Victorian A.M. Radio Stations

Part of the most comprehensive list ever compiled of Australian A.M. broadcasting stations.

AWA Melbourne 13-10-1920. Demonstration of music broadcasting by A.W.A. chairman, Ernest **Fisk**, to Members of Parliament in Melbourne's Queens Hall, at the request of Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Billy Hughes. Weekly test broadcasts commenced three months later, being heard up to 1,600 kilometres away. Their 500 watt Marconi transmitter was at the Brighton home of the A.W.A. manager, Lionel Hooke. Lionel had previously accompanied Shackleton's Polar expedition to Antarctica as the shipboard wireless operator. He was knighted in 1957, and appointed Chairman of A.W.A. after Ernest **Fisk** in 1962.

3ME Melbourne 01-1921. Experimental broadcast station owned by Sydney Neuman of A.W.A. Transmitter at Canterbury. First on longwave 273 KHz. (see **2FC** and **6WF**) with weekly concerts, then on medium wave 750 KHz. Became VK3ME on 7-9-1927 on shortwave, **a forerunner of Radio Australia**, to relay programs between stations for rebroadcast. The transmitter was co-

located with the **3LO** Braybrook transmitter. They used a **3LO** studio until 1929, then used an A.W.A. studio. The wavelength was often promoted as "35 yards" instead of the usual "32 metres". All VK3ME programs. started and ended with a kookaburra laugh, which was continued by Radio Australia. Sydney Neuman also designed and installed the original transmitters for **4QG**, **7LA**, and **3SR**, and a new transmitter for **3LO**. This callsign was reissued to an Arabic **M**iddle **E**astern station using 1638 KHz. on 25-10-1996.



3DP Melbourne 1921. Experimental broadcast station owned by N. Culliver. Transmitter at Hawthorn.

3BY Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by H. Holst. Transmitter at Caulfield. A report from the Wireless Institute of Australia stated that this station had the best broadcast transmitter modulation in Australia. (Also see **3DB**).

3BM Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by Howard Kingsley Love. Transmitter at East Malvern.

3MY Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by L. Money. Transmitter at Canterbury.

3DH Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by I. Morgan. Transmitter at East Malvern.

3RG Castlemaine. Experimental broadcast station owned by R.G. Blake.

3DX Warrnambool. Experimental broadcast station owned by Les Kermond.

3GK Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by S. McLean. Transmitter at Yarraville.

3TM Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by A. Buck. Transmitter at Hawthorn.

3FW Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by W. Nicholls. Transmitter at Moonee Ponds.

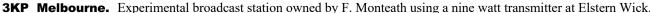
3ZN Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by Morris Israel. Transmitter at Malvern.

3QH Geelong. Experimental broadcast station owned by J.F. Feldman, using a five watt transmitter.

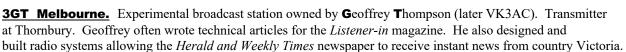
3WA Ballarat. Experimental broadcast station owned by **W**arne Wilson and **A**lfred Kerr (VK3AL), on air Sundays. Became commercial licence **3BA** on 31-7-1930.

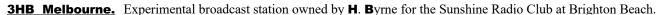
3AJ Warrnambool. Experimental broadcast station owned by E. Salamy using a 10 watt transmitter.

3FY Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by the **F**itzro**y** Radio Club with a 16 watt transmitter.



3KU Swan Hill. Experimental broadcast station owned by Ronald Hipwell using a 7.5 watt transmitter. His aerial was 60 feet high and 135 feet long. On air every Sunday. Often heard throughout the U.S.A. Ron also experimented with X-Rays. (Also see **3SH** Swan Hill 27-8-1931 and **2BH** Broken Hill 30-6-1934).





3BH Violet Town. Experimental broadcast station owned by C. Whitelaw. Specialised in ragtime and dance hall music, with records loaned by listeners. Also had local musicians and vocalists broadcasting live from his lounge room.

3HF Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by **H**arry **F**uller. Transmitter at Essendon. In the 1930s he broadcast the soundtracks of movies via landline from the local cinema for over a year, until the P.M.G. stopped the practice. Harry was later appointed Chief Engineer of **3SR**, then manager and Chief Engineer of **3YB**.

3CR Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by the **C**oburg Radio Club. Started by engineer and main operator Clarence Bennett in his Brunswick Electrical Shop. Heard throughout Australia using five watts (later 10 watts). Often rang a bell hourly saying it was Big Ben live from London. This callsign was reissued as a community licence in 1976.

3GL Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by **G.L**. Bartholo, using a 14 watt transmitter at Malvern. This callsign was reissued at Geelong on 31-12-1930, as a commercial licence.

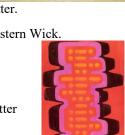
3JG Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by **J**ones & **G**lew Radio Shop at Brunswick.

3UD Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by the United Distributors Radio Shop.

3NN Nhill. Experimental broadcast station owned by Herb Brown, using a 10 watt transmitter at Yanac.

30R Kerang. Experimental broadcast station owned by Murray **Or**r.







- **3HK** Melbourne. Experimental broadcast station owned by K. Heitsch using a three watt transmitter at Mitcham.
- **3JR Melbourne.** Experimental broadcast station owned by C.J. Rainbow. Transmitter at Preston.

This callsign was reissued from 29-12-1976 to 6-1-1977 for scouts operating Jamboree Radio at Dandenong on air 0600-2200 daily.

- **3SY Geelong.** Experimental broadcast station owned by Jack Mathews using a 50 watt transmitter at Newtown. Closed in 1932 when he accepted a technician's position at **3GL**. Jack became their Chief Engineer in 1935 until he retired in 1980.
- **3BQ Melbourne 1923.** Broadcast station owned by Maxwell Howden. Transmitter at Box Hill. Maxwell was a regular contributor to the *Listener In* magazine with his column "With the Amateurs".
- **3SW Melbourne 1923.** Broadcast station owned by **S.W.** Gadsden. Transmitter at Kew.
- **3JU Melbourne 1923.** Broadcast station owned by Ross Hull. Transmitter at St. Kilda. Ross was appointed Federal President of the Wireless Institute of Australia in 1924, and editor of the *Wireless Weekly* periodical in 1929. In 1938 he designed and built an experimental television transmitter and receiver. (Television was called "radiovision" in the early 1920s). One of his television receivers later killed him by electrocution.
- **3UZ Melbourne. 07-1923.** Broadcast station owned by Oliver J. Nilsen using 10 watts on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1930 to 2200. Opened an electrical shop in 1924. Granted a commercial licence on 8-3-1925.
- **3CB Melbourne 1924.** Broadcast station owned by Billy Sievers. Transmitter at East Richmond. After the opening of **3KZ** on 30-12-1930, Billy broadcast on their frequency each night after they closed.
- **3MP Melbourne 1924.** Broadcast station owned by Stan Hosken. Transmitter at Hawthorn. He designed sealed set receivers for the P.M.G. This callsign was reissued as a commercial licence at Mornington Peninsula on 22-7-1976.

3RI Melbourne. Broadcast station controlled by the Victorian Railways Institute. Was often heard in Western Australia, New Guinea, and also New Zealand. Conducted joint broadcasts with **5RI** in Adelaide. Pictured is their 1930s studio and transmitter and their QSL card. Each year they received in excess of 1,000 QSL (confirmation of reception) requests in the mail.

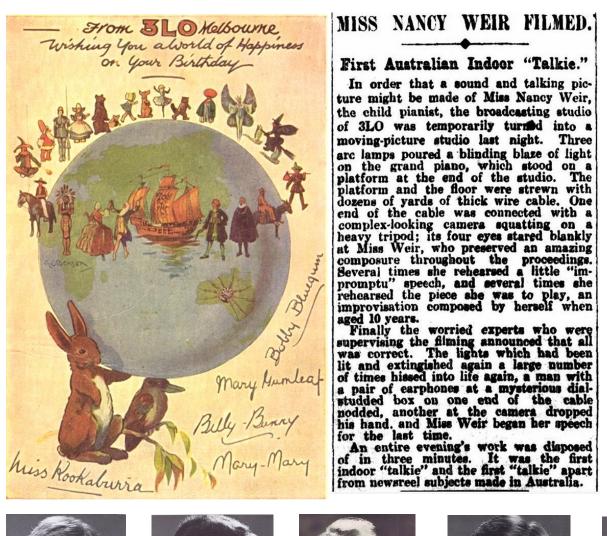




3AR Melbourne 26-01-1924. Owned by Associated Radio Co. (wireless manufacturers). A "sealed set" station, starting on long wave. Installed by Rupert Fitts (previously a radio technician with the Navy). Started with two staff, plus six in their radio factory assembling radios. Used telephone hand pieces as microphones. Their first studio was in Elizabeth Street, before moving into Melbourne Place with **3LO** (now occupied by the Kelvin Club which has on display a set of gongs used by the A.B.C. while there). Their first outside broadcast was a military tattoo in 1924. Established and owned **7ZL**, with the original 350 watt **3AR** transmitter. Broadcast a Dame Nellie Melba charity concert live from the Lilydale R.S.L. club in 1925. Installed a 200 feet high tower with a 1,000 watt 625 KHz. transmitter and an electricity generator in October 1925 at Essendon. Broadcast a concert from the Prince Regent Theatre in Sale on 17-10-1927 (first live outside broadcast in country Victoria). Granted a relay licence for Ballarat in 1926 which never went to air. Their Chief Engineer, Donald McDonald, experimented with transmitting television in 1929. He used the transmitters of **3UZ** and **3DB** each night after they had closed, with audio on one transmitter and vision on the other. From 8-8-1929, programs were provided by the privately owned Australian Broadcasting Company, with 60 minutes of advertising per day. Was on air 0815-1100, 1200-1745, and 1815-2230 Monday to Friday. First Australian station to broadcast educational programs (1931), however, few schools could afford a receiver. Taken over by the Australian Broadcasting Commission on 1-7-1932. Closed by the military during WWII for 24 hours for allegedly broadcasting a breach of security regarding the sinking of H.M.A.S. Sydney. Along with **3LO**, moved into Broadcast House, Lonsdale Street, in 1945 and then into the Southbank Centre in 1995. Installed a 50,000 watt transmitter in 1961. Changed their callsign to **3RN** in October 1990.

3HT Bendigo 03-03-1924. Broadcast station owned by **H.** Tippett (Manager of New System Telephones).

3LO Melbourne 13-10-1924. Originally planned to operate as 3FL (Farmer and Co. Ltd. - licence number four) under the 1923 Telegraph and Wireless Act. They were also issued licence number five (3FC - Farmer and Co. Ltd.), which never went to air. Owned by J.C. Williamson, the *Herald*, and **2FC**. Their studios were on the roof of the *Herald*, with all the equipment battery powered. A "sealed set" station. Started on longwave (175 KHz.). First manager was Major W. Conder, former Governor of Pentridge Gaol. Their opening broadcast was Dame Nellie Melba's farewell concert from His Majesty's Theatre on 13-10-1924. First station in Australia to broadcast weather reports (1924). Moved to medium wave (808 KHz.) on 1-7-1925 with an A.W.A. 5,000 watt transmitter at Braybrook (50,000 watts in 1961) with two 200 feet high towers, being 575 feet apart, installed by Sydney Newman of A.W.A. (see **3ME** January 1921). An early feature was the broadcasting of dances from the studio each night using live bands, with the audience joining in. First Australian station to broadcast live plays with a studio audience. Originally they received news via Morse code from London. They were issued relay licences for Wangaratta, Hamilton, Bendigo, and Maffra in 1925 which never went to air. On air 1200-1400, and 1500-2330 in 1927. Often heard on crystal sets in South Australia. Applications for licences in Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, and Launceston in 1927 were rejected. Their programs were relayed on shortwave each Monday in 1928. Broadcast live, relaying to over one million listeners, the arrival of airman Bert Hinkler in March 1928. Achieved a profit from advertising of £50,000 in 1928. Increased power in 1938 using a 10,000 watt S.T.C. transmitter. Often heard overseas including Alaska. Programs were provided by the privately owned Australian Broadcasting Co. from 22-7-1929 with 60 minutes of advertisements daily. On air 0700-0815, 1030-1230, 1300-1630, and 1745-2330. Taken over by the Australian Broadcasting Commission on 1-7-1932. Started the national program "The Argonauts" in 1941, with over 50,000 members by 1955. Their first female announcer was Dorothy Crawford: sister of Hector Crawford. Moved to Broadcast House, Lonsdale Street in 1945 with **3AR**, and then to the Southbank Centre in 1995. Broadcast Melbourne's top rating breakfast program from 1977 to 1987.



