

NOVEMBER

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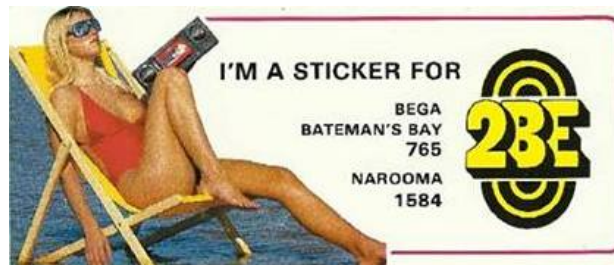
4MK Mackay 1981: They commenced 24 hour broadcasting.



2DU Dubbo 1982: They opened a relay transmitter at Cobar.



2BE Bega 1986: The station was sold to music promoter Glenn Wheatley.



ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 2.

1923: Millswood Auto and Radio Company in Adelaide was issued with a commercial licence as **5MA** which never went to air.

4QG Brisbane 1936: One of their cricket commentators died while live on air.



2GB Sydney 2014: Ratings results included the 100th consecutive win for announcer Alan Jones.



ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 3.

4GY Gympie 1941: A **4BK** bid to obtain this licence failed. Started by Steve Fittell (**4JO** 1929), from Fittells Radio Service. Their opening broadcast was from the Olympia Theatre, with entertainment by local groups. Money raised went to “Liberty”, a group aiding women whose husbands were at WWII.



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1945: Hector Crawford established Crawford Productions to produce radio programs.



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1932: A proposal that all non-metropolitan stations should use longwave instead of mediumwave was considered.

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2BE Sydney 1929: Sydney's third commercial station closed due to bankruptcy.



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2BE Sydney 1924: Launched by Burgin Electric Company using 100 watts. First started as experimental licence **2WV** in 1922. Phone No. 141. Manager was Oswald Mingay (**2XX**) who manufactured and sold his Mingay radios.

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9AF Labuan (Borneo) 1945: Launched as an Australian Army Amenities station. Their Commanding Officer was **5AD** and **5RM** announcer Lieutenant K. Crossman. Their chief announcer was Warrant Officer Bert Wooley from **5DN**. Other announcers were Ken Austin from **9AP**, **2GZ**, **3SR**, and **3UL**, and Warrant Officer Chris Lymons from **5CL**. Their Chief Technician was Ernie Higgenbottom from **3AR**.



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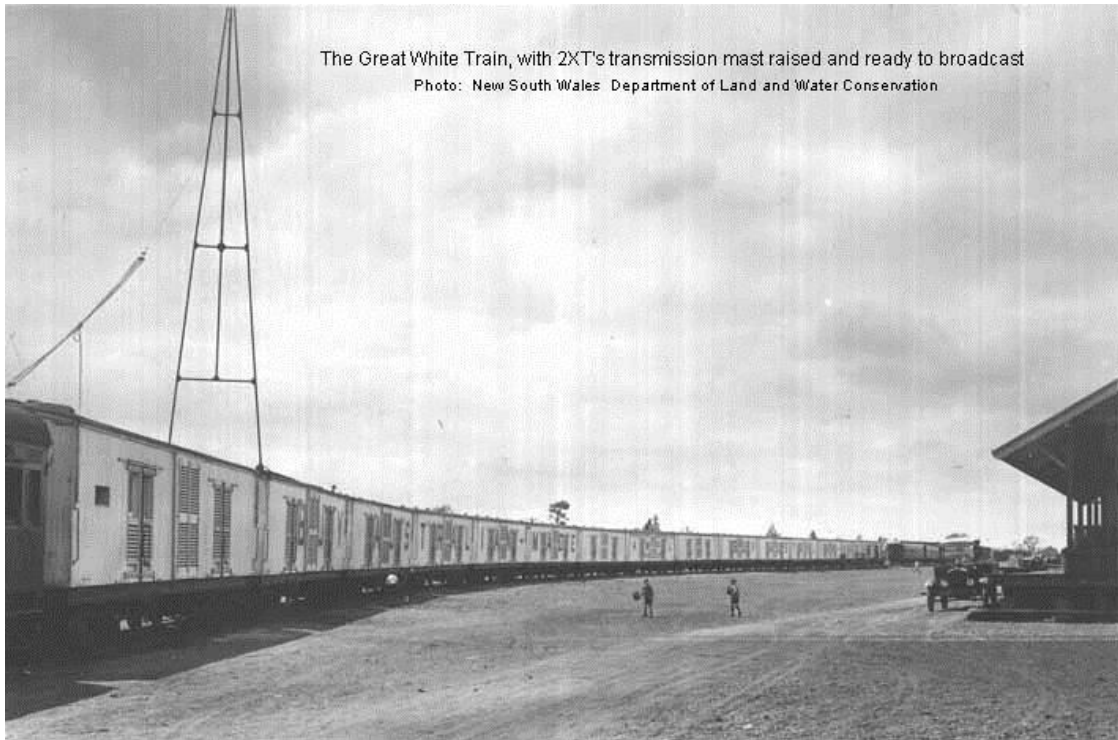
2NU Tamworth 1948: A.B.C. Relay of **2BL**. Opened by the A.B.C. Chairman, R. Boyer, with a temporary studio in the Town Hall.

