in the different parts of Australia at the relevant time of the year. Just a thought.”  
 – *Not a bad idea David. We just need someone to coordinate the efforts. Any volunteers? -Ed*



John Wright, Peakhurst NSW (Collins R391, dipole lobes to 180-360 degrees 25mb and 31mb dipoles with the Big Paul O balun)

Reports: Radio Littoral Honduras 4832 1115, AWR-Guam special broadcast for Japan SW Club 15385 1300, Radio LTC Peru 5005 1005, La Cruz del Sur 4878 1025, R Ezra via Petrovolostok 17665 2330, RCI via Hornby 5850 2045, Voice of Vietnam 11640 2030, AWR-via Austria 15355 2115, IRRS 13840 0720, R Rasent via IRRS 13840 0730, South African Relay League -Meyerton 21560 0800, R Varna Bulgaria 9800 2100, Qe Hong Radio via KWHR (Clandestine 9930 1300)

“Plenty of things going on shortwave and with that the new location is proving to be bonanza. QSLs a plenty...about time. The Latins are proving hard, but I am enjoying the challenge. John.”

Colin Stewart, Broken Hill NSW

Colin reports the following DX ‘booty’ received recently. A QSL from Croatia in 2 years, a prize in a RNW competition, a t-shirt and cap from RDP, and from DW a laptop computer carry case (all you need now is the computer...) - Ed

Edwin Lowe, Revesby NSW (Kenwood R5000, Icom R75, 17m longwire)

“Very little time to switch the radio for some DX this month, only for just a bit of entertainment listening. I need to finish my thesis this year on top of work, so I think I will miss the rest of the Latin and the African season. I usually miss the broadcast from VOR, which I really enjoy by the time I get home of an evening, but I can catch this over the net. A real sign of the times. I unfortunately also missed the Sydney balun building session, but hopefully John W. saved a ferrite core for me.”

Chris Elliott, Hayes TAS (Sony ICF-SW55, TRIO 9R-59DS, KENWOOD R-300, Inverted 'L' wire antenna.)

“No reports out & no QSL's in this month. I have had a quick check of the last 6 issues of ADXN, looking at the contribution figures. I came up with a total of 49 Aussie/NZ'ers & 11 overseas contributors over that 6 issue period. That breaks down to the following figures;

No of contributors.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Average						
Aussie/NZer's	20	25	23	26	23	27
Overseas	3	7	7	4	6	3

Members number of contributions over same 6 issues.

Number of contributions	6	5	4	3	2	1
Aussie/NZer's	7	5	5	9	6	17
Overseas	1	0	2	3	2	3

Take out the solid core of members that have contributed items more than 3 times for those 6 issues which is 7 Aussie/NZer's & 3 overseas & we are up the creek.

*The couple of pirate QSLs here are from the archives of the Free Radio Network – [www.frn.net](http://www.frn.net) (Jary)*



## QSL REVIEW

### ABU DHABI

R.Japan via Dhabayya. 15470 No detail p/p card"apple tree in snow".+ schedules & sticker. 46 days (Elliot)

### "AFGHANISTAN."

Information Radio (Commando Solo): 8700U, Nice no-data .gif QSL image showing eagle, flag, plane, logos, saying "This card acknowledges the receipt of a broadcast delivered by Commando Solo II during Operation Enduring Freedom. Thank you for your support of the 193rd Special Operations Wing." As an E-mail attachment from Lt. Edward E. Shank. In 5-1/2 mos. (Berg-MA)

### CLANDESTINE

KIPM 6925.. Specials QSLs excellent graphics. air in 3 weeks from allan Maxwell, PO Box 69 Elkhorn, Nebraska and included 2 CD Rom's of the programmes...in return for 1USD and a picture of the famous CBN studio in the 1980's.....(Wright).

### ENGLAND

SALAMA RADIO via Skelton 12025 f/d letter, calender, v/s Dr Jacob Abdalla,Chairman. 57 days

### FINLAND.

Scandinavian Weekend Radio, 11690, great QSL pkg: full-data card, colorful ltr (indicating power on 25 m. as 50 watts), large stn poster, postcard and folder about Virrat (town near studio), T-shirt promo, stickers; in 3 wks. for rpt with CD. (Berg-MA)

### JAPAN

R Tampa 6115. FD postccard for this station air in 10 days for 1USD V/signer illegable. (Wright).

### RUSSIA (ASIA)

R. Sakhalin, 11840U, full-data card which appears based on the RS prepared card that I sent them, but recomposed by the stn and some EG text added; also bears stn stamp. (Card says my rpt was "verified with a magazine of our stn"; Vlad Titarev says "magazine" in RS also means "log.") Sent postcard of health center as well, with "Good luck to you" penned in EG on back. In 5 wks. for taped report, and they used my SAE (I sent \$1 rather than mint stamps). Very pleased with this one. (Berg-MA)

### RUSSIA (EUROPE)

Never-give-up-department: 5065, Petrozavodsk, Karelian SSR--In going through some old reel-to-reel tapes, I rediscovered a tape of my rcpn of their local prgm on their old SW fqy, including their IS, from 1979. Alas, I never reported them back then, but, heck, 23 years isn't so long, so I sent them a report and an audio CD of my recording, explaining how much I would like to verify this radio country that is no longer on SW. Just in case they didn't know much about what they were doing in 1979, I enclosed some pages from the 1979 WRTH covering their stn, and a reference to Dave Kernick's IS website where there is a "vintage recording" of their IS, which is, happily, the same as on my recording. In one month I rcvd a great QSL

package from them: my RS-lang. ppc, properly filled in, signed and stamped (says 5 kw; no power shown in WRTH), a postcard with "Greetings from Petrozavodsk" penned on the back, a 75th Anniv. folder, a letter from Victor Kramskikh, "Chairperson on Radio Broadcasting STRC 'Karelia,'" and an envelope with some great stamps. HIC/VIC 243/241 (still need Bayrak and Bhutan direct [I have them "QSLed" via the UN]). (Berg-MA)

### SLOVAKIA

R. Slovakia Int 15460. FD cd, sticker, brochure and sked for email rpt in 8 months. Post marked Feb 02, so it has been floating in the post for 2 months before arriving. (Lowe)

### USA EAST

VOA-Delano, 9350L nice "antenna farm at sunset" card, full info on the Mar 16 JSWC prgm on front, time penned in on back, V/S John Vodenik; for an E-mail rpt to John. (Berg-MA)

## Shortwave Ladders

Name	C o u n t r i e s	D e l e t e d	S t a t i o n s	Q S L s	U p d a t e d
Leigh Morris	235	28	471	1099	Nov01
Paul Ormandy	215	9	659	1623	Mar02
John Wright	166	8	536	1369	May02
Brian Gall	139	8	229	405	Mar02
Richard Jary	134	3	425	651	May01
Ian Baxter	132	-	206	220	Apr00
Dennis Allen	129	5	238	673	Apr02
Charles Jones	121	5	161	161	Apr02
Chris Elliott	126	1	270	502	May02
Michael Roussos	122	4	165	183	Mar02
Colin Stewart	121	-	181	1201	May02
Glenys Dunn	106	4	192	247	Apr02
Chris Hambly	103	2	104	221	Oct01
Paul Bailey	88	5	128	310	Sep01
Edwin Lowe	57	3	112	130	May02
Uwe Dreseler	52	-	62	245	Apr02
Cal Conkey	51	-	62	97	Apr02
Graham Dawe	29	-	36	62	Aug00
Kent Inverarity	17	-	22	26	Sep00

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# Broadcast Band

edited by John Wright

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Hi folks a large mail bag this month, so I think you'll find something for everyone. In fact one of the biggest I've ever had to handle terrific to see. All times are UTC.

