

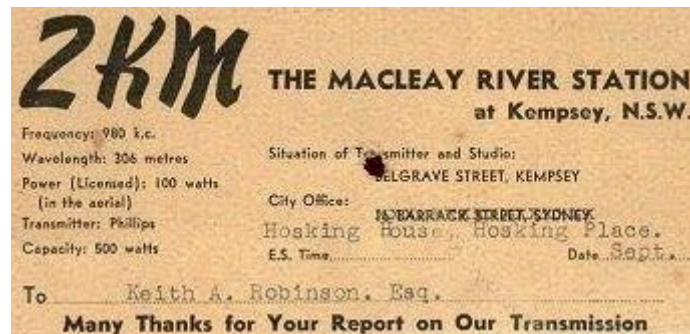
APRIL

ON THIS DAY APRIL 1.

2GB Sydney 1957: 2GB launched its' State-wide current affair program "Evening Monitor" relayed by 2AD, 2BS, 2CA, 2DU, 2KA, 2LF, 2LT, 2MG, 2NM, 2NX, 2PK, 2TM, 2WG, and 2WL.



2KM Kempsey 1969: Almost lost their licence after broadcasting an April Fool's Joke regarding the surrender at Trial Bay of 10 Russian war ships and one submarine to Australian authorities.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 2.

1972: The last episode of the popular A.B.C. program "The Argonauts Club" is broadcast after more than 31 years.



Does
Your Child
wear this
ARGONAUTS' BADGE?

The A.B.C. Argonauts' Club was formed ten years ago, and many thousands of young members have contributed to the broadcasts and shared their experiences with fellow members.



Golden Fleece Badge. Below:
Argonaut's Tooth Badge.

THIS IS THE ARGONAUTS' PLEDGE

"Before the sun and the night and the blue sea, I vow to stand faithfully by all that is brave and beautiful; to seek adventure, and having discovered aught of wonder, or delight; of merriment or loveliness, to share it freely with my comrades, the Band of Happy Rowers."

Children over seven years of age may join the Argonauts' Club by writing to Jason, 96 Market Street, Sydney, giving details of age, full name and address, enclosing 2d. postage for return of the Club badge and pledge.

The A.B.C. Children's Session is broadcast Mondays to Fridays at 5.20 p.m. (E.S.T.); Saturdays at 5.30 p.m.



Ask Your Child to Listen in ... It's Great Fun!

ON THIS DAY APRIL 3.

1947: Letter to the Editor “*When I hear some of these broadcasting women gurgling out advertisements or talks to housewives, I say, yes, there is no doubt about it, a woman’s place is in the home*”. (In 1950 **4BC**, **4KQ**, and **4BK** sacked all their female announcers).

ON THIS DAY APRIL 4.

1934: The first face to appear on Australian television was Actress Janet Gaynor on radio **4CM-TV** in Brisbane.



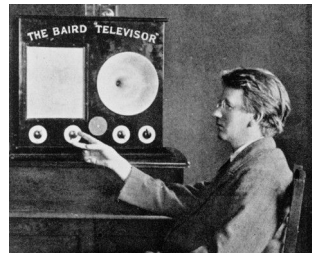
ON THIS DAY APRIL 5.

5AB Adelaide 1924: Broadcast station launched by J. Chesterfield on behalf of **Adelaide Broadcasters Ltd.** using 20 watts. Closed on 1-11-1924. First commercial licence on air in South Australia (20-11-1924) as **5CL**, after being given two days’ notice to reopen. In November 1925 they broadcast Federal election results. Police were called for crowd control, with 5,000 people outside the Hindley Street studio listening on loud speakers. First commercial licence in South Australia (20-11-1924) as **5CL**, after being given two days notice to reopen. Photo is their technical room.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 6.