6WB Katanning 1972: They were bought by **6IX**.



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2XT Rural N.S.W. 1925: A.W.A. **experimental** train broadcast station. Nicknamed “The Great White Train”. **World’s first complete mobile radio station.** Operated in over 100 rural N.S.W. towns (first was Gosford) broadcasting local programs and advertisements. On air for five days in each town 1600-1700 and 1900-2030. Spent two days travelling between towns, and setting up equipment. Heard throughout Australia, New Zealand, and Papua. Their Sales Manager, Charles Coldwell, was later the first manager of **2GF**.



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2MK Bathurst 1925: Owned by **Mockler Bros.**, with manager Trevor Evans (VK2NS), and only two licensed listeners in Bathurst. On air 14 hours per week with 250 watts. Sold crystal sets with a five mile range for two guineas. They closed in December 1930.

3HA Hamilton 1975: The station was destroyed by a fire.



7HO Hobart 1990: Moved to F.M.

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4MK Mackay 1937: The Daily mercury bought a half share in the station and increased the on-air hours from two to three each evening.



ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 13.

2WEB Bourke 1978: Community (originally educational) licence. **W**estern **E**ducation **B**ourke. The three letter callsign was issued in error by the A.B.T. under the misapprehension that they were an F.M. station.



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2CA Canberra 1931: Launched by Jack Ryan – VK2LE (a WW1 signaller) in his Kingston radio shop with a 50 watt transmitter, built by himself. Received 17 letters from New Zealand after the reception of their first broadcast. 16 year old George Barlin, Jack's only employee, worked as technician, salesman, announcer, and copywriter (he was later first manager of CTC-7 TV).



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4BK Brisbane - 4AK Oakey 1941: Sold to the *Courier Mail*, with the slogan "*The Newspaper of the Air*".