**GRAHAM BOWDEN** from Uki, has heard FM from New Zealand

- 91.2 1KCF Kaitaia NZ. Heard at 2250 19/3 signal increasing then sustained into the night of 20/3 to next morning 2120 to slow fade out. Slogan, "Auckland's Magic music, KCF FM". Good stereo on Peaks.
- 91.4 1WCP, Concert FM Hamilton. 0115 20/3, to stereo on Peaks. Also noted using the single turn Oatley, "Miracle antenna", indoors using an old Realistic TM-1001 tuner. Noted as late as 0955.
- 98.6 1ZZH Hamilton 0545 20/3. also in stereo much of the time to 1030, IDing as "ZH FM".

Reception of the three stations is my best NZ DX to date. The main receiver used is a digitally tuned JVC with a normal/narrow switch. The antenna is a beat up looking 4 element phased array, located on the vacant block of land, next door. It has an old but good mast-head amplifier.

**Martin Greer** from West Launceston, Tasmania.

Enclosed with this mailing a shortened version of some FM and TV DX logs. Murphy struck back, having made the statement that Melbourne TV DX was not much about. But all is good now. But 3PBS which I also made a mention back in March 2002 ADXN, still hasn't surfaced, and I don't know why...(anyone else know?), apparently it is on the air. This smaller version is the first time I've heard these stations, the long version is 14 pages A4. These are taken from log book in date order so that people can see how I keep my notes.

5th March 100.1 0744 2JJJ Bega/Cooma NSW, very weak signal, and again 1335.

17th March 106.3 11.35 Bairnsdale/East Gippsland Vic, very weak signal.

103.1 3BBA (Power FM), Ballarat Vic, weak but steady signal at 11.38, plenty of ID's and adverts.

99.3 2ABC FM Bega/Cooma NSW noted with weak and hissy signal note: local station 7TIS on 99.3 still off air. A tourist drive station.

1st April 95.5 3CHT-FM K rock in Geelong Vic, with a fair and steady signal at 0730.

96.3 Radio Rhema in Geelong Vic with a weak signal at 0747 signal was up to fair, sound quality scratchy..

5th April 91.1FM 3CRR Bendigo Vic. noted with a good

signal 1156 First time heard.

93.5 3BBO Bendigo Vic, at 1250 weak signal first time heard.

89.5 3CCC in Bendigo Vic at 1345 First time heard.

90.3 3JJJ Bendigo Vic, very good signal, first time heard.

105.3 3JJJ 105.3 Swan hill/Murray Valley Vic, Triple J outlet. First time heard.

93.1 3SBS Melbourne Vic, usually hear this 2 to three times per year 1446.

91.9 STAR FM Bendigo Vic, fair signal, heard when 7WAY FM Launceston closes at 1400. another first time heard. (Streuth Bendigo has a few stations)! ed

6th April 100.9 2ABC Bega/Cooma at 0529 fair signal co channel 7TTT Hobart underneath.

101.9 3FOX FM Melbourne Vic, haven't heard this locally for years since Triple J on 102.1.

103.3 5ABC Mt Gambier SA, weak signal.

104.1 5ABC Mt Gambier weak signal 1112.

9th April 94.7FM Pulse FM Geelong Vic, very weak signal first time heard.

100.3 unid station clashing with NOVA FM 1013.

12th April 100.3 station could be 7BOD FM on the east coast of Tasmania station noted again on the 15th April 0811 no ID noted 21<sup>st</sup> April 1446 // to 7LTN on 103.7 Launceston and 7DBS Wynyard program think via Wagga Wagga this time.

22nd April 100.3 Transmission testing now apparently taking various community stations programs like 2RDJ Burwood 89.1 NSW 2MBS FM Sydney 102.5 listened till 1418 still no local ID's....anyone help please?

25th April 100.3 FM Still now heard a ID as Break O Day FM..on car radio in my driveway.

(I think Martin needs help with the station on 100.3...all good fun).-ed.

## PACIFIC FM MEGABASE.

Ian Baxter has for sale...the above release, various components make up the database, I have bought one, and delivered this Thursday...I've just opened the documents but a real comprehensive effort. Much like the WRTVH is for DXers and SWLers, same for Passport Book, Ian has gone to extreme lengths, write for details, I Baxter, PO Box 149, Finley NSW 2713. or email [pacificfm@hotmail.com](mailto:pacificfm@hotmail.com)

**John Davies** from Alderley of Brisbane has sent the latest AC Nielsen survey via a newspaper clipping from the Australian newspaper media programme guide for the 4 to 10 April.

Remember the big money that NOVA FM paid for various stations in the Sydney and Melbourne, well they have turned that into a rise to the top of the ratings in 15 weeks. DMG owns NOVA FM or has shares in various stations in Australia. 2GB and 2UE are fighting it out for Sydney's breakfast program. In South Australia SAFM has romped home again with Perth's Mix 945 again winning. Thanks John, I guess we listeners don't think of surveys and the big money that stations are paying to be on the airwaves.

This is a news release from the ABA website 4th April via MWOZ@topica.com.  
[http://www.aba.gov.au/abanews/news\\_releases/2002/29nr02.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/abanews/news_releases/2002/29nr02.htm)

The Australian Broadcasting Authority has decided to make an additional community radio service available in Sydney. The higher power service to operate on 1386 kHz on the AM band, is to serve the wider Sydney region. The ABA has made the new service available by varying the Sydney radio licence area plan to change the category of service of the AM frequency 1386 kHz from open narrowcasting to community. "The ABA received a number of submissions both for and against the variation to the Sydney licence area plan," said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman. "Having considered the information and opinions expressed, the ABA believes that making the frequency available for a community radio service is the best decision in the public interest as the need for another community radio service was considered by the ABA to be greater than the need for another open narrowcasting service. Unfortunately, this does mean that there will be one less open narrowcasting service available in Sydney."

The ABA also determined that three additional open narrowcasting radio services be made available in the Sydney region. These services are to operate on 1386 kHz from Homebush with a maximum CMF of 1.015 kV (5 kW), 1539 kHz from Bicentennial Park, Concord West with a maximum CMF of 385 V (1 kW) and 1476 kHz from Emu Plains 5 km NW of Penrith with a maximum CMF of 220 V (500 W).

December 2001, The ABA identified two potentially suitable alternative sites that could accommodate an additional AM service in Sydney. The two options were....

Option 1: The proposed new service operating from Bicentennial Park, Homebush, on 1386 kHz (maximum CMF of 955 V [5 kW]) with an OD pattern; and

Option 2: The proposed new service operating from Prospect, on 1386 kHz (maximum CMF of 1.015 kV [5 kW]) with a DA pattern.

NOW more station News.

In yesterday's Courier-Mail 2/4, there was an ABA ad asking for expressions of interest for narrowcast licences in areas where planning had been completed.

They asked for expressions of interest for Brisbane 1053 kHz and Murwillumbah 1593 kHz, but I was surprised to see conspicuous by its absence no listing of Narrowcast licences for the Sunshine or Gold Coasts. If my memory serves me correctly, the Gold Coast was to have a narrowcast on 106.5 FM at similar/same? tech specs as community stations 105.7 and 107.3 and the Sunshine Coast was to have a narrowcast on 828 kHz, there may have been a minor FM one there.