1938: John Logie Baird visited Sydney in 1938 for the World Radio Convention. He hoped to create interest in starting a television station in Sydney at a cost of £250,000. He admitted that a high power television transmitter would weigh around 50 tons. **John demonstrated colour television in Australia for the first time** while in Sydney. He used a scanning disc with three sets of holes covered red blue and green, instead of one set of holes. While in Sydney, John admitted that his television inventions were based on the theoretical designs of Henry Sutton from Ballarat. Henry designed his Telephone system of transmitting moving pictures via telephone lines in 1885.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 7.

MTR: In 2010 Melbourne Talkback Radio was launched at an official dinner, although they didn't go on air until 19th April. They commenced as a partial relay of **2GB**, leasing the **3MP** facilities. They cancelled their lease on 2-3-2012.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 8.

1948: Ampex launched the worlds' first broadcast industry audio tape recorder (model 200). The first usage was by Bing Crosby Productions for their weekly radio show.

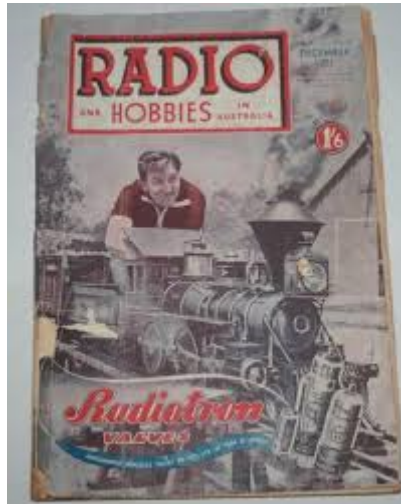


ON THIS DAY APRIL 9.

1938: Ray Allsop from **2YG** was the first person in Australia to construct and demonstrate stereo equipment. He was also the first person in Australia to push for the introduction of FM.

ON THIS DAY APRIL 10.

1939: The periodical “*Radio and Hobbies*” was launched (previously “*Wireless Weekly*”).



ON THIS DAY APRIL 11.

1982: Hutt River Broadcasters, situated within the unrecognised breakaway Hutt River Province in Western Australia, launched Hutt River Radio on 1062 KHz., lasting for a few weeks without a licence.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 12.

1947: Letter to the Editor “*Is there any truth in the belief that radio serials are so bad that they may drive some people to suicide? It seems that a large portion of radio time is taken up with absolutely rotten radio serials*”. (2UW dropped all serials in 1964 and received over 50,000 phone calls complaining).

ON THIS DAY APRIL 13.

3AW Melbourne 1941: They broadcast a Community Singing program from the Frankston Plaza Theatre to raise much needed WWII funds for the Red Cross.



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ON THIS DAY APRIL 14.

4VL Charleville 1954: Their broadcast of a ball raised £13,000 for Legacy.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 15.

3YB Warrnambool 1945: Put off the air when the station was destroyed by fire.



2UE Sydney 2015: Following the announcement that 2UE would take Macquarie news, the Twitter account @2UENews stated “Apologies for the shit news service these days. We hope you like the sound of whinging hyenas reading the news”.

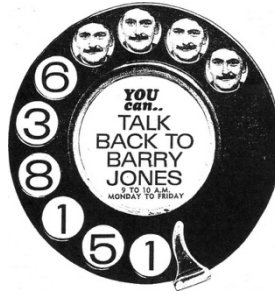


ON THIS DAY APRIL 16.

6BY Bunbury 1933: Launched by their first manager, Rex Saunders from **5CL** and **6KG**. Owned by Bunbury Broadcasters, in the Bedford Hall opposite the railway station, with equipment designed, built, and installed by Walter Coxon (**6AG**, **6AM**, **6ML**, and **6WF**). The transmitter, installed in a back room, was built by local technician Clarrie Searle, with an 80 feet high directional antenna incorrectly installed, sending a strong signal to Mauritius, but no signal to Perth. Closed on 31-7-1935 due to the Great Depression. This callsign was reissued to a station at Bridgetown on 24-1-1953.

ON THIS DAY APRIL 17.

2UE Sydney and 3DB Melbourne 1967: Both stations were the first in Australia to legally broadcast Talkback programs, commencing at midnight.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 18.