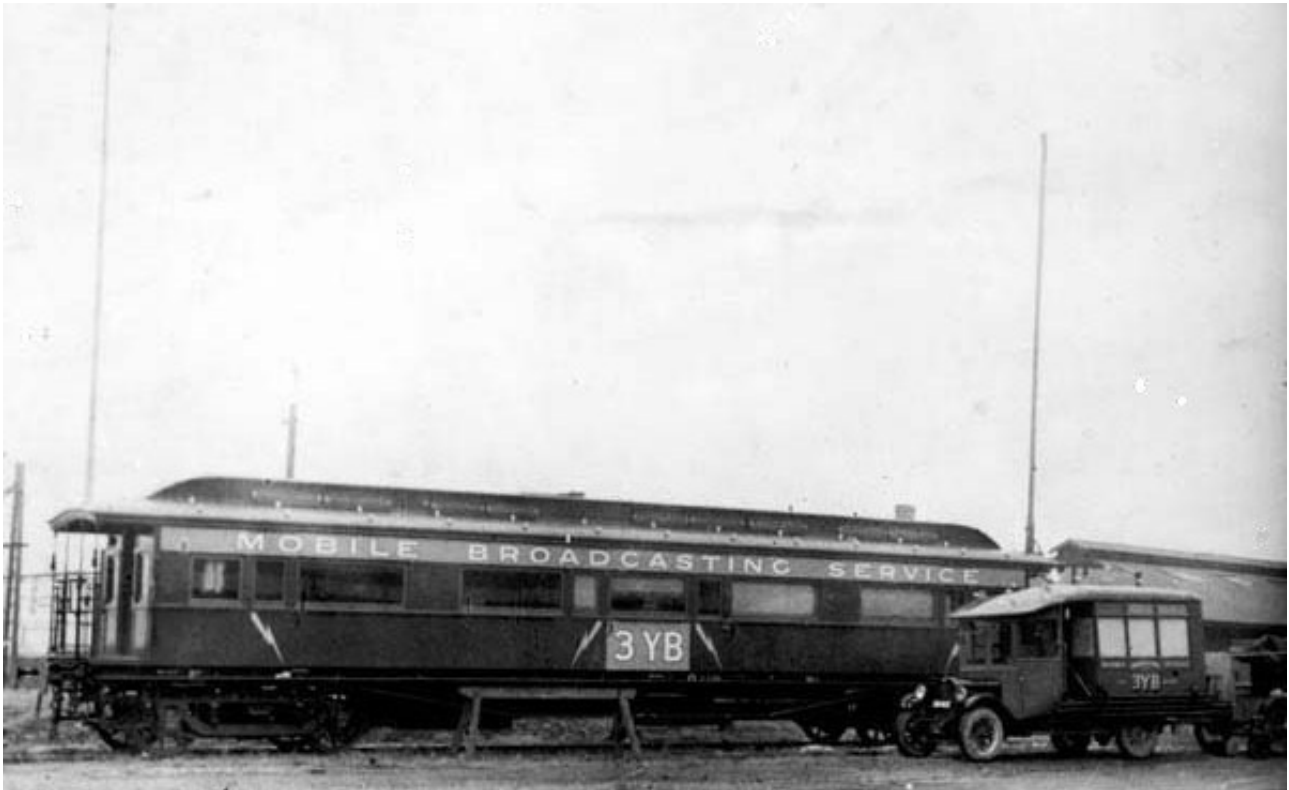
2TR Taree 1948: A.B.C. Originally a relay of **2NC** Newcastle, then **2NR** Grafton. Has relayed **2KP** in Kempsey (now Port Macquarie) since 22-4-1996.

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2FC Sydney 1923: They commenced testing their transmitter by using several receivers situated on top of the Carrington hotel in Katoomba.

A vintage advertisement for Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd. The ad is framed by a decorative border. At the top, the call letters "2-F C" are prominently displayed. Below this, the text describes the station as "The famous Australian Broadcasting Station of Farmer and Co. Ltd., which is being heard in Queensland, Western Australia, and the other States of the Commonwealth, Fiji, Hongkong, the United States and Canada, was designed by the engineers of Amalgamated Wireless (A/sia) Limited, and built entirely by Australian workmen in the Company's Radio-Electric Works, Sydney." It further states that the organization has purchased exclusive rights to scientific research, designs, and manufacturing experience from the world's foremost wireless companies. The ad concludes by mentioning that requirements for complete stations and accessories can be supplied by this organization of 800 Australians, and that a new, highly efficient Radiola for broadcast reception is being manufactured. At the bottom, the company name "Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd." is written in a stylized font, with a small circular logo featuring the letters "AWA" in the center. Below the company name, the tagline "Pioneers of the Wireless Industry in Australia." is printed. A larger circular logo with the letters "AWA" is positioned at the very bottom of the advertisement.

3YB Mobile 1935: Closed after four years moving around Victoria in a model T Ford and then a train.