**David Onley** reports 1611 3XX Melbourne is back on air this evening and apparently full time. Heard at 1430 UTC with Retro and modern pop. Gives the odd jingle "Melbourne's brand new radio station is finally here 1611 3XX" Gives web address as: <http://www.1611.cjb.net/> They are calling for announcers, and yes they are unpaid

positions until selection of paid staff in May June. Address given is: P.O.Box 173 Caulfield East 3145 or email to RADIO1611@HOTMAIL.COM. Official station launch is: at MONSOONS nightclub, April 26th (Friday) at Grand Hyatt it says on the web that 3 Double XX presents the best new music, chart hits, dance, and retro dance and chart classics from the 80's and 90's - 24 hours every day 365 days per year. Simply, you wanted a full time station - here it is ! - Simply switch to 1611 AM and STAY WITH US !. Well, interesting concept. Let's see if it's still around at the end of the year. Seems it is cash strapped already. (Dave).

According to the 3XX web site 1503 3KND Indigenous Radio, Melbourne will be on air Mid-year. I heard a station testing on this frequency several weekends ago, but have heard nothing since. Rumour has it that the station will never make it to air. Will have to wait and see. (Dave).

Have been stuck on 1512 for the past hour trying to get an ID out of the station under 2RN Newcastle. It's sorta okay when RN are on talk & I'm getting a heap of non stop hits from the 80's, Air Supply, Tracey Chapman etc. Thought I heard a BAY FM ID, cannot be sure. Anyone know the format? What format are the Kiwi's.. I doubt they would be non stop mx. Huge het also on 1521 which I presume is 1XTR Tauranga. It's a half interesting night. 15/4/2002. Dave is now in the Netherlands. Dave will be representing the ARDXC at Antwerp at the big DX fest shows, and also Radio Australia, has given David some material and a few special promo's....

Last night 12/4 here in Melbourne, Victoria, 1116 3AK & 1377 3MP changed their "Macquarie Network News" name to "Victorian Radio Network" It seems they wanted to break away from the old Sydney identity and become totally Melbourne. (Onley)

1242 3TR Traralgon, Victoria, Australia moves to FM 99.5 Mhz Friday 26 April. A new station called 3GV (Gippsland & The Valley) will begin broadcasting on 1242 kHz Check the web site out at: <http://www.3gv.com.au/> (Onley)

**Chris Hambly** reports 1ZE Kaikohe 1215 khz at 1715, also Chris again has heard that 1503 special station 2BS...

**Ian Baxter** Finley NSW.

Perth's new commercial FM licence on 93.7 was awarded to a top bid of \$25,000,000 (& you don't need to be physic to work this one out) yep...a joint venture between DMG Radio (UK) & ARN (Ireland/USA). Check out John Davies news, apparently they are winning the ratings war so the money looks like being justified....-ed..

Also new today is 3TR-FM 99.5 testing for the first time today. I don't receive Bairnsdale at my QTH, but 3TR says they're testing there too on 99.9MHz (according to looptape or CD). Probably 99.9 will appear soon if not already on. Perhaps someone could lookout for this? Switch on occured between noon & 2pm, if someone want's to know.

## **Craig Seager** Bathurst NSW.

From Bathurst's western Advocate. Sat 27th March 2002. The station(s) would presumably broadcast in the range above 1600 kHz, precluding listening on many receivers (a point largely ignored by the ongoing reporting of this saga, and the protagonists themselves!).

Stations Soon on the air *By Amy Edwards*

Two new radio stations could soon be on Bathurst's airwaves, according to News Talk Country (NTC) director Sid Mehri. Mr Mehri made the comment after winning the right to erect a mast on the Bucedale property on Sofala Road at yesterday's Evans Shire Council meeting. Oberon Shire Council also approved a development application, under delegated authority, for a mast on O'Connell Plains Road, O'Connell more than a month ago.

Mr Mehri said he had always had two licenses in the township (Bathurst), and he intends using the towers for two different frequencies. One will be country (music) and I don't know the other yet, he said. He added it was still early days in regard to what format the second station would have and Bucedale was still the better site. Listeners should receive country music from one of the radio masts within the next three weeks.

Yesterday, Evans Shire Council Environmental Services Director Brian Jones recommended the development on Bucedale stating the benefits of choice and competition should flow to a great many people. He said Council would be unlikely to intervene within the normal functioning of the market economy and it is not considered appropriate to do so in the assessment of the application.

In December last year, Bathurst City Council voted to refuse an NTC development application on the grounds it would have a negative social and economic impact on Bathurst. This followed a submission from Radio 2BS director Ron Camplin, who argued that the impact of another player in the Bathurst radio market would force him to cut jobs and consequently local content and community services.

At yesterday's Evans Shire Council meeting, Mr Camplin said he was one of the last family owner-operators left in Australia. He added if the same amount of revenue was taken out of Bathurst as in Tamworth, when Parramatta-based NTC began broadcasting, effect would be a steep reduction in staff. Ten out of 11 Evans Shire councillors voted in favour of the development application. The mayors vote was not needed.

During the meeting, Mr Mehri told councillors he would employ about four local people in his sales department for the country music station. He said he eventually hoped to broadcast a locally-based breakfast program.

(Hey boys in Bathurst, at least Sid QSL's) GRIN -ed....

NSW (Icom R75, Racal RA-17-C-12, Horizontal Loop)  
Managed to catch a week at the beach during April, more specifically at Kianga, just across the inlet from Narooma on the NSW South Coast. This is one of my favourite parts of the world, with azure blue waters featured

against a backdrop of verdant hills. Most of the region is good dairying country, with local cheese a specialty, and the waterways seem to be full of fish for taking even by anglers of my average abilities. The Icom R75 came along for the ride, along with copious amounts of reference material, with a view to catching a few North American offerings on the x-frequencies. The antenna arrangements at our rented house were by necessity a bit makeshift, so a couple of evenings were spent on a nearby headland with 200m or so of wire strung out along the ground in a rough NE direction. Alas and alack, not one U.S. station was audible, apart from the het from a possible KOMA on 1520 and vague noises on 1580. New Zealanders dominated the band, some of them well over co-channel Aussies that boom in at home, but strangely no other Pacific Island stations were audible, apart from a predictable Noumea on 666. Not even a peep out of the Solomon Islands outlets, which are usually only a minor challenge from home. I'll put the dearth of useful signals down to conditions, rather than the location, and hopefully there will be other opportunities for some coastal-based mediumwave DX later in the year.

Cheers Craig.

**Craig Edwards**, Mawson Lakes & Port Augusta, SA. Drake SPR4, 50m LW

Well I've moved up to Port Augusta and began listening already! Big news seeing though I've only listened on less than ten nights in the last six years. I've strung out a 50 metre longwire in the trees in the park next to my house. I haven't put in earthing or constructed baluns yet, that will come in time. The hot water service sometimes buzzes out some crap, so hopefully baluns and earthing will make difference. As the northern outskirts of the town are only 2 minutes away, I'm thinking of leaving a wire on the ground towards Europe so I can go there before sunrise. Luckily I don't start work until 830am and it's 7 minutes away. I went through my MW QSLs and I've got 84 countries. I've set myself the goal of 90 by Christmas and 100 by the end of my country position. I've actually received a bunch of QSL's in the mail now that I've active again, almost forgot what they looked like. No reports out this month, too busy on SW but QSL's from: Radio 2 1611; GB Radio 1620; Radio Salsa 1629; KTCT 1050; KVIN 1390; WTDY 1670.