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Mary Adams



June Barton



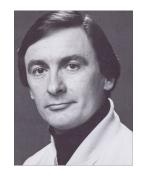
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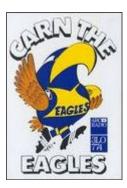


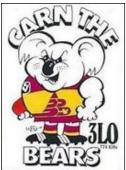
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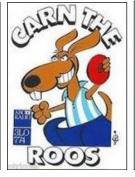
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Melbourne, 3AR and 3LO, nd, 3GI; Western Victoria,

Gippsland, 3GI; Western Victoria, 3WV.

Queensland.—Brisbane, 4QG and 4QR; Longreach, 4QL; Northern Queensland, 4KN; Atherton, 4AT; Rockhampton, 4RK; Wide Bay, 4Q8; and Darling Downs, 4QS.

South Australia.—Adelaide, 5CL and 5AN; Central South Australia, 5CK. Western Australia.—Perth, 6WN and 6WF; Geraldton, 6GN; Wagin, 6WA; and Kalgoorlie, 6GF.

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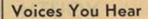
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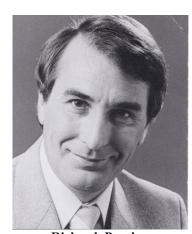


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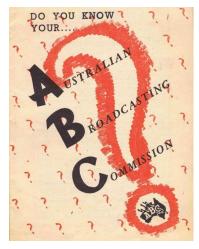


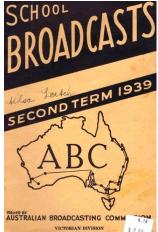


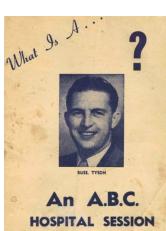




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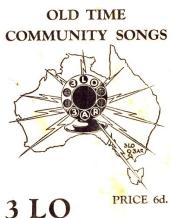






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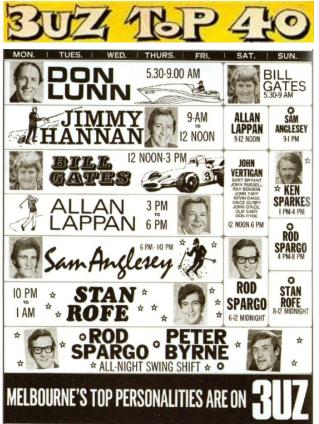


3FB Melbourne 1925. Commercial licence issued to Berkery and Picken P/L which never went to air (see **3FB** at Trafalgar 27-5-1929, owned by the Trafalgar and Districts Radio Club, but managed and operated by **F**rank **B**erkery).

3EO Mildura 01-01-1925. Commercial station with a short life, owned by Rupert Egge.

3WR Wangaratta 25-02-1925. Owned by Les Hellier (Gallipoli veteran) using a 40 watt transmitter in his house, where the 'Church of Christ' now is. His main advertiser was his own sports store. First licensed country commercial station in Australia. Known as "The Voice of the North East". Les advertised £5 crystal sets in the local paper. Closed on 22-12-1925. Reopened on 5-1-1931. Representatives from 3DB and 3UZ plus several politicians attended the reopening, with loudspeakers along Murphy Street. All the equipment, including their 250 watt transmitter, (500 watts in 1934) was designed and built by Oliver Nilsen from 3UZ. Originally on air for 90 minutes each evening. Introduced weekly live community singing broadcasts from March 1925, concentrating on listeners requests. Studio dances were popular with the "Militia Boys" band. Broadcast a special gala concert on 23-4-1932 to celebrate closer ties with 3DB. By 1932, 50% of Wangaratta's population had joined their "Smile Away Club". Closed on 30-8-1934 due to falling revenue, after a broadcast from the Theatre Royal with Prime Minister Joseph Lyons as the key speaker. Kept one studio in Wangaratta after moving to Shepparton on 13-9-1934. (See 3WR Shepparton 13-9-1934).

<u>**3UZ Melbourne 08-03-1925.**</u> (See **3UZ** July 1923). First planned to open as **3ZL**. Started by Oliver J. Nilsen (later Lord Mayor of Melbourne) from his Burke Street radio shop. On air two nights per week with 27 watts, using one gramophone, one Pianola, and one microphone. Their opening included well known artists Leslie Dobson, Gertrude Hutton, George Cowley, and Dulcie Cherry. Known as "The Voice of Victoria" (later "The Voice of the Community"). Increased their power to 500 watts to transmit TV



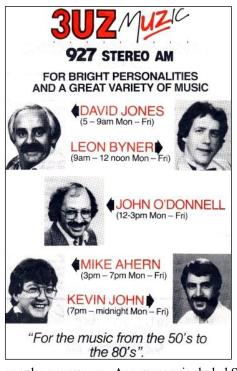








experiments in January 1929 (see **3AR** for details). Also heard on shortwave in 1930 on 32 metres. In 1931, Oliver constructed and installed all the reopening equipment for **3WR**. 3,000 children attended their children's Christmas party in 1934. Their "Bobby Bear" children's club (later "Look up and Laugh") had 35,000 members in 1938. Their "Radio Auditions" program (1943-1983) was the **longest running talent show in the world**, starting the careers of Barry Crocker and Jamie Redfern. Introduced horse racing in 1946. On 2-5-1948 their signal was jammed by an anti-communist pirate radio station calling itself "Radio DIG". Their 1950 manager Lewis Bennett fired 79 out of 84 staff, then reached the top of the ratings in the 1950s/1970s. Their 1950s slogan was "Nice to Come Home to, 3UZ". Graham Kennedy started his career as a record librarian in 1952, then joined Cliff 'Nicky' Nicholls in a top rating morning program, being paid £3 per week. For over two decades, Cliff won the *Radio Times* contest for Melbourne's most















KEN SPARKES 1974

popular announcer. Announcers included Smokey Dawson, Stan "The Man" Rofe, Happy Hammond, Allan Lappan, Don Lunn ("The Daddio of the Radio"), John Vertigan, Jimmy Hannan, Bill Gates, Rod Spargo, and Ken Sparkes. Their "Housewives Session" rated 73% in the 1950s. Their program "Newsbeat" had Neil Thompson reporting on overnight car accidents. One fatality he attended included his son. An advertiser sued the station for slander in 1953 claiming £15,000 but settling for £2,000. In 1952 **3KZ** pioneer Norman Banks reported on the Helsinki Olympic Games. He was later sacked and joined **3AW**, continuing his 50+ years career.



Their 1953 Red Cross radiothon appeal raised £150,000. Commenced 24 hour broadcasting on 1-2-1954, but didn't last. Their tower collapsed on 21-12-1955, and on 5-10-1956. Started a Top 40 format in April 1958 and experimented with stereo by broadcasting the left channel, while **3XY** broadcast the right channel. Listeners needed two radios to hear stereo. From 1959 to 1964 they presented lunchtime rock 'n' roll concerts at the Melbourne Town Hall, included Johnny O'Keefe, Col Joye, Johnny Devlin, Lonnie Lee, and the Bee Gees. Used a Cessna for traffic and shark reports in the 1960s, once crashing into Port Phillip Bay. Recommenced 24 hour broadcasting in 1962. Known as "The Greater 3UZ", and, for a short time, "The Beatle Station". On 30-11-1969 they stopped a pop concert broadcast at the Myer Music Bowl when a wild brawl broke out. During the 1970s/1980s Bert Newton introduced a

"personality" format with Don Lane, Tony Barber and others filling in with top rating programs. Sold to Tas TV for \$9.21 million in 1985, introducing a country format in 1986. Sold to the TAB using a sports format in 1988, known on air as "Radio Sport 927" from August 1996 (later Radio Sport National). In 1991, Sales Executive Tony Aloi was sentenced to 12 months gaol for attempting to rig Tasmanian State elections when he tried bribing a member to cross the floor. Now relays to several Victorian narrowcast stations.







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- 3. KEN SPARKES MON. to FRI., 7 p.m. to 10; SUN., 5.30 to 9 a.m.
- 4. ALAN LAPPAN MON. to FRI., 5 p.m. to 7; SUN., 9 to 1 p.m.
- 5. STAN ROFE MON. to FRI., 9 a.m. to noon & 4 to 5 p.m. SUN., 1 to 4 p.m.
- 6. DICK HEMING SATURDAY, 6.30 p.m. to midnight
- 7. PAUL KONIK, M'night to Dawn 8. JEFF WARDEN, M'night to Dawn
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Move over Marconi...



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Don Lunn 1967



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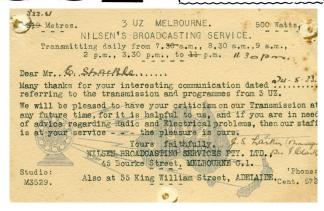
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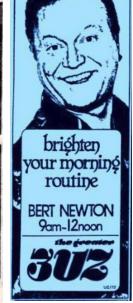
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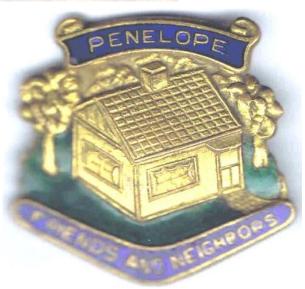


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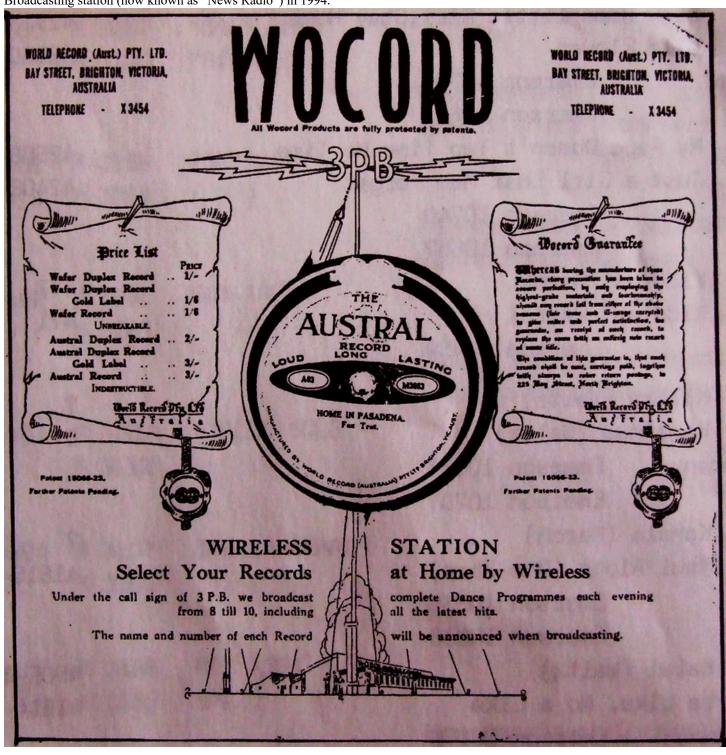
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3PB Melbourne 09-1925. Commenced testing in June 1925 using the callsign **3WR** (World Record Company) unaware that this callsign had already been allocated. Commercial station owned by Noel **P**emberton **B**illing (former British M.P.), owner of the World Record Company in Melbourne. His station played and advertised their records. On air 2000-2200 with 1,500 watts. Closed in January 1926 after only four months on air, due to poor record sales. This callsign was reissued as an A.B.C. Parliament Broadcasting station (now known as "News Radio") in 1994.