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9AJ Solomon Islands 1945: Launched as an Australian Army Amenities station at Bosley Field, Bougainville. Their station manager was Sergeant George from **2GZ**. They also had a mascot cat called 'Mike'. Their most requested record was "*I'll be spending Christmas with the old folks*". The photo includes their mascot cat.



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5KA Adelaide 1946: Announcer Jack Hume launched the first Australian radio station strike in 1946 when management refused to get rid of a flea infestation. Photo is David 'Daisy' Day and Ian 'Molly' Meldrum.



ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 19.

2GO Gosford 1971: First Central Coast station. Started by Tom Jacobs (**2RE** and **2SM**) and Keith Graham (**2MO**, **2WG**, and **7HO**). Keith later established the Wesgo network. Their directional antenna was one of only three in Australia using three towers.



ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 20.

5CL Adelaide 1924: Launched by **C**entral Broadcasters **L**td., situated in two horse stables with no sound proofing. Started as experimental licence **5AB** on 5-4-1924. Broadcast the world's first description of a full horse race meeting. Closed December 1924, using their equipment to launch **5BF**. Reopened on 16-12-1924 using 500 watts with Harry Kauper (**5BG/5DN**) as Chief Engineer. (He later started **5AD** in 1930). Their applications for licences in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, and Launceston were rejected. Often heard in the Philippines and the U.S.A.



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1966: New Zealand pirate radio station Radio Hauraki begins test transmissions.

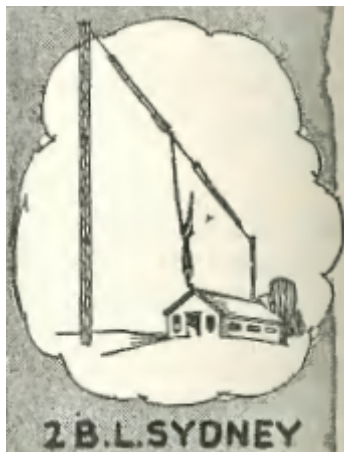


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1938: Letter to the Editor *"I am a constant 'listener-in' to 2BL and I write to say that, with one exception, your programmes are excellent. The exception is 'news items' with murders, suicides, accidents, deaths etc., with all the harrowing details 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?"*

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2SB Sydney 1923: Sydney Broadcasters Ltd. Their first Directors included Will MacLardy (**2HP**), S. Colville (**2FA**), R. Fry (**2KC**), and Cecil Stevenson (**2IY**). Cecil Stevenson (later **2UE**), designed and built their 500 watt transmitter. Installed and operated by Ray Allsop (**2YG** and **2ZH**) on 857 KHz. Joe Reed (**2JR**) was their first Chief Engineer. **First commercial licence in the Southern hemisphere.** Often heard in Hawaii and California. Changed their callsign to **2BL** (Sydney Broadcasters Ltd) on 1-3-1924.



1978: A.M. frequency spacing was reduced from 10 KHz. to 9 KHz. creating twelve extra medium wave channels.

2WS West Sydney 1978: Opened at 1224 A.M. on 1224 KHz. with 5,000 watts. Their Managing Director was Keith Graham from **2GO** as were many of their announcers (both stations later merged as the Wesgo network). A legal challenge to their licence by **2SM** was lost. Originally licensed to cover only **Western Sydney** (Parramatta to Emu Plains), with a transmitter at Prospect. First known as “Your Station 2WS 1224”. Their directional antenna is one of only three in Australia that use three towers.