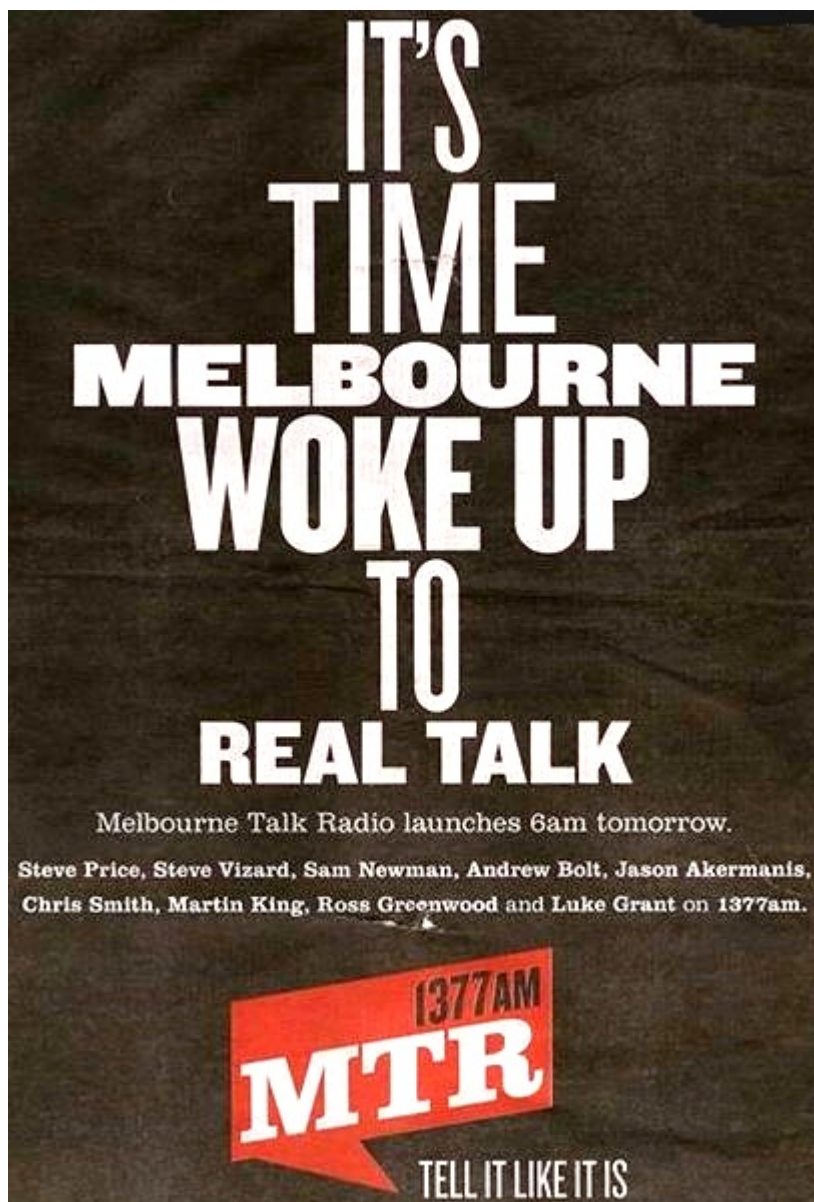
1932: Letter to the Editor “*Most of the music one hears on 2BL and 2FC resembles two cats snarling at each other in a kerosene tin. It is remarkable that receivers do not break into pieces when some of that classical rot comes on*”.

ON THIS DAY APRIL 19.

7HT Hobart 1937: Launched as “The Feature Station”. Used two wooden masts 120 feet high with 250 watts (500 watts in 1938, 1,000 in the 1950s, and 5,000 watts in September 1969). The transmitter hut had a bedroom for the technician, with a turntable and microphone for emergencies.



MTR Melbourne 2010: Launched as a partial relay of **2GB**, following an official launch party on 7th April.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 20.