### QSLs

#### AUSTRALIA

Radio 2, 1611. Full data letter, pen and stickers in 4 weeks for SASE, v/s Emma Moss, Communications Manager. (Craig Edwards)

Hill Side GB Radio 1620. Full data letter in 4 weeks for SASE, v/s Brendan Grainger. Address: PO Box 2160, Bayswater VIC 3153. (Craig Edwards)

Radio Salsa 1629. Partial data postcard in 4 weeks for SASE, v/s Emily. Address: Radio 1629AM, Smthye Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000 (Craig Edwards)

#### USA

KTCT San Francisco, CA 1050. Full data letter and sticker from Director of Technical Operations, Erick Steinberg. In 5 weeks for US\$ RP (Craig Edwards)

KVIN CA 1390. Full data letter from Operation Manager, Doug Wulff. In 4 weeks for US\$ RP (Craig Edwards)

WTDY Madison, WI 1670. Full data letter and T-shirt, v/s Sly. In 4 weeks for US\$ RP (Craig Edwards)

Therefore my ladders score is  
Mediumwave: 84 Counties, 454 stations, 500 Qsls..(that is some score, not many have made the 100 countries.) - ed.

**Richard Jary**, from the broader lands of NSW west of Dubbo etc...

Hi everyone, I spent a week seriously bush and had a bit of fun listening, though it wasn't really a DX trip. Had 1100 metres of wire out at one stage though, lying across the sand of a dry lake bed. Unluckily didn't work as well as I hoped but I was a long way inland, and winding that back in

was fun (not). Anyway, got a few MW logs that I hope someone can help with.

153 Radio Rossii, Khabarovsk (Russia). Didn't expect this one but a lot of wire I guess helps. Heard some IDs to confirm.

1460 A mystery freq. Several things came up but nothing ever ID'd while on the air. Was talking about Boston Red Sox at 0903 UT Sat 29 Mar, not enough detail to report but I am curious as to who it might be.

1600 No idea who, sports talk 1017-1055 fadeout, of course just before the ID on the hour. Basketball, baseball mentioned, possibly an announcer name or something of Joe Black. Mentions of National League and WABL whatever that might be. Mixed with a station playing oldies and another that might have been Mexican or further south.

1650 KDNZ, quite good on peaks, at least one I could get an ID on.

1660 Another funny, mentions of Houston TX, sport and talkback format. No ID caught unluckily. Msg from Canadian Government at 0956 UT so any thoughts? Then eBay sport auction advertised.

1670 Very noisy unluckily, miles away from anything except some bad powerlines. CNN Radio News at 1000 UT followed by ads for Bed, then ID as Sportsradio Talkshow and possible ID for W?OR. Then ad for furniture in Nashville.

#### **STU Forsyth** in New Zealand

All in all a pretty busy and productive period - the most of both that I have had for years! I logged some at the home QTH in suburban Wellington, most of the Aussies at Ray Crawford's place south of Brisbane and the yanks in Oamaru either at the NZRDXL convention or at paradise a.k.a. Wainakarua, with Mr Ormandy. The 2 Latins were also logged there. I use an AOR 7030 - many men buy themselves a menopausal car - I bought a radio - far more practical I say!! I connect this to a variety of things, but mainly a short 'long wire'. I have a couple of Ormandy's special baluns and will get around to putting up a pole soon. That should make a difference. 73's Stu.

Reports out to and in from: 2LM, 2GF, 4EB, 4GY, 2MW, 4SB, 4BC, 4CC 1584, 927 & 666, 2CN, 4KQ, 4RPH, 4BU, 4WK 963 7 1359, 4TAB 1008, 1161, 4AK, 4RF, 2NR, 2ML, 2GL, 2NU, 4RN, 4ZR, 4PB, Southern Star 882, 531Pi, 2XA 1602, 2XS 828, 2XX 1377, Solid Gold AM 1233, R.Rhema 540, 594,612, 621, 801, 972, 2NTC 1611 & 1629, WKSH 1640, Puketapu R. 954, Radio Central 531, 4XX 729, KMPC 1540, KXOL 1660, KXTR 1660 with a classical music CD, ZZF 1584

Reports are out to: R.1701 (I'll visit when in Brisbane in July!), R.Club AM, R.Ruia Mai 1179, R.Tarana 1386, R.Waatea 603, Ace Broadcasting 990, R.Asia Pacific 1593, Counties Manukau R. 936, National Radio on 9 freqs., Z2T 1269, KBGG 1700, KCJJ 1630, WPTX 1690, WTIR 1680, KDNZ 1650, R.Foveaux 1224, 3RN, R.Sport 558, R.Dunedin 1305, 2KM 1620, KSPN 1110, Classic Hits 1125, KNRO 1670, KDDZ 1690, R.Nacional del Perú 1320, Radio CPN 1470, 3NE, 3TR.

Some Stu station News. E-mail addresses:

WQSN 1660: bobt@fairfield-radio.com

WKSH 1640: am1640@execpc.com

KXTA 1660: jmorris@entercom.com

A change to a postal address. KBGG 1700 in Des Moines Iowa has moved and the new address is 4143 109th Street, Urbandale, Ia 50322, USA

**John Wright.** thats me at Peakhurst....I have located 1683 new studio in Sydney, apparently the PO Box 150 Earlwood is cleared irregularly, if you want a QSL it is now 10 minutes from my place and every so often I am quite happy to visit Con Nikolis the owner who has invited me to visit, and will exchange repts for QSLs see my address ....John

#### **LATE MUSING FROM DAVE ONLEY**

Touch down at Schipol at 2:30pm Saturday afternoon Oz time (6:30am local)

David Onley - Den Haag, The Netherlands.

It's great to be back in Holland with my wife Karin & enjoying the Dutch springtime. Here in the Hague it's more colder than a Tassie mid-winter. I have the SPR4 with me and will be doing a bit of Dxing in both The Netherlands & Belgium. On May 25 we are going to the open door weekend of the Benelux DX Club in Antwerp Belgium. I'm looking forward to meeting up with Guido Schotmans, Herman Boel and a lot of the other DXers from the Lowlands. Nigel Holmes of R.A has organized a nice little package for me to take over (Thanks Nigel) so I'll fly the Aussie flag and tell them about how we dx out here and share a story or two over some Belgian beer. I also hope to visit Alfred at Alpha Lima Radio, maybe do a trip to Hilversum and also tape a lot of the pirates on SW on weekends. My main interest however will be some of the British RSL stations and just familiarizing myself with the different time zones, propagation and band. I'm have the digital camera so will post pictures on the internet as I go along. I'll announce the site on the ARDXC forum. My email address in Holland is: onley@planet.nl

#### **LATE BREAKING NEWS**

1629 Appears to be on the air....from Bathurst 2NTC...Sid Mehri's stations...topica 4/5...ed

On 30 August 1999 East Timorese voted decisively for independence in a referendum. What happened next represented one of the greatest acts of vengeance seen in modern times. Thankfully the UN was able to step in and halt the mayhem.

While radio-based considerations seem relatively trivial compared to the widespread destruction in East Timor, radio's reconstruction bears many similarities to what is happening in East Timor society.

Radio remains the most cost effective media in the country, given the comparatively high cost of printing in East Timor and low levels of adult literacy. The new nation's mountainous terrain makes the establishment of a nationwide radio system technically complex and costly, involving satellite links and terrestrial transmitters in each district. But it's been done and more is planned.