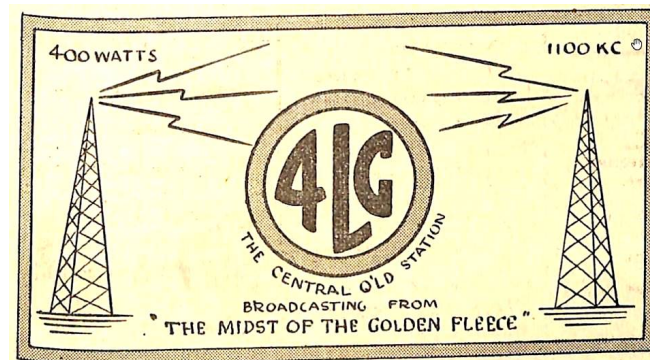


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1924: The Adelaide Advertiser, under the heading “THE BROADCAST PROBLEM – 5CL”, stated “*One might provide oneself with a receiving set, but what if there is nothing to listen to, or if the transmitter is put to such poor use as to make the invention next to worthless, except as a scientific curiosity*”.



1937 4LG Longreach: Put off the air when a tornado levelled their 220 foot tall tower.



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6NW Port Hedland 1977: Commercial licence with Classic Hits programs. Now part of the Spirit Radio Network in Perth, with most programs from their Perth studio, but with some local programs.



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4QN Townsville 1936: A.B.C., relaying **4QG** with some local programs. Closed at 1800 during WWII as their signal made Townsville a night-time bombing target. Warned by the P.M.G. that their licence would be cancelled if they continued to broadcast adult material during children's program times.

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6IX Perth 1933: Owned by West Australian Newspapers and **6ML** with a 180 feet tower on their building, relaying to **6WB** and **6MD**. Became a Major (**2UE**) Network station, then changed to the Macquarie (**2GB**) Network in 1950 (**6PR** did the reverse). Criticised in 1955 for looking interstate for announcers, stating that local candidates didn't meet required standards. A Melbourne listener won a car as the only correct entrant in a competition. First in Perth to try 'Talkback' in 1965, and first with a Top 40 Hit Parade.

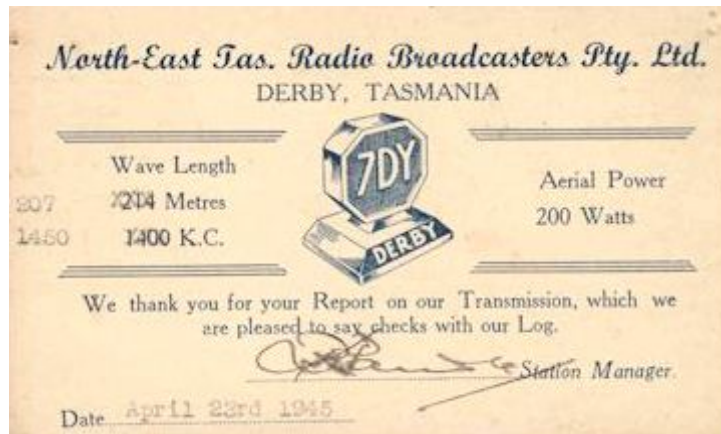


3EON Melbourne 1988: They changed their on-air callsign to **3MMM** with the slogan "Triple Your Music".



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7DY Derby 1951: Their tower was destroyed by a storm.



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3AK Melbourne 1931: Owned by Akron Tyre Co. Started in the owners bedroom (George Palmer at Balwyn), then at his tyre business. Most programs were concerts from their Queen Street (later Bourke Street) studios. Known as "The Voice of the Night" with 200 watts, on air 2330-0200, and 0500-0700, then all night from 1937 until 1954.



3GG Warragul 1989: (Originally **3UL** Warragul 18-5-1937). (Greater Gippsland). Moved to Traralgon with their new callsign, selling their Warragul building, which they later bought back, moving back to Warragul. Owners have included Reg Grundy Capital, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, and Resonate Broadcasting.



ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 30.

4HI Emerald 1981: Heart of the Inland. Sold to Ray Rumble in June 1988.



5AL Alice Springs 1948: A.B.C. Started as a relay of **5CL**, with studios situated next to the Court House. On air 0630-1000, 1200-1430, 1700-2230. Changed their callsign to **8AL** on 5-7-1960, and became a relay of **8DR** with some local programs. Now covers all of inland Australia with a separate short wave service. Callsign **5AL** was first allocated to an Army station at Adelaide River in March 1944.