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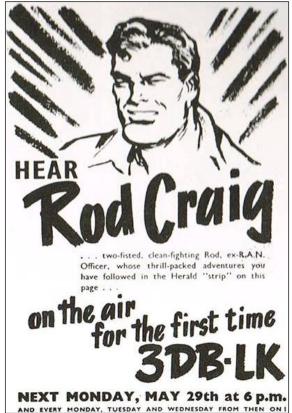








3DB Melbourne 21-02-1927. Owned by **D**ruleigh **B**usiness College with five staff in two rooms in the Capitol Theatre. Sold to the *Herald & Weekly Times* newspaper on 14-6-1929. Experimented with television in 1929 (see **3AR** for details). H. Holst (**3BY**). designed, built and installed new equipment in 1929. Fire destroyed the studios in 1930.





Manager Dave Worrall hired Harry Kauper (5BG-5DN-5CL-5AD) to rebuild the station in the HWT building. Member of the 2UW Federal Radio Network with 4BC, 5AD, and 6ML from 1930. One tower fell down on 21-3-1931. An unemployed man bought a half hour time slot to promote himself seeking work on 22-7-1932. Installed two towers 208 feet high on the *Herald* building in 1933 with a 600 watt transmitter. Claimed to have the largest radio station record library in the world in 1934 (also see **5AD**). Smokey Dawson won a talent quest, helping to launch his career (also see **3KZ**). Had 25,000 members in their listeners "Smile Away Club" in 1934, distributing 10,000 clothing items to needy people in the 1930s (membership cost 1/-). Bought **3HS** (later **3LK**) on 16-5-1936 as a relay. Increased power to 1,000 watts in 1937, with new owners, The Herald and Weekly Times. Known as "The Herald Sun Broadcasting Service". Formed the Major Network with 2UE in 1938. Their 1938 "Wildlife Talks" with Crosbie Morrison saw 78% of Victorian radios tuned in, and on relay to New Zealand and South African stations until 1965. Reinforced their studio against possible WWII air raids. In 1949, they were the only commercial station to have a symphony orchestra. Sponsored the Royal Children's Hospital with an annual Easter appeal (raised £130,000 in 1953, and £156,000 in 1954; a world record for a one day radiothon). Broadcast Melbourne's first Hit Parade and breakfast programs. Broadcast races from factory roofs when race callers were banned from courses. On air 24/7 from 1-2-1954. Ernie Sigley started here as a panel operator. One of several stations to air popular "On the Spot" programs, interviewing people in the street. Rejected a job application from John Laws. Ron Casey broadcast the Rome Olympics in 1960. Manager Dave Worrall started the idea of using nick names for announcers copyrighted to the station (announcers couldn't use the name if they moved). He helped form the Federation of Australian Commercial Broadcasters (now Commercial Radio Australia). They were the first Australian station to play Beatles records. Barry Jones used a talkback format in February 1967 before it was legal. Bert Newton was manager in the 1980s with a 'personality' format. Had four owners during 1998

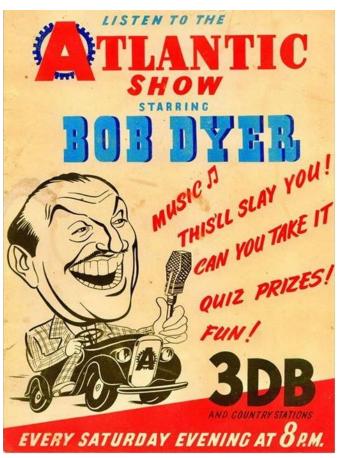
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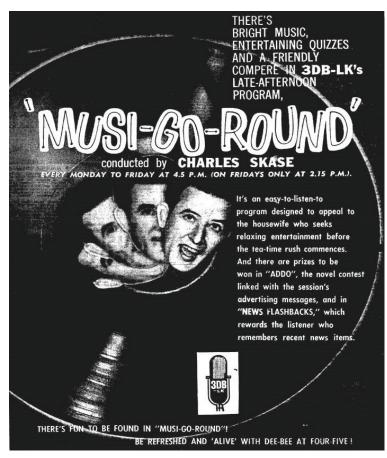
until purchased by **2UW**. In April 1988 they changed their callsign to **3TT** (after initially considering callsigns **3BB** and **3MM**), with a "Classic Hits" format. Moved to F.M. in 1990.



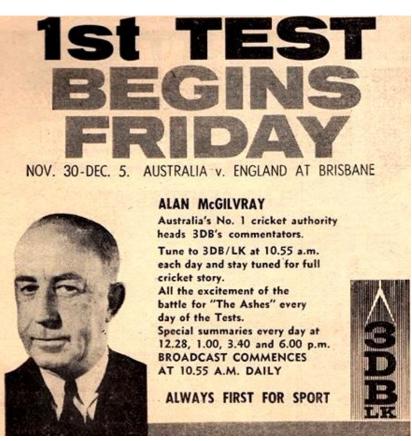


















Garry Mac Steve Murphy

Eric Welsh



3DB MOVES

Announcer John Eden pressed a button one morning last week — and hey presto! 3DB began transmitting its new sound from brand new

The occasion marked the switchover from the historic old studios at 36 Flinders St. to modern quarters in The Herald and Weekly Times building in Flinders Lane.

In a special broadcast, 3DB's manager, Mr Curteis Crawford, briefly outlined the history of the station, paid tribute to those who had been responsible for its success in the past, and then introduced 3DB's new identification sound.

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The new studios are claimed to be the most modern in Australia, with the latest transmitting equipment.

In 1927 the Commonwealth Government granted a licence to the Druleigh Business College — hence the callsign 3DB — which transmitted from Capitol House in Swanston St. In 1929 The Herald and Weekly Times Ltd. bought the

licence and transferred operations to 36 Flinders St. In those days 3DB, under the then manager Mr David Worrall, had a staff of eight. Today 87 people are required to keep 3DB on the air around the clock.

Down the years many famous personalities have been heard on 3DB. Station stars have included Charlie Vaude and Renn Millar, Monty Blandford, Lloyd Lamble, Keith Eden, Eric Pearce, Eric Welch, Jean Lawson, Danny Webb, Maurice Callard, Louise Homphrey and scores more.

Remember the all-night Test cricket broadcasts in the 1930s and 1940s — "Dad and Dave" — "Opera for the People" — "The C & G Minstrels" — "Lux Radio Theatre" — "Australia's Amateur Hour" and hundreds of other famous radio shows?

They are part of 3DB's

They are part of 3DB's proud history.



DAVID JOHNSTON, right, conducts his after noon show in the new studies. Both he and MARK WYNTER, his guest during the show, were happy with the new surroundings.



Off the air after 36 vears . . .

IN the 36 years Mr Geoff McComas (left) spent with radio station 3DB he rose from a humble junior announcer to adminstration manager.

to administration manager.

Mr McComas retured yesterday from the station, but said: 'I leave one full-time job to take on another more than full-time.'

He said that in: 1977 he got involved in an effective speaking course and this will be his task for 'retirement.'

As well as offering the course eight with the said of the sai

station.

He joined 3DB in 1947 when Sir Eric Pierce was the station manager. Mr McComas said one of the exciting things about working at 3DB was all the "tremendous talent" that passed through the station's doors.

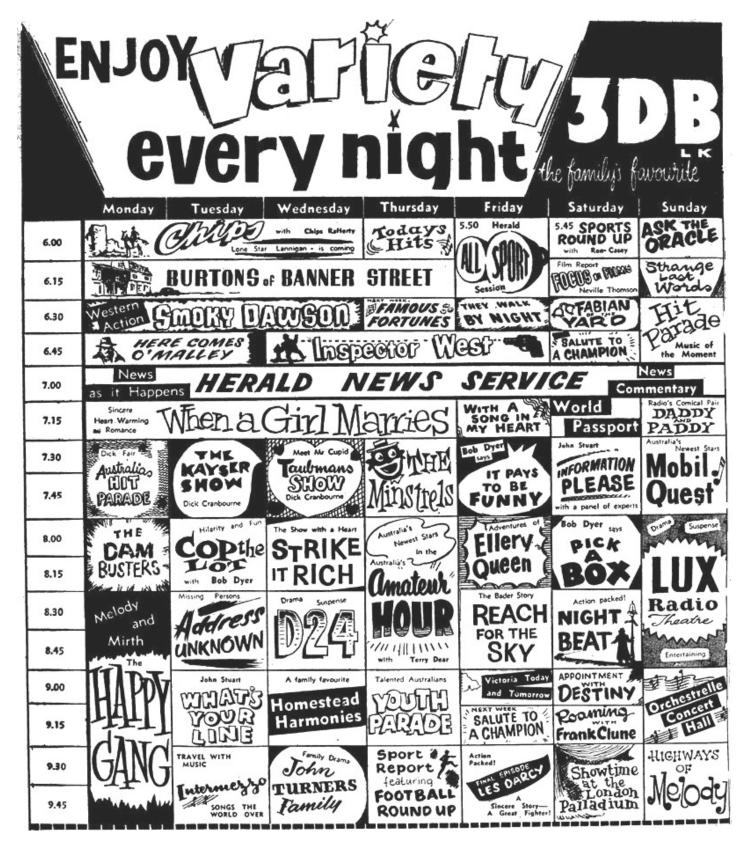
He said all the male news readers on TV now had links with 3DB. Geoff Raymond, Mall Walden, Brian Naylor and David Johnson all worked for the radio station.



AUDITIONING at 3DB, Jeff Wells finds that a life on the radio waves calls for special gifts. Four hands help!



JOHN EDEN, during 3DB's Breakfast Session at 9.30 on Tuesday, March 22. Here, John is ready to press the button which switched transmission from the old studios to the new.



3CH Birchip 1927. Broadcast station owned by local radio dealer, Alfred Harris, using a 40 watt transmitter.

3LK Geelong 16-05-1927. Broadcast station owned by the Gordon Institute of Technology and operated by the Geelong Radio Club using a 12 watt transmitter and a 60 feet high antenna between their Central and Southern Towers. Officially opened by Mayor T. Walls. Often received up to 350 miles distance. This callsign was reissued at Lubeck on 24-12-1936, as a commercial licence.

3EF Melbourne 1928. Broadcast station owned by Bert Maddick. Transmitter at Elwood. Often heard in California. Bert's daughter Dorothy aged 11 appeared in the *Listener In* magazine holding the station's microphone, with the caption "World's youngest radio announcer" (see photo). Also note the newspaper cutting regarding a parrot swearing on **3EF**.



BLASPHEMY BROADCAST. A Parrot's Impropriety.

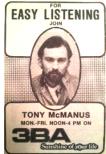
MELBOURNE, May 6.—From an amateur broadcasting station this afternoon, a specially trained talking parrot was introduced. As an unrehearsed prologue to its performance, the parrot used grossly inproper language, and later several times interjected a blasphemous expletive. The matter has been reported to the Chief In-

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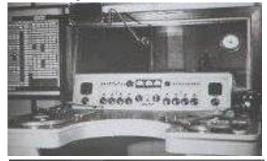
3EX Melbourne 1929. Owned by A.W.A. and established as a temporary station for the "Made in Australia" **exhibition**. Visitors were given a full demonstration on how a radio station operates. Managed by H. Sibary, who was later manager of **6PR**.

3FB Trafalgar 27-05-1929. Broadcast station owned by the Trafalgar Radio Club using a 7.5 watt transmitter. Operated by **F**rank **B**erkery. Incorrectly listed as a Melbourne commercial station by the "*Broadcast Australia*" periodical (see **3FB** Melbourne 1925). Opened with a broadcast from the Mechanics Hall. Broadcast local artists live, plus records lent by listeners. Heard all over Australia and New Zealand. Became commercial licence **3TR** on 29-9-1930.