East Timor now has its own section in the pages of WRTH 2002. Plenty of broadcasting developments have occurred since the departure of the Indonesians in September 1999. What follows is information, gathered between June and August 2001 via internet web sites and e-mail, which supplements the usual times, frequencies, contacts and so on that appear in the WRTH. If you haven't bought your WRTH yet, now is the time.

## Radio UNTAET

Radio UNTAET took over the role of RRI Dili which closed on 23 September 1999. It started from scratch in November 1999 after UNTAET (United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor) was set up on 25 October 1999 by UN resolution. The Timorese staff had never worked in radio or as journalists and had instead been vets, teachers, lecturers or university students. They had to learn on the job because the station began broadcasting 24 hours a day almost immediately. They started with only 95 songs in Tetum, which quickly became the country's Top 95. There are about 35 journalists/technical staff working at Radio UNTAET, about 25 of whom are East Timorese. Some 35 district reporters based in the regions are also being trained. They report regularly to the national Dili office.

UN officials exercise a certain amount of editorial control over the content of Radio UNTAET, based on UN needs and goals. There is a feeling among some East Timorese media people that Radio UNTAET does not report fully on news in East Timor. The station is tentatively set to be renamed the Timor Lorosa'e Broadcasting Corporation when full independence is attained in 2002. Timor Lorosa'e means Timor of the Rising Sun.

## Radio Timor Kmanek

This station was originally established in 1995 and

survived under the Indonesians by restricting its programs to religious and educational topics and adopting a neutral stance on issues. Radio Timor Kmanek recommenced on 8 November 1999. The equipment had amazingly been left intact by the militias and Indonesians but for a brief period until this date there was no power nor staff.

Radio Timor Kmanek received a scare in March 2000 when four men on motor cycles threw large rocks through the front doors and windows, smashing them. A note was left threatening to destroy the station and kill staff if the Catholic Church continued to promote alleged pro-independence and pro-Portuguese attitudes. The staff believe it had something to do with a live on-air debate aired earlier that day about East Timor's new flag. Since the attack the station has been protected by a small army of volunteers who stand guard day and night armed with bows and arrows.

It has the widest AM coverage (1404 kHz) across the largely mountainous countryside, as evidenced by Chris Martin's reception of it in May 2001 from Darwin (better strength by far than 5 kW Radio UNTAET on 684 kHz).

Radio Timor Kmanek enjoys the assistance of an Australian volunteer journalist, Paula Doran.

## A Voz de Esperança (formerly Radio Falintil)

A Voz de Esperança legally commenced operations on 18 October 1999 under the name Radio Falintil. It is now commercial, taking advertisements for restaurants, tea, coffee, CD's, batteries and non-government organisations (NGO's) as well as charging fees to play song requests.

Although running very low power the station had access to three transmitters (2 x 20W and 1 x 10W) in 2000. It has received donations of equipment and support from foreign supporters including union-affiliated APHEDA (Australian People for Health, Education and Development Abroad) and the Department of Communication and Media Arts at the University of Newcastle, NSW.

It is presently and rather disturbingly located in the former HQ of the Special Forces Unit (KOPASSUS) of the Indonesian Army, used for interrogation and torture. Unsurprisingly it hopes to move into a new office. The station has aspirations to establish a national network but has been outdistanced by Radio UNTAET.

A Voz de Esperança is the reincarnation of Radio Falintil, the voice of Fretilin during the armed struggle. UNTAET told the station managers to change the name to something non-partisan if it wanted a permanent licence. The station reluctantly agreed to change its name to A Voz de Esperança. Now it is committed to moving away from its roots and to providing balanced, impartial news coverage, at the same time keeping former fighters in touch with Falintil's plans for transition to peace.

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When it first went on air in 1997 as a clandestine operation, Radio Falintil broadcast pro-independence music and propaganda for the National Liberation Armed Forces of East Timor (Falintil) which was fighting for East Timor's independence from Indonesia. It broadcast on the FM band with the use of a car battery from a secret station in the village of Remixio, south east of Dili. It reached listeners only within a 15 km radius. To avoid detection the transmitter was moved around, broadcasting from Viqueque one week, Baucau the next.

Nowadays the station has a staff of fourteen, all volunteers. Studio technician Jo Gusmao is a nephew of the famed Xanana and station manager Nilton Gusmao must likewise be related. Most of its programs are in Tetum.

A Voz de Esperança may already have got into sports sponsorship. In July 2001 Zebra Baucau and Kakusan soccer teams fought out a goalless draw in the final of the first ever Copa Voz de Esperança.

## Radio Rakambia

This one is a student-run Dili community radio station which timed its debut to coincide with the inaugural congress of the Timor Lorosa'e Journalists Association on 10 January 2001. It is planning to relocate as the existing studio is very small with limited ventilation plus it intends to expand community involvement and operate independently from the university.

Existing equipment was from a mobile broadcasting unit provided by APHEDA but it was planned that the transmitter would also be used by Radio Lorico Lian prior to and following the August 2001 Constituent Assembly elections.

Radio Rakambia has compiled a detailed and impressive set of operational procedures and future aspirations. On the other hand, it has admitted to a number of problems such as weak signal strength and signal black spots, lack of program variety (mostly music), no funding, no transport to cover news stories or for female staff at night, constant power outages and surges, a burnt out generator, lack of a recording studio and other equipment, and more.

Rakambia is a combination of the Tetum words Ramelau, Kablaki, Matebian. The station even has a motto: Haktiur lia los haburas rai tasi Timor Lorosa'e. If you know Tetum you'll know what they all mean.

## Radio Lorico Lian

The station was founded in April 2001 but was only scheduled to go on air just prior to the August 2001 elections. Lorico Lian means Voice of the Lorikeet, or in slang, Voice of Youth.

## Radio Comunidade Los Palos

This community radio station was established by UNESCO in May 2000. The transmitter was upgraded from the initial 20W unit to a 300W one. UNESCO feels that the station is their most solid and sustainable operation.

Radio Comunidade Los Palos had a real Australian connection because one of its volunteers for six months in 2001 was Juliet Fox from 3CR Melbourne where she was Current Affairs Coordinator. 3CR's connection with the struggle of the East Timorese people for independence inspired Juliet to apply for the position of Community Radio Facilitator at RCLP through Australian Volunteers International. She is a passionate believer in the philosophy of community radio providing a voice for those otherwise denied media access. Juliet reported that there's a lot of support and interest in Los Palos for the station which provides a crucial service to the surrounding population in terms of local news and information. For a largely illiterate population it's incredibly important to have access to information in local language that's accessible - and radio is just that, she said.

Juliet added that being a volunteer in a country where you're also not getting social security or some means of income is nearly impossible. It changes the dynamics of a community run volunteer station because if people are working most of the day at the station, how will they eat or live? Currently there are seven active volunteer staff and about the same number on the management committee - a dedicated and committed bunch, according to Juliet.

## Radio Comunidade Maliana

RCM commenced on 26 April 2000 and was also established under the auspices of UNESCO. Equipment and operational funds and support have come from organisations such as USAID (US Agency for International Development) and UNHCR (UN High Commission for Refugees). The signal reaches as far as Atambua in West Timor and the nearby border refugee camps. Convincing refugees that it was safe to return to East Timor was one of the station's main objectives.