1927: Letter to the Editor “*I strongly object to the broadcast of advertisements for batteries, piano players, and tea etc. on 3LO and 3AR. I think it is a downright insult to my intelligence*”.

ON THIS DAY APRIL 21.

9MI 1936: (First test broadcast). The M/V Kanimbla was the only ship at the time constructed with a full broadcast radio station. The “Kanimbla” was granted a broadcast licence by the P.M.G. with the callsign **9MI**. The 15,000 mile delivery voyage from Northern Ireland to Australia included four test broadcasts daily. The “Kanimbla” was a passenger ship covering Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Mackay. One hour programs each evening were broadcast on shortwave, with their announcer and singer Eileen Foley. The **9MI** broadcasts were relayed by A.W.A. stations **3BO** Bendigo, **2GN** Goulburn, **3HA** Hamilton, **2AY** Albury, **2GF** Grafton, **4WK** Warwick, **4TO** Townsville, and **4CA** Cairns. At the outbreak of WWII in 1939 the **9MI** transmitter licence was cancelled and the “Kanimbla” became a troop carrier.

M/V "KANIMBLA" 11,000 TONS.

MARINE BROADCASTING STATION.

Call Sign—9MI. Wave Length, 6010 K.C. — 49,317 metres.

McILWRAITH McEACHARN LTD. MELBOURNE.

Owners and Operators.

PROGRAMME OF BROADCASTS.

(Subject to alterations and additional delays from time to time).

Date.	To Station.	Time (E.S.T.)	Position of Vessel Between.
Fri., May 6th	3BO, Bendigo	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Fremantle and Adelaide.
Sat., May 7th	2GN, Goulburn	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Fremantle and Adelaide.
Tues., May 10th	3HA, Hamilton	5.15 to 5.45 p.m.	Adelaide and Melbourne.
		(Children's Session).	
Tues., May 10th	2AY, Albury	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Adelaide and Melbourne.
Sun., May 15th	2GF, Grafton	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Melbourne and Sydney.
Wed., May 18th	4WK, Warwick	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Brisbane.
Sun., May 22nd	4TO, Townsville	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Mackay.
Fri., June 2nd	4CA, Cairns	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Mackay and Brisbane.
Sun., June 5th	2GN, Goulburn	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Sydney.
Wed., June 8th	3HA, Hamilton	5.15 to 5.45 p.m.	Sydney and Melbourne.
		(Children's Session).	
Wed., June 8th	2AY, Albury	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Melbourne.
Sun., June 12th	3BO, Bendigo	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Melbourne and Sydney.
Wed., June 15th	2GF, Grafton	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Brisbane.
Sun., June 19th	4WK, Warwick	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Mackay.
Thurs., June 23rd	4TO, Townsville	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Mackay and Brisbane.
Sun., July 3rd	4CA, Cairns	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Sydney.
Wed., July 6th	3HA, Hamilton	5.15 to 5.45 p.m.	Sydney and Melbourne.
		(Children's Session).	
Wed., July 6th	2GN, Goulburn	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Melbourne.
Sun., July 10th	2AY, Albury	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Melbourne and Sydney.
Wed., July 13th	3BO, Bendigo	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Brisbane.
Sun., July 17th	2GF, Grafton	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Mackay.
Thurs., July 21st	4WK, Warwick	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Mackay and Brisbane.
Sun., July 25th	4TO, Townsville	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Sydney.
Wed., Aug 2nd	3HA, Hamilton	5.15 to 5.45 p.m.	Sydney and Melbourne.
		(Children's Session).	
Wed., Aug 2nd	4CA, Cairns	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Melbourne.
Sun., Aug 7th	2GN, Goulburn	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Melbourne and Sydney.
Wed., Aug 10th	2AY, Albury	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Brisbane.
Sun., Aug 14th	3BO, Bendigo	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Mackay.
Thurs., Aug 18th	2GF, Grafton	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Mackay and Brisbane.
Sun., Aug 22nd	4WK, Warwick	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Sydney.
Tues., Aug 29th	4TO, Townsville	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Melbourne.
Thurs., Sep 1st	3HA, Hamilton	5.15 to 5.45 p.m.	Melbourne and Sydney.
		(Children's Session).	
Thurs., Sep 1st	4CA, Cairns	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Melbourne and Sydney.
Sun., Sep 4th	2GN, Goulburn	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Brisbane.
Tues., Sep 6th	2AY, Albury	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Brisbane and Sydney.
Sun., Sep 11th	3BO, Bendigo	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Sydney and Melbourne.
Wed., Sep 14th	2GF, Grafton	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Adelaide and Fremantle.
Fri., Sep 16th	4WK, Warwick	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Adelaide and Fremantle.
Sat., Sep 17th	4TO, Townsville	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Adelaide and Fremantle.
Sun., Sep 18th	3HA, Hamilton	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Adelaide and Fremantle.
Fri., Sep 23rd	2AY, Albury	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Fremantle and Adelaide.
Sat., Sep 24th	3BO, Bendigo	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Fremantle and Adelaide.
Sun., Sep 25th	2GF, Grafton	10.00 to 10.30 p.m.	Fremantle and Adelaide.