3BA Ballarat 31-07-1930. See **3WA**. Owned by Warne Wilson (VK3WA) and Alfred Kerr (VK3AL) with studios above a bank. Earlier, in 1929, Warne was the first person to receive experimental television transmissions from **3UZ** and **3DB**. On air three hours daily using 50 watts. Sold to the *Ballarat Courier* in June 1935 as "The Courier Station". Eight out of 10 staff went to WWII.







Raised £100,000 with Rotary for the war effort. Also forced to give up a security pistol in 1940 for the war effort. In July 1955 they celebrated 25 years on air with new studios. Renowned for their numerous outside broadcasts. Started a children's "Blue Bird" club, (2,500 members) and a "Friendship Circle" club in the 1940s. Moved to F.M. on 5-5-1998. The photographs are their 1950's studio and announcer Gordon Murison in 1969.













3TR Trafalgar 29-09-1930. (See 3FB Trafalgar 27-5-1929). Opened using 30 watts as Trafalgar Radio. Managed by Archibald Gilchrist from 3DB. Installed and operated by volunteers (as per its 3FB background). On air 1030-1300, then 1800-2230. Often used local artists on air, and borrowed records from listeners. Closed on 4-5-1932. Bought by Mr Gilchrist and reopened at Sale on 12-5-1932 using 50 watts. (See 3TR Sale 12-5-1932).











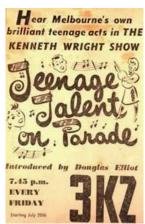


3KZ Melbourne 30-12-1930. Applied for the licence on 28-5-1926. Their opening was further delayed when their tower fell down on 3-12-1930. Owned by the Labor Party until 1994, with studios in the Trades Hall. Broke the world record for non-stop use of a transmitter in 1931 (197 hours). **Their management stated that television will never be introduced into Australia.** In 1933 they kept their flooded 200 watt transmitter on the air by using all available hair dryers from one of their advertisers. Known as "The



















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Peter Leslie



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Brighter Broadcasting Service". Terry Dear (see 9AB) started his career here in 1933. Raised over £1,000,000 for the Austin hospital and the Blind Institute from 1938 with "Carols by Candlelight" broadcasts (devised by Norman Banks) and their Christmas Day appeals. Norman was later granted an MBE for "Services to Broadcasting". Closed by the military during WWII for 24 hours for broadcasting a breach of security about the sinking of H.M.A.S. Sydney (read from a newspaper, which wasn't subject to censorship like radio). First Australian station to broadcast news of Japan surrendering (14-8-1945). A competition once had 70,000 listener entries. Ron Atholwood introduced "The Bum of the Flightly Bee" instead of "The Flight of the Bumble Bee".

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT" 3KZ CRASHES THE RIPLEY COLUMN



Some time ago it was announced in BROADCASTING BUSINESS the publicity stunt staged by Station 3KZ Melbourne of one D. K. Thomson eating his hat owing to the fact that he lost a bet to Chief Announcer Norman Banks. The reproduction shown here is taken from February 13 issue of "The Sunday Express." London, and is a section of the popular Ripley, "Believe It or Not" strip, proving that if a station can think of something different it will receive world wide recognition.

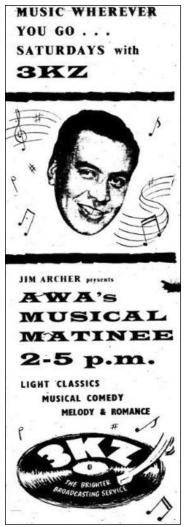




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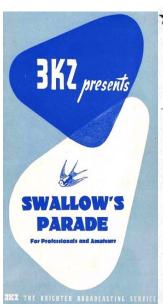
Smokey Dawson won a talent quest, launching his career (also see **3DB**). Started a Children's "Happiness" club (with "Aunty Jane", Smokey Dawson's wife) and a "Friendship Circle" club in the 1940s. Their 1954 Carols by candlelight broadcast from the Alexandra Gardens was relayed by the ABC to broadcasters around the world. All announcers recorded voice-overs for Val Morgan theatre advertisements. In 1955 they joined with the *Age* and *Argus* newspapers, plus **3XY** and **3AW** to apply for Melbourne's first television licence. Increased power to 5,000 watts in March 1956 with a 444 feet high tower. Commenced 24 hour broadcasting in 1968. In 1976 a live broadcast from Pentridge Gaol included an inmate asking listeners to rob the Commonwealth bank. Launched a "Hits and Memories" format in 1987. Became KZFM on 1-1-1990. Their A.M. 1179 KHz. frequency was then used by "Radio for the Print Handicapped" (**3RPH**).







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3GL Geelong 31-12-1930. Owned by the

Geelong Advertiser (Victoria's oldest existing newspaper), with the transmitter on their building, and a studio above Suttons music store. Often received in the U.S.A. and New Zealand while using a 50 watt transmitter built by their Chief Engineer, Morris Israel from **3ZN**. On air 0930-1100, 1400-1500, and 1900-2230. Geelong gaol inmates presented a monthly program playing instruments from 1931. 1933 saw 5,000 children in their "Old King Cole" club. Their technician (Jack Mathews - 3SY) became their Chief Engineer in 1935 and did not retire until 1980. Moved to new studios in 1938 with a 500 watt transmitter at Grovedale (1,000 watts in 1949). Ordered to stop a broadcast of a fire during WWII, as the smoke made Geelong a bombing target. Broadcast live the first

breaking of the sound barrier by a jet in Australia. The pilot and announcer Bill Acfield talked during the event on 21-8-1953. Experimented with stereo in July 1959, with the left channel, and **3CS** broadcasting the right channel. Listeners needed two radios to hear stereo. Has the world record for the longest continuous sport broadcast (A.F.L. for over 90 years). Became K-Rock FM on 1-1-1990. (Their 1341 KHz. A.M. frequency was taken over by **3CW** for a Chinese service). Then bought by Austereo in receivership. The **3GL** callsign was earlier used by a Melbourne experimental station in the 1920s.













3BO Bendigo 04-06-1931. A.W.A. supplied and installed their equipment. Owned and operated by L. Shepherd, then bought by A.W.A. with Ernest Fisk as a Director. Heard all over Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S.A. Known as "The Friendly Voice of the North". Relayed some programs from the A.W.A. installed **9MI**, the world's only floating radio station on board the M.V. Kanimbla, from 1936 to 1939. Myra Dempsey was the first female cricket commentator in the world (1937). Their "Women's Home Forum" club had over 6,000 members in 1938. Increased power to 500 watts in 1940. In April 1949 the Post Master General, Senator

Cameron, threatened to close the station after some pro-communist broadcasts. In September 1949 their Manager, Mr. Fox, accepted a position as **2CH** manager. Started a children's "Smile" club in the 1950s. Relayed news from the Argus newspaper starting on 25-6-1951. First station to employ John Laws in 1953 (then 18 years) as an office boy. Known as "Centre State Radio: Home of the Happy People" in the 1980s. They opened stereo studios on 4-6-1981, in anticipation of stereo A.M. Bought by Ray Gamble in 1993 for \$3,000,000. Became 3BOFM in 1993. Now located in the old Southern Cross Television building.

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3SH Swan Hill 27-08-1931. Started by Ronald Hipwell (see **3KU** Swan

Hill), and installed in his home using a 50 watt transmitter. Ron also started **2BH** (30-6-1934). On air 1230-1730 and 1900-2200. Known as "The Border Feature Station" (later, "The Voice of the North"). Broadcast many balls from local towns. Their "Merry Makers" children's club had 10,000 members in 1938. Relayed some programs from **3WM**. Often heard in New Zealand and New Guinea. The popular "3SH Women's Club" from 1940 had 7,000 members by 1965. Relayed news from the Age newspaper from 1957 (later from **3AW**). Bought by GLV-10 TV on 6-4-1965. John Pearce was one of their well-known announcers. From September 1973 they relayed **3CV**. Bought by Colin Cameron in the 1980s (previously manager of **4LG** and **3UL**).



3YB Rural Towns 10-1931. A mobile commercial radio station touring rural Victorian towns until 1935. Started in a model "T" Ford using a spring-loaded 25 watt transmitter, towing a trailer with a power generator, and a model "A" Ford with the studio (both painted scarlet). Vic Dinenny (WWI veteran) was manager, announcer, and cook; Bert Aldridge was their technician, driver, and mechanic; and Bert Rennie looked after sales, schedules, and copy writing. Their temporary tower was often knocked down by cows in paddocks. Later, they rented the former 1899 Royal train for £12 per week from 17-10-1932.



They had 1,000 records, a 50 watt transmitter, and a 20 feet collapsible tower at each end of a carriage. Licensed to operate anywhere in Victoria at least 30 miles from other stations, and two miles from any Post Office. Young of Ballarat (Jack Young, their first announcer) was also the first announcer at **3BA**. They claimed to be the first mobile radio station in the world, but see **2XT** 1925. On air 1830-2230 for one week in each town with the same program. An agent visited each town earlier to arrange advertising. Listeners were always invited to inspect the station. Listeners in towns with a hospital were asked to telephone the station with a record request and make a donation to their hospital. Their opening was at Creswick. They also operated from Colac, Yarram, Trafalgar, Horsham, Clunes, Traralgon, Warrnambool, Bairnsdale, Warragul, Leongatha, Wonthaggi, Korumburra, Camperdown, Port Fairy, Mortlake, Rushworth, Seymour, Murchison, Shepparton, Numurkah, Yarrawonga, Cobram, Echuca, Kyabram, Rochester, and Terang. Their news was read from the Argus newspaper. Closed on 15-11-1935, after operating for four years. Reopened permanently with two licences at Warrnambool (**3YB** 18-1-1936) and Warragul (**3UL** 18-5-1937).











3HA Hamilton 24-10-1931. Installed by Rupert Fitts (Chief Engineer 3AR/3LO - later manager of the Victorian Broadcasting Network in 1937). Opened in the Y.M.C.A. building with a 200 watt A.W.A. transmitter 20 hours per week, powered by a crude oil generator. Ernest Fisk was a Director. Known as "The Age Broadcasting Service" (later "Western Radio 3HA"). Heard across Australia and New Zealand. Increased on-air hours to 90 per week in 1934 using 300 watts. Relayed some programs from 3WM and 3YB (also VBN members). Started a "Junior Farmers" club in 1937, plus a children's "Sunshine" club in the 1950s. A women's "Cheer Box" club in the 1950s donated some radios to their local hospital. They opened branches at Hamilton, Mt. Gambier, Naracoorte, Heywood, Portland, Casterton, Warrnambool, and Horsham. Jack Davey, while visiting the station, was supposed to say "The Best Teashop in Horsham". He actually said "The Best Horeshop in Teasham". Played one million records in their first 20 years. Bought by GLV-10 TV on 6-4-1965. Opened a temporary studio in Portland in 1967.







A fire destroyed the station on 11-11-1975. Back on air the next day with salvaged equipment but no ceiling or roof in their building. Moved into their outside broadcast van parked outside their managers' home until a new building could be arranged. Second Victorian country station to operate 24 hours (January 1978). Ceased 24 hour broadcasting in September 1979, and resumed in April 1986. Later bought by Ace Radio.

3DW Shepparton 15-11-1931. Broadcast station owned by Doug Tacey and broadcast from his house, with many listeners as far away as New Zealand. On air Sundays 0900-1000, 1230-1400, and 1645-1745. Programs were mainly live, including bands that had to broadcast from his back yard. Known as "The Original Voice of Shepparton". Doug closed his station in 1934 to work as a technician, moving **3WR** from Wangaratta to Shepparton.