As with Radio Comunidade Los Palos, RCM is very much a volunteer operation. A UNESCO representative pointed out that the meaning of community radio is media for and by community members, not professionals.

It's very much a shoestring operation with neither typewriters nor computers in sight at the small studio up in the hills. Manager, journalist and part time teacher is João Correia, one of whose tasks is to draw up accountability reports and proposals in order to satisfy the donors that RCM should stay on air.

## Other UNESCO Stations

Stations at Suai and Oecussi were next on the priority list for UNESCO's community radio project, as reported in 2000. However, neither had appeared by August 2001. Since two Agricultural Information stations are also planned for these two towns it is less than likely that the UNESCO

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community stations will go ahead although UNESCO funds may be channelled toward the Agricultural stations.

## Radio Same

The station started up in July 2001.

## Community Station in Viqueque

There was word in 2001 that a community radio station exists in this town. UNTAET's Tais Timor newsletter of 4 September 2000 reported that a Dutch NGO had expressed interest in helping set up a radio service in Viqueque to keep the whole community informed, starting with an output of one day a week. An Agricultural Information station is also planned for Viqueque so there may be a connection between the two.

## Agricultural Information Stations

These stations are being set up under the umbrella of the Agricultural Rehabilitation Project of UNTAET's Division of Agricultural Affairs. They are intended to be community owned and operated rural stations primarily to provide information for farmers. However, the installation of such community stations was to be postponed until after the August 2001 national elections in order to avoid any pressures for inappropriate use of facilities for political gain by participating parties.

## Radio Tokodede

This station was not included in WRTH 2002. Radio Tokodede will be located in Liquisa but as of August 2001 was not yet on air because equipment had not yet arrived. The Coordinator is Justiana (no full name). Organisation was far enough advanced for it to have an e-mail address but unfortunately messages sent were bounced back. It is receiving support from USAID. Tokodede is a language spoken in the Liquisa district.

## Pirates

Quite a few East Timorese pirates have sprung up, mostly on FM, according to information provided by Chris Martin. Some of these may be legitimate broadcasters, as listed above, but you never know. Indeed, various organisations have expressed interest in going on air in East Timor.

For example, the Kdalak Media Group, a journalists' collective, was hoping to start a radio station as reported in April 2000. Given that many of these journalists worked clandestinely under Indonesian occupation, a pirate station under UNTAET administration would be a chance.

In addition, an Australian NGO, the East Timor Community Computer Project, discussed the idea of pirate radio as a means of independent communications if it was thwarted in its community radio attempts.

## RDP Internacional

The unknown FM frequencies in Dili and Baucau each use 500W transmitters. The units were installed in two weeks by the Australian equipment company ARFC from Wyong, NSW. One of the technicians, Geoff Cairns, commented that the only road rules in East Timor you need to follow are to give way to vehicles larger than the one you are driving and watch out for UN vehicles. "Give me Sydney traffic any day," he admitted.

## ABC

Technically these relays are an illegal service because permission has not been granted for them to broadcast from outside Australian territory. The relays were established with the generous assistance of The Seven Network which provided necessary facilities on the ground in East Timor.

The reason that the Parliamentary and News Network frequency relays Radio Australia when Australian Federal Parliament is in session is that Australian troops stationed in East Timor object to listening to parliament.

It was JJJ's mentions of Dili's weather in their regular forecasts that alerted me to the possibility of ABC broadcasts from East Timor.

## Other Foreign Relays

Internews noted that there would appear to be some interest by foreign broadcasting organisations in establishing broadcasting services in East Timor. Clearly this would need to be approved by UNTAET after consultation with representatives of the people of East Timor. RDP Internacional, Australia's ABC and VOA relays on A Voz de Esperança are no doubt examples of approved relays.

One overseas station almost certainly not licensed to broadcast from East Timor was 3AW Melbourne. 'The Australian' of 6 April 2000 reported that 3AW was on relay to Australian troops in East Timor, meaning local residents in Dili could receive the signal too. Goodness knows what other relays have mushroomed!

## Radio Receivers

Not only did the Indonesian TNI (Army) and Timorese militias destroy radio transmitting equipment but they also smashed or stole thousands of radio sets to prevent East Timorese from hearing the latest news. Batteries also became very scarce and expensive.

As a result some international efforts were mounted to improve the situation. In April 2000 Japan pledged to donate 8500 solar-powered radio receivers but met with numerous delays so that five months later only 500 had been delivered. The sets were destined only for Dili, Los

Palos and Maliana. Portugal also donated 5000 similar receivers.

Radio Rakambia reported that a drive for donation of radios was managed by the Office of the Premier of the Victorian State Government in concert with 3AW Melbourne. Radio sets were sent to Radio Rakambia which then distributed them with Rakambia 99.5 stickers on them.

### Timor Lorosa'e Broadcasting Corporation (TLBC)

In its report of February 2000 to assist UNTAET develop transitional media regulations, Internews suggested that the Timor Lorosa'e Broadcasting Corporation be created as an independent public service broadcasting organisation. As soon as it could start broadcasting, the TLBC would share the national transmission system with Radio UNTAET then assume control and responsibility for the system. The TLBC would be independent of government with a Board of Directors responsible for its management and accountability but refraining from day-to-day operations or interfering with editorial independence. Funding would still derive from the UN. It remains to be seen whether the Internews proposals will be adopted by the incoming East Timorese government.

### Broadcasting Regulation

The same Internews report to UNTAET also made several suggestions regarding media legislation, including broadcasting. It recommended the creation of an independent broadcasting authority responsible for three main functions, frequency planning, licensing and a Code of Conduct. Internews stressed the importance of a free media in promoting democracy, good governance, respect for freedom of expression and improving the free flow of information into and within East Timor.

### And East Timor has TV too!

New details can be found in WRTH 2002's Television Section. TVTL (Televisaun Timor Lorosa'e) was established on 18 May 2000. It began life using a repaired VHF Thomcast transmitter, donated by Australia a long time ago, which had not been sufficiently sabotaged. It plans eventually to use UHF, also using a satellite distribution network as Radio UNTAET already does.

TVTL has a post box address in Darwin. Mail is brought across daily to Dili by Hercules aircraft. All TVTL staff are based in Dili but travel daily to other districts as required. The station sent East Timorese reporters to Australia for the Olympics and Arafura Games. Operations Manager Jason Benedek said that TVTL is a shoestring operation and very short on technical support and

expertise. "We kinda fly by the seats of our pants a little," he wryly noted.

### Time Zone

Under Portuguese then Indonesian government, East Timor's time zone was UTC + 8h. The UN administration has changed it to UTC + 9h, perhaps as a means of permanent daylight savings in order to save on evening energy consumption.