ON THIS DAY APRIL 22.

6PM Fremantle 1937: Launched by Whitfords. Known as the “Cheery Station”. First licensed only for Fremantle using 100 watts. Sometimes used the **6AM** Perth studios, and also relayed some programs to **6AM**. Started the “Top 8” hit parade in 1938 (the first Australian music chart). Licensed as a Perth station on 21-8-1941.

Consolidated Broadcasting System (WA) Pty Limited
283 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, W.A. 6008.

6PM Perth 990 KHz


6AM Northam 864 KHz

6KG Kalgoorlie 981 KHz

6GE Geraldton 1008 KHz

2000 Watts

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Many thanks for your report.

Signed *Paterson*
for Chief Engineer

ON THIS DAY APRIL 23.

1927: Letter to the Editor “*There are far too many records and cricket descriptions on 3AR and a total lack of musical talent*”.

ON THIS DAY APRIL 24.

1927: Letter to the Editor “*A new wireless set that dispenses with large batteries and accumulators has been developed. Now how about one that dispenses with bad programs?*”

ON THIS DAY APRIL 25.

1965: The periodical “*Electronics Australia*” was launched (previously “*Radio, Television, and Hobbies*”).



ON THIS DAY APRIL 26.

3TR Sale 2002: Moved to F.M.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 27.

OHI HEARD ISLAND 1948: The first of five Australian Antarctic broadcast stations. Initially used by our first official expedition as part of the Government's legal process of claiming sovereignty over Heard and MacDonald Islands. Operated by later expeditions when occasionally good reception conditions occurred from Australia. They often relayed **2NZ**, being the only receivable Australian station. Closed in 1954 when the Heard Island base was moved to Mawson. Photo is the radio hut, with Big Ben, Australia's highest mountain, in the background.



ON THIS DAY APRIL 28.

1948: A Letter to the Editor in the Kalgoorlie Miner newspaper stated *"It's a pity the recent fire at Kalgoorlie was not at radio station 6GF instead of 6KG. The programmes from 6GF are far from satisfactory"*.

ON THIS DAY APRIL 29.

2CR Orange 1937: Launched by the A.B.C., relaying **2BL** with some local programs from 0930-1130. **C**entral **R**egion of N.S.W. Their 10,000 watt transmitter was at Cumnock. Officially opened by the Mayor, Dr. W. Matthews, during an opening broadcast from the Strand Palais, with entertainment by Jim Davidson and the A.B.C. Dance Band and Tex Morton.

ON THIS DAY APRIL 30.

1939: Letter to the Editor: *"I am a constant 'listener-in' to 2BL and I write to say that, with one exception, your programmes are excellent. The exception is 'news items' with murders, suicides, accidents, deaths etc., with all the harrowing details making up the major portion of 2BL news. Do Sydney papers not publish anything else but this of news? If so, why not broadcast it?"*