3AK Melbourne 29-11-1931. Owned by Akron Tyre Co. Only station to apply for a "C" class licence, which was refused. Started in the owners bedroom (George Palmer at Balwyn – father of Clive Palmer), then at his tyre business. Most programs were live concerts from their Queen Street (later Bourke Street) studio. Known as "The Voice of the Night" with 200 watts, on air 2330-0200, and 0500-0700, then all night from 1937 until 1954. Until then, their licence conditions banned operating while other Melbourne stations were on. Their news was read from the first newspaper to be tied to a rope outside their studio window. Bought **7UV** in 1933. Often heard in Perth and the U.S.A. Relayed some programs from the U.K. via short wave. Their tower blew down in 1937. Distributed 8,000 toys from listeners to children at Christmas in 1937. Broadcaster Rev. Reginald Nichols was found guilty of sending "filthy and obscene" letters to female listeners. Started a "Listeners League" club and a "Birthday" club in the 1930s. Broadcast the high rating dramas "Dr. Kildare" and "The Caltex Theatre" during the 1940s-1950s. Introduced religious programs all day Sunday in 1944. Until 1-2-1954, Melbourne was the only capital city without a 24 hour station (deemed unnecessary because **3AK** was on air during the night), but from this date **3DB**, **3UZ**, and **3XY** became 24 hour licensees, and **3AK** then broadcast during

daylight only (0500-1700 in winter and 0500-1900 in summer). They were still unable to broadcast in the evenings, which, in pre-television times, were considered the peak time for radio stations. In the 1950s they moved to new studios above a bank in St. Kilda. Purchased by Sir Frank Packer (owner of GTV-9 TV) in 1961 with power increasing to 2,000 watts. Originally broadcast from a caravan behind the TV studios until new studios were installed in the Richmond GTV-9 TV building. (The early **3AK** logo uses the same style as GTV-9 TV). From April 1961, their announcers were replaced by GTV-9 personalities Bert Newton, Graham Kennedy, Eric (later Sir Eric) Pearce, Tommy Hanlon Jnr, Hal Todd, Geoff Corke and Philip Brady.

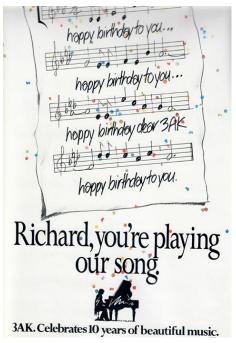








Launched the "3AK Top 100" but then banned all Rock 'n' Roll records in 1962. Relayed **2SM** for three hours daily Monday to Friday from November 1962 with Bob Rogers. Experimented illegally with "Talkback in 1964. The Packer family purchased **2BS** (same frequency) solely to install a directional aerial to stop interference with **3AK** and from 8-10-1968, **3AK** broadcast 24 hours a day. Started a "Beautiful Music" format in June 1972 ("Nice 'n' Easy" from 1985). Blind announcer Grantley Dee used a Braille watch for his time calls. Banned all ABBA records. Tried a "News-Talk" format in December 1985, with relays of John Laws and Alan Jones from **2UE**. Sold to Alan Bond with the Nine Network, in 1987, but **3AK** was resold due to low ratings. In 1990, most staff were sacked with three days' notice, by new owner Peter Corso, using an Italian format. A.F.L. broadcasts were excepted, being still under contract. Sold to **3AW** in 1994, with an "Easy Listening" format from their studios. Peter Corso then launched **3BM** on 1116 KHz. with Italian programs, but didn't last long. Sold to Fusion Media (Mal Garvin; "Breakthrough Generation") in 1996. From late 2003 staff were not paid, so the station was then sub-let as an SEN (Sport-Entertainment-News) station in January 2004.

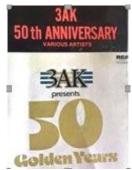
















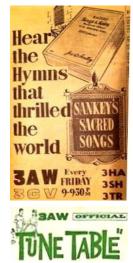






3AW Melbourne 22-02-1932. Owned by Allans Music, and J.C. Williamson to promote their music and theatre businesses, plus the Age newspaper. Started on 300 watts from Her Majesty's Theatre in Exhibition Street (later La Trobe Street). The callsign was first used illegally by Arthur Ward in 1928 at Camperdown. Known as "The Best Station on the Air". A 1934 phone competition saw









3,000 calls cued up at the P.M.G. manual exchange. Later known as "The Feature Station". **2GB** bought a half share in the 1930s. Broadcast Footscray races from on top of the Pioneer Hotel when race callers were banned from courses. Had 71,000 members of their "Chums Chatterbox Corner" in 1938 with Cliff "Nicky" Nichols and Nancy Lee, who both won "Most Popular Announcer" awards. Used short wave to relay outside broadcasts to their studio. A community singing broadcast on 13-4-1941 at the Frankston Plaza Theatre raised funds for the Red Cross. First Australian station to use a tape recorder (bought from the U.S.A. by their Chief Engineer). Started a "Women's Association" club and a "Breakfast" club in the 1940s. Used the first A.B.C. studios in 1946 for program production. Bought **3CV** in the 1950s. Popular singer Johnny Ray urged listeners to donate to the *Argus* "Old Folks Appeal"







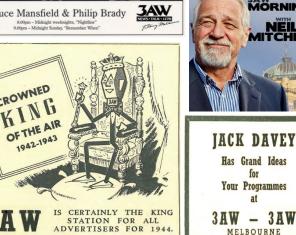


on 15-9-1954. Conducts an annual appeal for the Royal Women's hospital, and the men's section of the Alfred hospital. Installed new studios and transmitter costing £150,000 in 1956. Once banned the Beatles records. Known as "Adult Radio" in the 1960s and "Life in the City" in the 1970s. Announcers included Rex Hunt, Steve Price, Ernie Sigley, Philip Brady, Norman Banks, Tony Charlton, Paul Barber, John Blackman, Ormsby Wilkins, Brian Taylor, John Burns, Bruce Mansfield, Billie Karen, and Derryn Hinch. They topped the ratings in the 1980s and 1990s. In 1975 the Minister for Media, Senator McCelland, warned **3AW** that the licence would be suspended if they again breeched maximum advertising time limits.



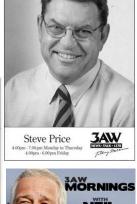












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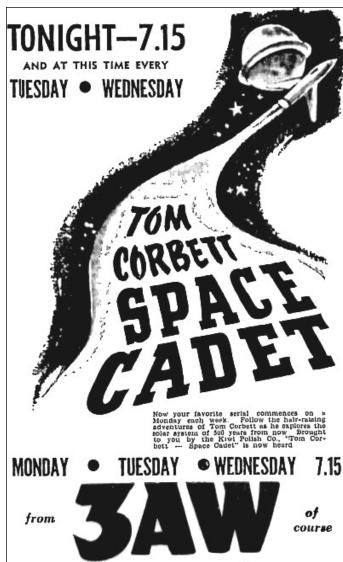
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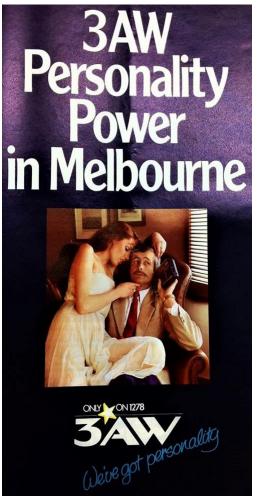






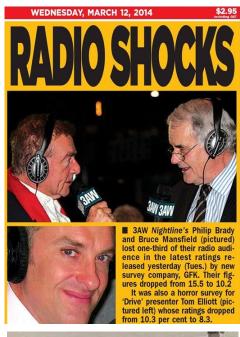


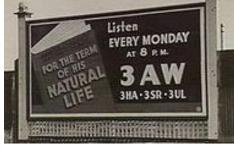












Roadside Billboard











Keith McGowan

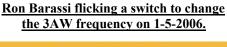
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3TR Sale 12-05-1932. (See **3FB** Trafalgar 27-5-1929, and **3TR** Trafalgar 29-9-1930). Located next to the Post Office. Known as Top Radio. Also had a Traralgon studio, and landlines to Maffra and Bairnsdale. The Gippsland Times tried to stop the move to Sale fearing loss of advertising. Started on 30 watts (250 watts in 1935, 1,000 in 1939, 2,000 in 1950, and 5,000 in 1979). Relayed some **3WM** programs. On 27-7-1933 they broadcast on relay a political rally to **3GL**, **3BO**, **3HA**, **3MA**, **3SH**, and **3WR**. Dropped normal programming when 1,000 homes were burnt in 1939, and took over all firefighting communications. New studios in 1939 were opened by the Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Robert Menzies. Technician Cecil Hopkin was electrocuted by the transmitter in 1942. Often aired broadcasts live from their transmitter due to studio power failures. Started a "Women's" club and a children's "Koala" club in the 1950s. Ambulances in April 1952 were equipped with a radio to listen for urgent messages broadcast by **3TR**. (This occurred in various Australian towns). Changed from the *Argus* to Age news in 1957. Bought by GLV-10 TV on 19-3-1965. Moved to F.M. on 26-4-2002, changing the A.M. callsign to **3GV** (**G**oulburn and Latrobe **V**alley).



Keith McGowan talks to Johnny Chester at 3TR in the 1960s



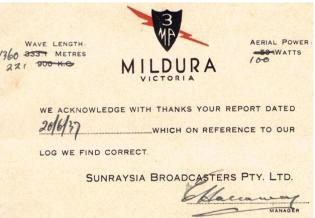


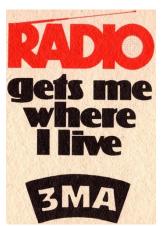
3MA Mildura 25-05-1933. "The Sunraysia Station". Officially opened by the Post Master General, The Hon. Mr. Parkhill. Their first Chief Engineer and Manager was Max Folie (VK3GZ) from mobile station **3YB**. Max was later the first manager of STV-8 TV. Started on 50 watts from 1800 to 2200 (200 watts in 1945). Their first announcer was Gwen Salter from their T&G building studio. Had many landlines to local theatres, dance halls, and churches for live outside broadcasts in the 1930s. Operated at a loss for 20 years with 10 staff. Started a listeners "Sunraysia" club in the 1940s. Their popular "Sunraysia's Artists of the Week" program was used to foster local talent. Changed their format to Easy Listening when they opened a separate F.M. service on 1-4-1996.











3HS Horsham 11-09-1933. Horsham Shire. Owned by Jack Ward, owner of the *Horsham Times* and the *New Sunraysia* newspapers. Cost £2,500 to build. Renowned for their many outside broadcasts. On air 1200-1300 and 1800-2230 using 50 watts. Sold to 3DB for £2,500 on 16-5-1936, to be mainly used as a relay. One hour of local programs daily came from a 3DB studio. Often heard in New Zealand. Changed their callsign to 3LK Lubeck on 2-1-1937 with a new transmitter.

3WR Shepparton 13-09-1934. See **3WR** Wangaratta 25-2-1925. Opened by Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Joe Lyons in the *Shepparton News* building using 500 watts. Dropped plans to change the callsign to **3GV** (see **3TR** 12-5-1932). The equipment was installed by Doug Tacey from **3DW**. Many requests from New Zealand and Japan. All trains were stopped on 22-10-1934 as their tower fell across the railway line. This tower was later used to start **3UL**. Live community singing was popular from the Star Theatre. Organised an appeal in May 1935 for 214 headphones for the local hospital patients. Bought by the *Argus* in 1936 with onair hours 0730-0830, 1100-1200, and 1900-2300, with a power increase to 1,000 watts. Founder Les Hellier stayed as manager for one year. Many complaints from listeners when they changed their format to classical music. Chief Engineer Geoff Steane installed the Public Address system at Melbourne's Spencer Street railway station. Their callsign was changed to **3SR** on 1-2-1937. (See **3SR** 1-2-1937).