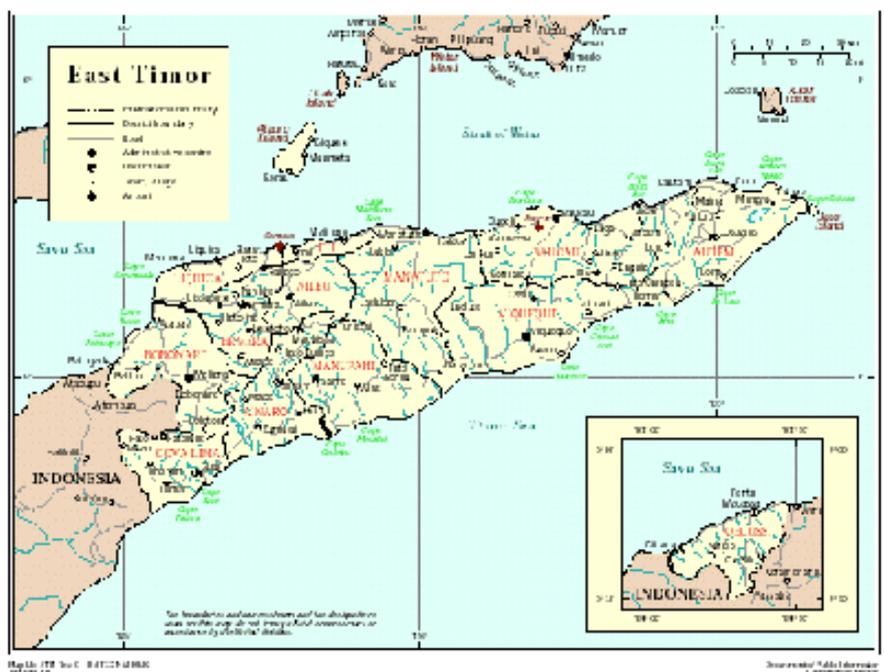
### Language

East Timor's official language for the time being is Portuguese but the national language, or lingua franca, is Tetum, a hybrid language with many Portuguese borrowings especially in its Dili dialect.

60% of people speak Tetum as a first language and 20% as a second language. It was suppressed during Indonesian occupation although there were very limited broadcasts on RRI Dili. Tetum tends to be more a spoken than a written language. 10-15% of people speak Portuguese. It is the language of the older generation, including the leaders of the Resistance. Use of Portuguese was banned in 1981 by the Indonesians.

90% of people under 30 speak or understand Indonesian but only 50% over 30, reflecting Indonesia's 24 year rule in East Timor. Indonesian could be renamed Malay to solve problems of prejudice against it. It's certainly the language of the younger generation.

There are twelve other languages spoken. Illiteracy is estimated at a startling 49% nationally. At least 65% of those illiterate are women. To put it mildly, language is a problem for East Timor.



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## STATION NEWS

**RAF VOLMET:** With the assistance of U.K. based monitors, Day Watson and Graham Tanner, we can now provide a more accurate location for this transmitting site. Described in many published lists as being at Upavon, West Drayton etc these locations are well out of date. West Drayton, this site is now a housing estate, Upavon, RAF moved from here during mid 1980's and the site is now a golf course. Swanwick, no HF facilities at this site. Graham gives the location as Edelsborough which is near Dunstable in Bedfordshire. Day further notes that the RAN Northwood FAX transmissions come from Inskip and Preston.

**USCG:** The United States Coastguard operations are very dependant on the use of HF radio and can be a reliable source of loggings for monitors. Extensive use is made of voice modes along with FAX, SITOR, PACTOR etc. Their air wing is very extensive and all aircraft in flight give position reports at either 15 or 30 minute intervals. As a service to members, a current list of USCG voice frequencies is provided at the end of this section.

## MEMBERS LOGS      DIGITAL MODES

**4385.4** ZLA. AWANUI RADIO. CW id' & tuning bursts @ 1210

(ML)

**6316.5** NOJ. KODIAK. ALS. USCG with SITOR mkr & CW Id' @ 0726 (AF)

**8040** GYA. NORTHWOOD. Royal Navy with Fleet TAF Collective listing for 25 U.K. airfields inc' Middle Yallop, Northolt, Coningsby, Leeming, St Athan, Yoevelton, Cardiff, Jersey, Brize Norton, Odilton, Waddington, Bristol, Southampton etc (Obviously all Fleet Air Arm, no well known Civil) on FAX 120/576 @ 0640

good readable picture despite sig' barely lifting S meter (AF)

**8341.7** 'RFHI'. NOUMEA (French Forces) ARQ-E3 100/400 Just getting into this decoding, first time this mode, but Id "DE RFHI" & seemed to be a circuit to 'RFVI' Le Port (Reunion) Screen msg "Idling" & "8 Character cycle" Monitored @ 1220 (AF)

**8424** CBV. VALPARAISO RADIO. CW id' & SITOR-A tuning signal // **8420.5** @ 1040 (ML)

**8453** FUG. LA REGINE. French Navy with "DE FUG FUG RY RY RY.....SG SG SG.....0123456789 KKK etc" mkr RTTY 75 bd @ 0717 (AF)

**8416.5** NMO. HONOLULU. USCG with wx info foll' by svce msgs, SITOR-B @ 0740. (Control from NMC, Pt Reyes) (AF)

**8502** NMG. NEW ORLEANS. USCG with wx charts for Gulf of Mexico & Carribean on FAX 120/576 @ 0730 (AF)

**9110** NMF. BOSTON. USCG. With wx charts on FAX 120/576 @ 0800 // **6304.5** much weaker sig' (AF)

**10534** CFH. HALIFAX. Canforces, with wx charts on FAX 120/576 @ 0815 also @ 1150 wx info bcst on RTTY 75 bd

(AF)

**11536** HMF49. PYONGYANG. (KCNA) EE Nx on RTTY 50bd with report on visit of Jorgen Peterson of the Danish Communist Party and quotes from speech praising Kim Il Sung @ 1250 (AF)

**12491** UCEE. M/V 'SAKHALIN-9' tfc to Kholmok SITOR-A @ 1010 (ML)

**12510** UGLB. M/V 'VAGA' tfc to Vladivostok on SITOR-A @ 0955 (ML)

**12569** UDSC. M/V 'SOVGAVANSKIJ KOMSOMOLETS' msgs to unknown stn on RTTY 50/170 @ 1050 (ML)

**12570** UEKN. M/V 'SUBARU' tfc to Vladivostok on SITOR-A @ 1040 (ML)

**12579** NRV. APRA HARBOUR (GUM USCG) with test tape, band plan & NAV warnings on SITOR-B @ 0900 (ML)

**12593.5** UDB2. KHOLMSK RADIO tfc to UCEE M/V 'SAKHALIN-9 using SITOR-A @ 1000 (ML)

**12657.5** UCE. ARKHANGELSK RADIO with mailbox ops to ships on SITOR-A & B @ 1100 (ML)

**12664** FUM. PAPEETE. French Navy. RTTY 75bd with mkr "De FUM - - - VVV - - - RY RY....." @ 1400 (AF)

**13882.5** DDK6. HAMBURG METEO wx charts on FAX 120/576 @ 0530 (AF)

**16706** URMA. M/V 'SKVORTSOV-STEPANOV' tfc to Mariupol on SITOR-A @ 1055 (ML)

**16710.5** M/V 'FIORD' crew msgs to Kaliningrad using SITOR-A @ 0955 (ML)

**16716.5** M/V 'VLADIMIR KOKKINAKI' tfc to Novorossisk on SITOR-A @ 0800 (ML)

**16801** 9HOD6. M/V 'VYTURYS' tfc on RTTY 50/170 to unid' stn @ 0710 (ML)

**16801.5** P3ZC7. M/V 'SAKHALIN' tfc to Kaliningrad using RTTY 50/170 @ 0720 (ML)

**16802** UCUF. M/V 'BORIS SYROMYATNIKOV' tfc to unknown stn RTTY 50/170 @ 0750 (ML)

**16802.5** UBTO. M/V 'MISA' RTTY 50/170 tfc to Kaliningrad @ **0930** (ML)

**17069.5** JJC. TOKYO. Kyodo News Agency with nx jj text plus graphics on FAX 120/576 @ 0800 (AF)

**17294.9** 7TF. BOUFARIK RADIO ALG. CQ mkr with QSX info on CW @ 0755 (AF)

**18060** FAX transmission monitored @ 0145 but off air by time computer fired up to decode. Signal strength would suggest a test from VMW WILUNA (Bureau of Meteorology) which is to commence on this frequency on 1 July 2002 (AF)

**20705** FD18. NICE. (French Air Force) with test tape RTTY 50/400 @ 0900 (ML)

**20863** N2G. SAN'A. (French Emb' with 5LG's to Paris on FEC-A 192/400 @ 0640 (ML)

**22315.5** UCEH. M/V 'SAKHALIN-6' msgs to Vladivostok on SITOR-A @ 0640 (ML)

**22354.5** M/V 'INZHENER YUDINTSEV' tfc to Kaliningrad on RTTY 50/170 @ 0850 (ML)

**22961** HBD22. NEW DELHI (Swiss Emb) with 5LG's for unid' stn on SITOR-A @ 0835 (ML)

**23522.9** JMH6. Tokyo Meteo with 24 hr wave forecast chart on FAX 120/576 // **9970** @ 0730 Local type reception on the higher freq' with extremely clear chart but situation reversed by 1230 for upper air analysis chart. (AF)

## MEMBERS LOGS      OVERSEAS VOICE MODES

All USB

**5435** Unid' stn. YL repeating "Bravo Lima Quebec" several times from 2055 then after a slight pause into RTTY (AF)

**5450** RAF Edelsborough. VOLMET hrd @ 0718with // **11253** much stronger. (AF)

**5505** SHANNON VOLMET hrd @ 0720 & again @ 2020 with a much stronger signal (AF)

**5535** Unid' British West Indian MA wkg LDOC PIARCO (Trinidad) re crew on a/c having problem with unruly passenger who they referred to as being "about six foot three" FA "will contact Bridgetown police" hrd @ 2050 (AF)

**5541** LDOC. STOCKHOLM RADIO wkg MA 'SINGAPORE 25' enroute Luxembourg to Dubai with company tfc. YL op' at Stockholm adv' that, due to the current disturbed radio conditions, and aircraft cannot raise Stockholm, they should try other primary frequencies. Hrd @ 2020 on 20/4 (AF)

**5544** Unid LDOC tfc but suspect JEDDAH. Op' told MA to "contact Cairo on 8927" this is another Saudia LDOC freq' shared with other carriers in the general area but not listed on my references for Cairo. Hrd @ 2038 (AF)

**5547** MA 'REACH PAPA SIX GOLF' (USAF or under contract to USAF) Selcal GK DF pos' rep' to FA SAN FRANCISCO on this CEP2 MWARA freq' (AF)

**5574** CWP MWARA with MA 'UPS 203' (United Parcel Service) @ 0720 with pos' rep' to FA SAN FRANCISCO (AF)

**5765** AFN Feeder GUAM hrd @ 1226 (AF)

**5670** SEA-1 MWARA with MA 'SINGAPORE 192' Selcal ER BG with pos' rep' to FA CHENNAI @ 2044 (AF)

**6350** AFN feeder HAWAII with CNN News @ 0730 (AF)

**6458** AFN feeder ROOSEVELT ROADS, Puerto Rico with CNN News @ 0732 (AF)

**6950** Unid' numbers station hrd from 2110 with what sounded like "Tee 10" repeated a number of times then count "1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,zero" then into 5LG's with a slight pause between every 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> letter. USB with carrier, // **8080** was stronger signal. Cannot locate this in my lists or in recent WUN lists, any ideas? (AF)

**6959** Numbers Station Lincolnshire Poacher @ 2110 with msg id', chimes & 5FG's (British stn located Cyprus) (AF)

**8784** Unid' NZL long line fishermen Charlie & Beau discussing setting of lines @ 0710, one was loc' east of South Island (AF)

**8825** MA 'YANKEE ZERO ONE ZERO' Selcal GS PR wkg FA CANARIES @ 0700. Suspect U.S. military or under contract.

FA adv' they contact Santa Maria on 5598 or VHF 128.9.

This freq' NAT-E, 5598 NAT-A (AF)

**10090** Unid' OM/YL contact in German @ 2135 sounded a bit like LDOC tfc, YL replaced by another OM before close. This freq' carries Russian Volmet in EE and this signal was stronger than TASHKENT hrd @ 1213 with EE wx info (AF)

## MEMBERS LOGS AUSTRALIAN VOICE MODES

USB unless stated otherwise.

**6230** World Wide MS Simplex freq' with two AUS fishermen discussing technical aspects of trawling @ 1220 (AF)

**6507** VIT. TOWNSVILLE RADIO wkg MS 'MISSOURI' & 'FLAMINGO BAY' re strong wind warnings @ 1210 (AF)

**6509.5** QSO between two vessels discussing near collision "I don't know how he could not see me as he has all round vision from his wheelhouse". One operator quite upset @ 0738 (AF)

**7978** Two YL's regularly hrd here about this time, 0715, Do not know if they deliberately never give a clue to the location, but always family or home chat, never a mention of going into any specific town. Several licenses for this freq' on ACA data base but is difficult to id' this one (AF)

**9007** FA. AIRFORCE SYDNEY wkg MS 'WARSHIP MELBOURNE' @ 0249 on this RAAF freq' may have been an exercise (AF)

**9220** VZQ580. QLD Boating & Fisheries Patrol. QSO between two OM ops' obviously on different vessels,

discussion made it clear the vessels had twin engines and sophisticated radio gear and cld exchange FAX msgs via their SSB radios.. Hrd from 1150 when discussing sea temperatures (AF)

**11407** Only license issued here is VH2RGC to A D Matters of Wagga for AUS wide use (also have 5, 7 & 13 MHz allocations. Discussion re radio installations etc @ 0750 between two OM, One signed off with "Mobile 26 out" (AF)

**13261** MA 'CATHAY 108' Selcal FR GH. Wkg FA BRISBANE @ 0620 FA adv' Secondary freq' was 17904 (AF)

**143,625** FM Unusual catch 0956-1000UTC on 27/4. After some Russian voice & mike noises then EE "this is from alpha ((UN)? One for video" "I have some cued up-do you still have KU?". "I thinks thats a negative Carl?...Then re times "We have 10.13 to 10.18 then another 10.45 to 10.53. Don't know how much you have to shoot down..."Probably, I think 5 to 7 minutes and I'll give yu a holla when ready to send it down..." (GB)

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**Graham Bowden of UKI. NSW:** Graham that morse id' and the data you heard would, I expect, be coming from an Amateur satellite. 145,815 is one of the frequencies designated within Amateur Radio for this purpose. The 143,625 may be from Space Station Alpha, it sounds as if they were sending down material for TV somewhere. Don't think it would be local as that frequency falls within Australian TV channel 5A. I suspect this was heard using your VHF discone. Sorry you have not been feeling the best and my sympathy as I was the same way during Feb & March.

**Murray Lehman of Rivervale. WA:** Note your comment that monitoring HF DL is time consuming. I have a feeling that some of those reporting to the list server tune the radio to a specific HF DL freq', leave the computer on, switch off the monitor, go to bed, get up in the morning, switch on the monitor and read off what was received. You certainly had a good fall of rain after waiting so long, would clean all the insulators etc. Best wishes for your target with the RUS ships

**DEADLINE** For ADXN No 438

**Friday 31 May 2002**