3XY Melbourne 08-09-1935. Located at the Princess Theatre as "Your Quality Station". Started on 600 watts by theatrical and movie pioneer Frank Thring Sr. Inherited by actor Frank Thring Jr. aged 10 in 1936. First manager for the CR in March 1941 and 19

was Tom Holt, father of Prime Minister Harold Holt. Race caller Ken Howard used a telescope when his binoculars were seized for the war effort. 15 year old Bob Rogers began his career as a turntable operator in 1942 (later with **3MA**, **7HO**, **2TM**, **2SM**, and **2UE**). Started a women's "Good Companions" club and a "Fishermans" club in the 1940s. Put off the air when their two towers on top of the Princess Theatre were blown down on 6-9-1948. Held an annual radio appeal for the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence in the 1950s. Bert Newton started his career as a 12 year old junior announcer, reading advertisements for the "Peters Pals" children's show (20,000 members). Joined with **3DB**, **3UZ**, and **3AW** to apply for a television licence in 1953. Off the air on 13-9-1954 due to a fire. Experimented with stereo in 1958 (see **3UZ** for details). Moved to Carlton in the 1960s, then to St. Kilda Road, and later *The Age* newspaper building in Spencer Street. 10% of 1965-1972 programs were ethnic with English translations (also see **2CH**).



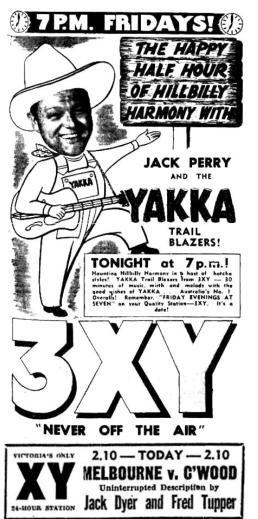




Graham Kennedy had a studio in his house for his programs 1970-1971. During a Billy Thorpe interview in 1973, a man arrived with a shotgun demanding to see him. Rated number one for most of the 1970s-1980s. The above photo is Bruce Mansfield in 1966. Launched the 1974 "Rocktober" promotion. Sued by Fleetwood Mac during their 1980 Australian tour for copyright breaches with the **3XY** advertising posters. Sold for 15.75 million in 1986, ten million in 1988 and 1 million in 1989. Their 1988/1989 slogan became "XY Easy Rock; The Station You Grew Up With, Has Grown Up Too". Ownership arrangements during 1990 meant that for a short time, Geelong's BAY FM programs were simulcast on 3XY's 1422 KHz. frequency. In august 1991, the following appeared in "THE AGE" weekly radio guide: Because of the uncertainty of programming due to ownership negotiations, no definite program schedule was made available. Sold to A.W.A. on 23-9-1991 for \$600,000. They then closed the station, later relaunching as **3EE**.









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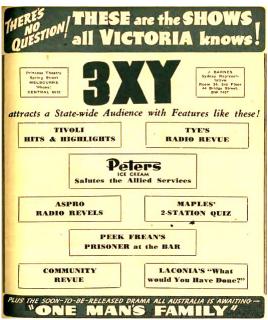
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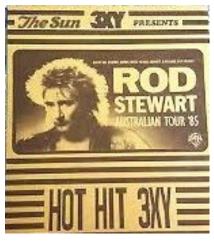
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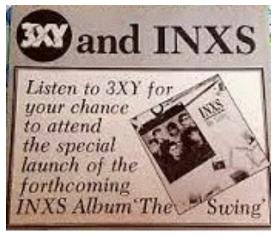
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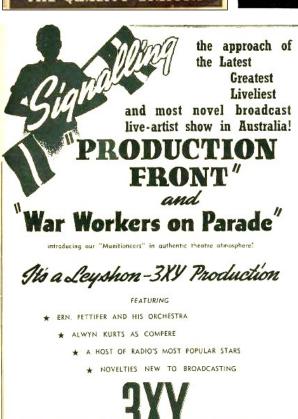












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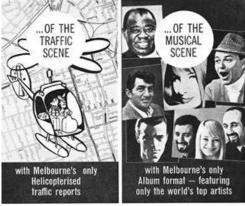
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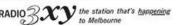




Graham Kennedy's **3XY** home studio.







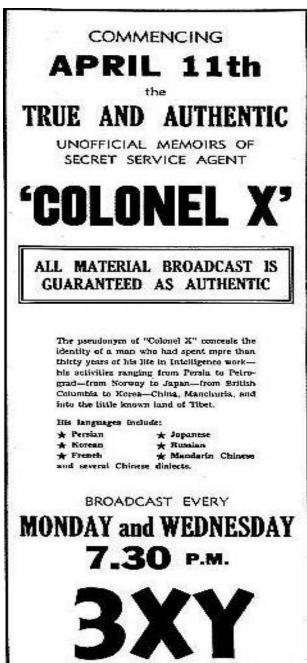














THE QUALITY STATION

3MB Birchip **26-10-1935.** Owned by Mallee Broadcasters P/L using 50 watts. Known as "The Brighter Country Station". Only station to be received on Queensland's Mornington Island. Became **3CV** Charlton on 31-3-1938.

3GI Sale 31-10-1935. A.B.C., relaying **3AR** with several local programs. **Gi**ppsland service. Opened by the Post Master General, who then also opened **2GZ** by landline. Opening broadcast was a fundraising Grand Hospital Ball in Victoria Hall with Jim Davidson, the A.B.C. Dance Band, and the Sundowners. Located next to **3TR** in the Post Office. Their 7,000 watt water-cooled S.T.C. transmitter at Longford, used a 500 feet high tower (then the second highest in Australia). Moved to the former A.N.Z. bank building in 1951 and to purpose built studios on the Princes Highway in 1991. Army DUKWs carried supplies to technicians stranded by floods at the transmitter on 18-6-1952. Pictured is a copy of their QSL card.











I'M A 3YB RADIO LISTENER

3YB Warrnambool 18-01-1936. (See **3YB** 1931). Their 27-12-1935

opening was stopped when their 50 watt transmitter failed. Used most of the **3YB** mobile station equipment. On air 1200-1400, and 1800-2200, four days a week. Known as "Your City of Warrnambool Station". Relayed some programs from **3WM** including local balls. Sold to the *Argus* newspaper on 4-3-1937, with new studios in the Commonwealth bank and a 200 watt transmitter built by their Chief Engineer, Harry Fuller (see **3HF**). News was read from the *Argus*. Reduced on-air hours in 1940 due to loss of staff to WWII. The Army supplied a bottle of acid and a hatchet to destroy the transmitter if Australia was invaded. Their sports announcer's binoculars were taken for the war effort. Destroyed by fire on 16-4-1945. Reopened on 6-5-1945 in the T&G building with a borrowed amateur transmitter (equipment was hard to obtain during WWII), plus equipment lent from other stations. After WWII, on-air hours were 1100-2230. Launched a "Boys" club and a "Breakfast" club in the 1950s. Harry Fuller designed and built the first Australian wire recorder. Their tower collapsed in 1947. Increased power to 1,000 watts on 11-8-1951 (2,000 in 1968). Relayed some **3HA** programs from 1950. Chris Kerr once fell asleep while reading the news. Raised over £1,000,000 for hospital appeals. Helped to launch GMV-6 TV in 1961. Known as "The Station with the Happiest Listeners" in 1964. Operated a relay studio in Portland 1967-1971. Closed in 1967 for two days due to a lightning strike. Opened new studios in 1968.

3LK Lubeck 02-01-1937. See 3HS Horsham 11-9-1934. Opened by Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Joe Lyons on relay from 7LA via 3DB. Mainly a 3DB relay station. Their five ton flywheel power generator was to power Lubeck's street lights, but not enough power was generated. Their transmitter used 10 gallons of water hourly to cool its' valves. There was one turntable at the transmitter in case of landline failures. Often heard in New Zealand. Local news items were sent to 3DB by Morse code. During 1939, a separate one hour program for Lubeck was broadcast at midday each day from a 3DB studio. A mice plague shorted out their transmitter in July 1942. In 1953 their annual hospital appeal raised over £80,000. In 1954 all the studio and transmitter equipment was replaced. Introduced local programs on 4-10-1971; this new service being officially opened by Myles Wright, Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board. Located in the A.M.P. building. They borrowed a record of "God Save the King" from the A.B.C. for their opening. Returned to Horsham on 1-2-1972 as 3WM. Also see unrelated 3LK Geelong 16-5-1927.









3SR Shepparton 01-02-1937. (Chairman Stanisford Rickettson). Started as 3WR in Wangaratta on 25-2-1925. Moved to Shepparton on 13-9-1934. Opened by Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, with new owners, the Argus newspaper. Their 2,000 watt transmitter had a a water cooled three feet long valve. Was to be **35K** (manager **Sid K**emp). The old **3WR** transmitter was rebuilt as a stand-by by technician Ray Shortell (see 3HF). Received over 1,000 letters weekly. Increased hours to 0600-0000 in 1937, with popular ball broadcasts. Bought 3YB and 3UL on 4-3-1937. Closed 1400-1800 during WWII. Started a listeners "Friendship Club" in 1937 with groups in 13 towns raising enough funds to purchase two WWII ambulances. Known as "The Heart of Victoria". A new studio complex, designed and installed by Len Schultz (**2LO**, **2GB**), opened on 11-12-1954 with a new transmitter in 1956, with listeners in New Zealand and New Guinea. Launched the "Harmony Trail" Australian country music program in 1955, with Neville Pellitt, lasting for over nine years. Relayed to 45 Australian stations, plus New Zealand, Nebraska, Nashville, Florida, Israel, Austria, Canada, and South Africa, launching many country singer's careers. Mike Walsh started his career here in 1960. Helped to launch GMV-6 TV in 1961. Once broadcast 40 commercials in one hour (a record). All equipment in their four studios, plus their records and office facilities were destroyed on 2-10-1966 by an announcer. Studio equipment was borrowed from GMV-6 TV and **3CS** to go back on air. An escaped prisoner was caught by police hiding in their office. On air 24 hours for 10 days in May 1974 to relay emergency flood messages. Sandbags protected the transmitter with a rowboat being used for checks. Their new building was opened on 20-2-1985. Moved to FM on 9-10-1998. Their 1260 KHz. frequency is now used as a **3UZ** relay, known as Sport 927.



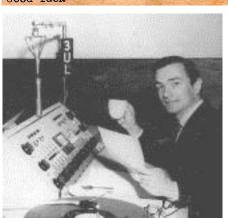
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3WV Horsham 25-02-1937. A.B.C., relaying **3AR** with some local programs. Western Victoria service, using a 5,000 watt transmitter at Dooen (later 10,000 watts, then 50,000 watts in 1987) with a 670' high tower. First planned to open as **3WY** in 1935. Officially opened by the Post Master General, The Hon. A.J. McLachlan with a concert in the Town Hall. Local news was broadcast twice a week, supplied by the *Horsham Times* newspaper. Later opened a studio in the Ballarat Post Office, with two hand-wound turntables and 50 records. This station was to replace **3LO** during WWII if Melbourne was bombed. They did broadcast some coded messages during WWII for the military. Off the air on 28-10-1953 due to a lightning strike.

3VB mobile station, and the original **3WR** tower. After WWII they were granted a lower frequency to allow a wider coverage. Started a "Breakfast" club, and children's "Cheerio" club, and women's "Friendly Circle" club in the 1940s. Owned by local businesses through Associated Broadcasting Services from 23-12-1953. Their manager, Ron Williams, was appointed first manager of GMV-6 TV in 1961. Operated a relay studio in Morwell during the 1960s-1970s. Lent a transmitter crystal to **5UV** (on the same frequency) in 1972 so they could launch their service. Manager Neville Pellitt trialled a fully automated computer driven on-air system for three years in the 1970s. (**3YB** and **3SR** also tried it). Didn't last long, being too awkward despite being able to record a four hour program in 20 minutes. Denise Drysdale started her radio career here, along with Ron Burke, who introduced the station's first talkback program "Burke and the Beast". Changed their callsign to **3GG** (Greater Gippsland) on 29-11-1989, when sold to a local consortium. Letter below is from manager Neville Pellitt. Photo is announcer Max Tayler in 1963.

Had a ring from the Broadcasting Control Board who recorded your breakfast programme last Wednesday and Thursday and were horrified to hear brackets of 5 and 6 adds in a break. They complained bitterly about this and we sed tut tut and other suitable fibrases. Howefer, as a result, would you mind doing no more than 4 in a break from today please. I know its a cow when they're logged in brackets of 5s and 6s and 5 minutes apart - but if necessary you can play part of records only instead of full discs to get more brackets in. As soon as is possible the girls will start logging the breaks 3 mins apart instead of 5 mins apart as is the case now. Please break up ads with time calls accasionally too or with call sign as this was commented on also.

Good luck

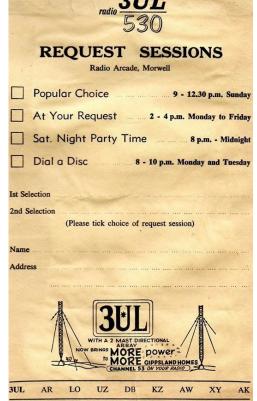












3CV Charlton 31-08-1938. (See **3MB** Birchip 26-10-1935). Owned by **C**entral **V**ictoria Broadcasters. On air with 500 watts. "The Peoples Station". Closed daily between 1300-1700. Operated by Cliff Parry with one other staff. Their Women's Club had 11,000 members during WWII, providing ambulances, canteens, and food parcels for the war effort. Gained approval to move to Maryborough, however, their requested power increase to 3,000 watts was denied. The station was moved on the back of an old truck to Maryborough on 5-10-1943, with the cost of moving being £150. (See **3CV** Maryborough 5-10-1943).





3CS Colac 07-10-1939. Owned by **C. S**ellwood with two staff. Officially opened by Maurice Duffy (first **3KZ** manager). Their Chief Engineer was Roy Streeter, also from **3KZ**. They designed and built the studio equipment. Their Chief Announcer and Studio Manager was Basil O'Brien from **3AK**, **7UV**, and **7BU**. Broadcast fundraiser balls for a WWII Patriotic Fund, financing two mobile kitchens, plus talent quests, community singing, and church services. On air 0630-0930, 1200-1600, and 1730-2230 using 200 watts (1,000 watts in 1952, 2,000 watts in 1960 with a directional antenna, and 5,000 watts in 1978, on air 24 hours from 13-3-1978). Their 300 feet high tower fell down in 1940. Their children's "Helpmates" and women's "Sunshiners" club supported numerous WWII fundraisers. Only had two announcers during WWII. Had 12 managers over 16 years after WWII. In 1955 the A.B.C.B. instructed the station to completely modernise its equipment. Relayed some programs from **3WM**. Tried stereo experiments (for details see **3GL**). Opened an Ararat studio in 1963, which included a broadcast of their Carols by Candlelight, and a Geelong studio in 1987. Once banned all Beatles records. Sold to Associated Broadcaster Services (3UL, 3SR, 3YB) in 1965. Closed their Ararat studio in 1967 after **3BA** opened a studio there. Ian MacRae and Sam Galea (later at **2SM**), Ian Major (later **3XY** and **3KZ**), and Greg Evans started their careers here. Broadcast some Greek programs in the 1970s/80s which were relayed to **3GL** and **3UL**. They also had some Bulgarian and German programs. Installed a standby transmitter from 3AW in 1974. Plans to become a 3YB relay were stopped in 1975 with new owner Bill Bowie (3SH, 3TR, 2UW, 3AK). The telephone was disconnected in 1977 due to an unpaid bill. Their new manager, Alan Wheatley from 2BE, left the day he started. Changed to country music in 1982 which lasted two years (ratings went up but revenue went down). Once broadcast live from atop Ayers Rock. On air for two days from a hurriedly erected makeshift studio at their transmitter site due to a cut landline. Purchased by **3HA** in 1985. Later bought by the Ace Radio Network. Has had more owners than any other station. Opened a Geelong studio on 2-7-1987. Also in 1987, their Grecian Musical Parade won an award for Outstanding Ethnic Broadcasting, with a satellite link to a station in Greece. Football was prominent in 1988 with 44 live descriptions plus live crosses to over 200 other games. In 1989 \$500,000 was spent on new equipment.







COLAC OCTOBER 7

The new Victorian commercial station at Colac, with the allocated call sign 3CS, is nearing completion and will commence operations on October 7, on a wave-length of 265 metres with an aerial power of 200 watts.

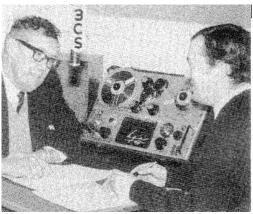
The transmission plant is by T.E.P.L. and incorporates all latest improvements in design and construction and will feed into a half-wave aerial system, ensuring maximum efficiency and clear transmis-



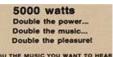




sion in its service area. Studios and offices are located in the heart of Colac which is one of the large thriving towns in the Western district.



Doug Jennings (1966)





Gary Turner (1992)



3CV Maryborough 05-10-1943. See **3MB** Birchip 26-10-1935, and **3CV** Charlton 31-8-1938. **C**entral **V**ictoria. Started a "Young Crusaders" club and a "Women's" club in the 1940s. Sold to **3AW** in the 1950s, on relay from 1800 until the 1960s. Installed a new transmitter on 3-8-1952 (often heard in Hawaii, New Zealand, and the U.S.A.). New 1956 studios cost £15,000. Relayed to 3SH from September 1973. Later moved to Bendigo and bought by A.W.A. Bought by **3BO** in 1993. Changed to an





"Easy Listening" format as **3EL** when **3BO** moved to F.M. in 1999. Photo is Harry Wilde 1977.

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Accent here is on community service and Accent here is on community service and sponsor co-operation. Picture shows Mr. Alf Grierson, Bendigo manager of Motor Spares Ltd., congratulating Vernon Mill-kens of Bendigo, the winner of the Master Sports Bicycle donated by Motor Spares Ltd. to the 3CV Women's Radio Club to help raise money for the Children's Hospital Auxiliary in Bendigo. The 3CV Women's Auxiliary in Bendigo. The 3CV Women's Club is continually receiving assistance in their work by the 3CV sponsors.



A Macquarie Feature Station







9AF Melbourne 1944. This callsign was used by the Australian Army Amenities Service testing 10 and 200 watt broadcast transmitters using 1440 KHz. The equipment was then moved to 25 Army

camps in the Pacific to entertain WWII personnel. QSL cards are very rare and highly prized. Often **9AK** and **9AN** were also used as testing callsigns. The photo shows the testing of the equipment by Sgt. M. Williams before being sent to Kure in Japan as 9AT.



DIG Melbourne 02-05-1948. Pirate radio station called "Station Dig" set up by Ricardo Blackburn denouncing communism by using (and therefore jamming) the **3UZ** and **3XY** frequencies. He was prosecuted and fined £35-5-0.

3SA RADIO

TRAINING 3SA Melbourne 27-03-1954. Cable radio station owned by Clark Sinclair at St. Kilda East on air 0800-0000 three days a week. Operated radio announcer training courses, supplying announcers to stations around the country. Clark also worked for 3AK, 3XY, 3KZ, 3CV, 3UL, 3YB, 3AW, 3CR, 3EE, and 2QN. He was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to broadcasting in 1981. Clark passed away in 2010.













3NE Wangaratta 27-03-1954. North Eastern Broadcasters P/L. Owned by a group of local businesses. Their transmitter site was chosen by conducting test transmissions at different sites from an Army weather balloon. Their official opening was a mixture of local and Melbourne artists performing in the St. Patricks hall, hosted by Ron Euling.







First manager, Murray Norris, was sacked and locked out of the station on the next day. Allegedly he spent half the station's first budget on a private car. Their first announcers were Jim Donnelly and Ron Alderton. Later manager, G. Billett, was previously manager of **3CS** and earlier worked for **7HT**, **3AK**, and **4BK**. Now known as "Solid Gold 3NE", with F.M. relay transmitters at Mt Hotham, Mt Beauty, Myrtleford, and Mt Buffalo.

3WL Warrnambool 09-1954. A.B.C. Relay of **3WV**.

3PD Melbourne 1956. A closed circuit station established at Pentridge gaol with assistance by Henry Guy. Several stations donated 78 RPM records to get them started. Henry interviewed Tony Hancock, Sir Eric Pearce, Johnny O'Keefe, Mark Wynter, Don Cornell, Buddy Rich, Stan Freberg, Vicki Carr, Mat Monroe, Jack Benny, plus Michael Bentine from the Goons. The gaol Governor also allowed Henry to give panel operating lessons for young short-term inmates as possible job prospects upon their release.

3BN Bendigo 1961. A.B.C. Bendigo National service. Projected station which never went to air.

3PR Melbourne 1970. Pirate radio station called "Peoples Radio". Jammed by the Government then closed.

3DR Melbourne 28-09-1971. Pirate radio station broadcasting from the union building of Melbourne university. Operated by four **d**raft **r**esisting students with police warrants for their arrest. Eventually raided and closed by the police.

3MU Melbourne 1972. Pirate radio station called "Monash University Radio" using **3DR** and **3PR** equipment. Closed by the police. Years later they were heard broadcasting on the internet.









Wimmera/Mallee. (See **3HS** Horsham 11-9-1933 and **3LK** Lubeck 24-12-1936). First manager, Les Bradley was Vice President of the Federation of Australian Commercial Broadcasters. Started with 52 hours of local programs weekly, with 59 hours of **3DB** programs. At one stage, **3WM** relayed to **3SH**, **3YB**, **3CS**, **3HA**, and **3TR**. Their slogan is "The Best Songs of All Time". They also feature AFL broadcasts with Rex Hunt. Numerous landline failures to their transmitter resulted in a standby program on a tape recorder being installed at their transmitter. Bought by Colin Cameron (previously manager of **4LG** and **3UL**) in the 1980s, then by the Ace Radio Network in 1986, joining **3SH**, **3HA**, and **3CS** as the largest regional Victorian radio network. Now relays to Ararat and Kaniva, and produces "*The Weekly Advertiser*" newspaper.

3MT Omeo 06-02-1973. A.B.C. Relay of 3GI.



3ZZ Melbourne 12-05-1975. A.B.C. A public access station for minority groups. This call sign may have come from the two main instigators of the station: (George **Z**angalis and Richard **Z**oeller). On air 1800-2300, with taped replays the following morning. Broadcast in English three days, and in 21 other languages for four days per week. Accused by the A.B.C. management of broadcasting "political propaganda". Described as "an experiment

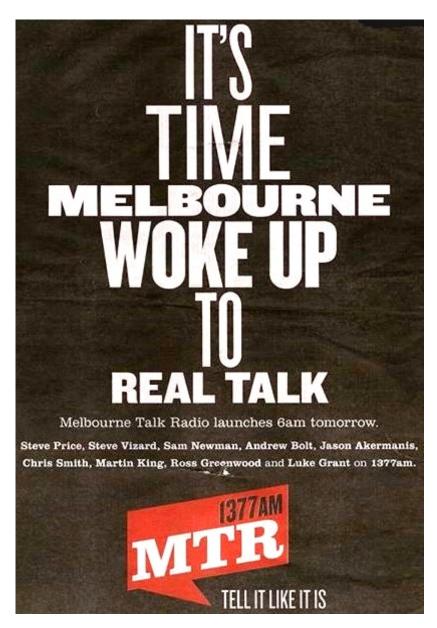
that failed because it succeeded too well". Senator Sir Magnus Cormack claimed they were "aggravating racial feeling in the community with raucous and rancid programs". Closed on 15-7-1977. Several staff resigned and reopened the station with borrowed equipment, which was then closed by the Government. A demonstration was then held outside the station by 300 supporters. Most of their ethnic programs transferred to the S.B.S. station **3EA**. Some other programs were relaunched on **3CR**. The **3ZZ** 'experiment' is often regarded as the forerunner of community radio (also see commercial station **5AU** 25-5-1938 regarding community radio).

3EA Melbourne 23-06-1975. Ethnic Australia with ethnic programs. An offer to the A.B.C. to take over the station in 1976 was not taken up. Became the Special Broadcasting Service in 1978, presenting 75 languages by 2013.



3MP Melbourne 22-07-1976. Mornington Peninsula. Opened by their Director Mike Walsh. Their first announcer, Dean Matters, was put off the air by their fire sprinkler system in the studio. They later purchased **3EE** and simulcast until the A.B.A. insisted on separate programs. The station was then sold to **3AW**. They refused to broadcast an anti-abortion advertisement in 1988, featuring one baby's heartbeat. Eventually leased by **2GB** as a partial relay from 19-4-2010, known as MTR (Melbourne Talkback Radio). However, they were closed on 2-3-2012 due to financial problems, and then reverted to their previous format. The **3MP** callsign was first issued at Hawthorne in the 1920s as a licensed experimental station.





3JR Dandenong 29-12-1976. Jamboree Radio. Operated 0600-2000 daily by scouts with Jamboree information and music. Used a borrowed **3DB** outside broadcast van with a six watt transmitter. Closed on 6-1-1977. This callsign was previously allocated to an experimental broadcast station in Preston in the 1920s.





3CR Melbourne 1976. Community radio with alternative programs for minority groups. Started with old tape recorders and turntables from the ABC, and old transmitters from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Operated under a "Limited Commercial" licence. (After 3ZZ closed, some programs went across to 3CR). Numerous politicians described the station as





"scandalous, defamatory, mere propaganda, and contemptuous of the courts". The callsign used to be a 1924 experimental licence.



3RPH Melbourne 1982. Radio for the Print Handicapped. Started with test transmissions outside the broadcast band. Moved to the former **3KZ** 1179 KHz. A.M. frequency in 1990 after **3KZ** moved to F.M. They now have F.M. relays at Albury, Bendigo, Geelong, Mildura, Shepparton, Warragul, and Warrnambool.

3AB Wodonga 1984. A.B.C. Relay of **2CO** Corowa.

3WA Wangaratta 1987. A.B.C. Relay of **3AR** Melbourne.

3ML Mildura 22-02-1988. Commercial station with an "Easy Listening" format. See **3MA** 25-5-1933.

CLASSIC HITS

3TT Melbourne 02-04-1988. See 3DB Melbourne 21-2-1927. Featured "Classic Hits". The only 3DB

announcer retained was Lawrence Costin. He had served the station for over 30 years. Now owned by **2UW.** In 1989 they were the first station in the world to replace audio mixers with touch sensitive screens. This cost \$2,300,000. Became "MIX F.M." in June 1990, with their A.M. frequency used to launch A.B.C. station **3PB**.





RACING 3BT Ballarat 02-06-1988. "Radio Sports National".

3CW Geelong 1989. Chinese language station using the old **3GL** 1341 KHz. A.M. frequency.

3PB Melbourne 1989. A.B.C. **Parliamentary Broadcasting network.** Broadcast Muzak style music between daily Parliamentary sittings. Closed on non-sitting days, until starting a news service known as "A.B.C. News Radio" in August 1994. This callsign was previously issued as a commercial station in Melbourne in 1925, which closed in 1926.









3GG Warragul 29-11-1989.

(See **3UL** Warragul 18-5-1937. (**G**reater **G**ippsland). Moved to Traralgon with their new callsign, selling their Warragul building, which they later bought back, moving back to Warragul. A promotion for a sci-fi movie at a local cinema received an award. It involved a fake flying saucer in a park being 'discovered' by a reporter. Several live crosses resulted in the public attending. The flying saucer then opened to reveal an advertisement for the movie. Rival **3TR** broadcast it as a news item. Derryn Hinch on **3AW**, criticised the promotion, and **3DB** congratulated the announcer during a live interview. Their format changed from contemporary to an Easy Listening and Talkback mix in 2002, following the introduction of F.M. licenses in the area. Owners have included Reg Grundy Capital, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, and Resonate Broadcasting.















3EE Melbourne 02-07-1992. See **3XY** (8-9-1935) and **3MP** (22-7-1976). Owned by A.W.A. with a low rating easy listening and talkback format. Only station to use a four tower directional antenna. Bought by, and relayed **3MP** on 1-9-1992. Became "Magic 693" on 26-3-1994 as a separate service as per a directive from the A.B.A. Their new format was top hits of the 1940s to the 1960s. Bought by **3AW**, swapping frequencies on 1-5-2006).

3BM Melbourne 05-12-1994. Bilingual Media, but also known as Rete Italia, with Italian programs. Owned by Peter Corso. Started on 1116 KHz. then moved to 1593 KHz. swapping frequencies with **3AK** (also see **3XY** below).

3XY Melbourne 26-10-1995. Greek language station known as Radio Hellas, started by Peter Corso, using the previous 3XY callsign and frequency. Off the air in August 2009 due to a tower collapse.

Peter Peter Bull Program

Mondays

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9:00 pm GRK 9:30 pm ENG

3EL Bendigo 10-1999. See 3CV Maryborough 5-10-1943. Started as 3MB Birchip (26-10-1935). Later became 3CV Charlton (31-3-1938). "Easy Listening". Became "Easymix Radio" on 6-9-2005.



3GV Sale 26-04-2002. See **3TR** Sale 12-5-1932. (**G**ippsland and Latrobe **V**alley).

Letters to the Editor, and other bits 'n' pieces:

Summer nights are coming soon; we shall dance beneath the moon, while the sighing breezes blow, melodies from 3LO. Youth and pleasure, dance and song, dainty mind with escort strong. Summertime is sweet you know, dancing to the radio. Rounded cheek and flashing eye, see them swaying, flitting by, as their feet move to and fro, on the tunes from 3LO.

Why the howling and the fuss, 3LO's cut off from us. 3UZ is more than weak, 3KZ can faintly squeak. 3AR's not in the fun, or mixed up with t'other one. The more you want, the less you get, then you start to fume and fret. Plugging here, plugging there, 3HA is full of air.

Disgruntled anonymous listener in Hamilton complaining about the launch of 3HA interfering with Melbourne stations.

"There are far too many records and cricket descriptions on 3AR, and a total lack of musical talent". Letter to the Editor 4-3-1927.

"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". Letter to the Editor 6-5-1927.

"I wish to protest about the mediocre programmes on 3WV. This includes horrible imitation swing music and other much less than average programmes". Letter to the Editor 2-1-1939.

A 3DB announcer once said "A woman was bitten on the funnel by a finger-web spider".



MELBOURNE ALL-NIGHT PLANS FOR STUNTS, MUSIC, NEWS.

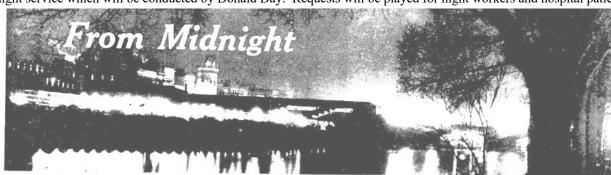
(From the *Listener In* 30-1-1954).

News services, shift workers' requests programmes and stunts will be featured in 24-hour broadcasting from three Melbourne stations from Sunday January 31. Night-owl listeners will be introduced to new radio people and will find former day-time favourities on the air at all hours. The extended broadcasting hours licences date from February 1, but 3DB, 3XY, and 3UZ have received permits to broadcast to midnight on Sunday without interrupting their services.

Listeners to **3DB** on Sunday night will hear a gala opening to the new service. All of its radio personalities, including Danny Webb, Maurice Callard, Dick Cranbourne, John Eden, Peter Surrey, John Stuart, and Eric Welch will take part in the opening. They will introduce the new night announcer, Glenn Millins. Glen is known to theatregoers as producer and actor in the Kiwis. Programme manager for 3DB, Norman Spencer, said the emphasis in the 3DB night service would be on streamlined news presentation. News broadcasts will be given throughout the night and bulletins will be broadcast as they come to hand. The station will rebroadcast boxing, wrestling, and cycling events each week in the night programme. The 3DB announcing, programming and technical staffs have been increased to cope with the new service.

The **3XY** all-night programmes will be conducted by British actor Leon Peers, who became known to Melbourne listeners when he recently took over the 3XY breakfast session while Jack Perry was on holidays. Night news bulletins will be heard over 3XY at midnight and three and six o'clock each morning. Information will be broadcast to waterside workers at 6-10 each morning. A newcomer to Australian radio, American Gerry Bogin, will compere the first 3XY late programme at 10-30 on Sunday night. Each Sunday he will broadcast "Spotlight Microgroove Hour"; a programme featuring Spotlight Variety records. Cyril Stevens, manager of Spotlight Varieties, secured an option of the first all-night programme from 3XY when plans for first night broadcasting were announced.

The **3UZ** all-night programme will be opened by a staff show featuring well-known 3UZ personalities, beginning at 10-30 on Sunday night. Those taking part will include John McMahon, Nicky and Graham, Fred Tupper, Bob Horsfall, Norman Ellis, Bert Bryant, John Russell, Howard Scrivener, Shirley Radford, and John Pacini. Hourly news broadcasts will be given in the 3UZ night service which will be conducted by Donald Day. Requests will be played for night workers and hospital patients.



HERE ARE YOUR ALL-NIGHT ANNOUNCERS







Show Includes Top 40

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10.00 Stan Rofe Show Includes Top 40 1.00 Rod Spargo Presents the All Night Show

7.00 Bill Gates Show Includes Top 40 8.00 SAM ANGLESEY SHOW

Phone: 63-5451. 1030 KC. — 1090 KC. 5.00 Breakfast Session with John Eden

00 Talkback Gerald Lyons with

3DB-LK

11.00 John Thompson

2.00 Rob Lynch Show

5.00 Paddy O'Donnell

6.15 Yes, What?

6.35 Paddy O'Donnell

Show 8.00 DENIS SCANLAN SHOW 12.00 All Night Show with John Cook

3AW Ph. 329-6666 5.30 John Jones Show 8.15 Sports Week 9.00 John Bright

Show Dawn Carryl Requests 9.30 Tatts Dr. 9.35 John Bright 12.30 Peter Leslie Drawing

Show

4.00 Rick 0 Rick Melbourne Million Dollar

Million Dollar Musicale 5.45 Sports Week 6.00 Dr Pym's Progress 6.15 Deadly Nightshade 6.30 Rick Melbourne 6.40 Movies and Music

Music
7.11 Rick Melbourne
7.13 BILL RULE
REQUESTS
12.00 Melbourne After
Midnight with
Barry Casey

12.00 Midnight to with Artie

5.30 Pete and Breakfast Show

7.00 Powerline

8.30 Ormsby Wilkins and Norman Banks

8.45 Norman Banks' Open Line 11.00 Lois Lathlean's Melbourne Today

12.30 Powerline 2.30 3AW at Your Service The Homemaker

3.30 Geoff Manion

Show 6,30 RAY LAWRENCE SHOW

6.22 Greyhound Preview 7.35 Greyhound Races 9.00 GRAEME BERRY Big 30 and Predictions

12.01 Graham Bowie Big 30 and

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5.30 Graeme Boyd
Show
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9.00 Myke Dyer Show
Commentary on
current local and
overseas affairs
12.00 Bill Howie
Good Guy Chart,
Showbusiness

Showbusiness Report, Theatre, Film & Book

Film & Book
Reviews
4.00 Lionel Yorke
Good Guy Chart
and Tim Hewat for
Tonight
7.00 Alan Aitken
Good Guy Chart,
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