

A.C.T. A.M. Radio Stations

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



2CA Canberra 14-11-1931. Originally owned by Jack Ryan – VK2LE (a WW1 signaller) in his Kingston radio shop with a 50 watt transmitter, built by himself. (A.W.A. falsely claimed that they built the transmitter). Jack then tested as **2YN** and **2LE** during the off-air hours of **2BL** (callsign **2LE** was reissued to a commercial station at Meadow Flat, which never went to air).

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6.45	MACQUARIE NEWS SERVICE Followed by The Canberra Times News	8.30	BLACK MUSEUM...  The Charge Is ... MURDER! SCOTLAND YARD STORIES Sponsored by Commonwealth Motors 
7.00	 WHO'S WHO? Radio's Amusing Name-Game! With TERRY DEAR!	9.05	THEATRE TIME WITH SOMERSET MAUGHAM Great stories brought to life. Presented by ... 
7.30	 BOB DYER in "WINNER TAKE ALL" Another Colgate-Palmolive Show	9.30	MONITOR brings you the whole wide world  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eric Baume ● News ● Interviews ● Police Report
8.00	A KING-SIZED QUIZ!  WITH THE KING OF QUIZ!	10.30	THE SUPPER CLUB! with BOB WALKER ALL TO-NIGHT ON 2CA

Officially launched by the Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Joseph Lyons. Received 17 letters from New Zealand after the reception of their first broadcast. 16 year old George Barlin, Jack's only employee, started on 3-2-1933. He worked in the radio shop from 0900-1300, then with the station 1300-2200 six days a week as technician, salesman, announcer, and copywriter. Jack installed a 500 watt transmitter in 1933 built by George and himself with a move to Fyshwick (then called 'Molonglo'), and relayed almost all of their evening programs from **2GB**. George was appointed manager during WWII and was later the first manager of CTC-7 TV. On air three times daily for a total of five hours.





George Barlin at the 2CA microphone.



Announcer Ted Reeves



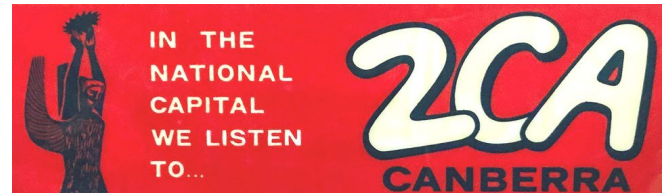
TO-DAY

6.00 Open.
Breakfast Session.
7.30 Macquarie News.
7.45 2CA-Canberra Times News.
8.15 Biggles.
8.30 Breakfast Session.
9.00 Portia Faces Life.
9.30 Timber Ridge.
10.00 Dr. Paul.
10.15 Mary Livingstone, M.D.
11.15 Mrs. 'Obbs.
11.45 Eric Baume.
12.15 Macquarie News.
1.15 Boldness Be My Friend.
2.15 Are You Listening?
5.15 Rocky Starr.
5.30 Tarzan.

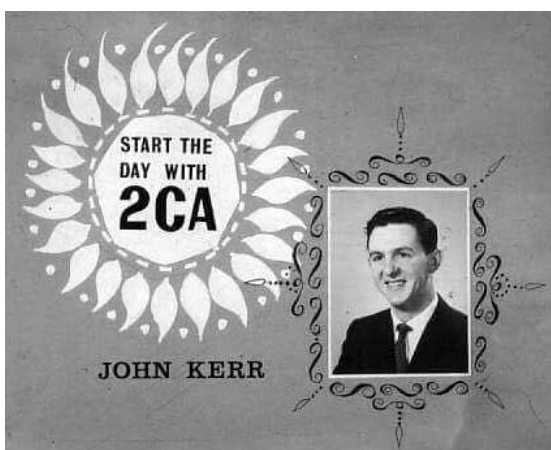
5.45 What's on in the District.

TO-NIGHT

6.00 Hop Harrigan.
6.15 Macquarie News.
6.30 The Street With No Name.
6.45 2CA-Canberra Times News.
7.00 Smoky Dawson.
7.30 Indictment.
8.00 Amateur Hour.
9.00 Thanks for the Memory.
9.15 Europe Entertains.
9.30 MONITOR (including 2CA - Canberra Times News).
10.30 Moments with Music.
11.00 Close.



Broadcast local weather conditions and landing instructions on air to all aeroplane pilots flying between Sydney and Melbourne via Canberra during 1936. Off the air on 18-1-1937 when lightning destroyed their tower. Installed a 2,000 watt transmitter at Gungahlin from **2GB** in 1938. On 22-9-1938, Federal Parliament refuted statements on **2CA** that they had been given permission to broadcast Parliamentary proceedings. Started 24 hour broadcasting on 7-10-1938, except during WWII. Broadcast regular Balls and "Country Town Sessions" from 11 towns. Opened a theatrette with fortnightly concerts. Service people were admitted free, with proceeds given to their "Women's Club" to support WWII service personnel. Jack once broadcast from a Wirth's circus lion cage. Owned for a short time by **2GB**, with both control rooms communicating via Morse code. Established most of the Australia-wide important relays from Parliament House. Launched a "Boys" club and a "Younger Set" club in 1950, and a "Night Owls" club in 1960. Their studios had to be evacuated on 29-11-1993 when a man crashed his car into the ground floor of the Jolimont Building and tried to blow up the building. Staff from both **2CA** and FM104.7 had to be rescued from their first floor studio by smashing a window and climbing down a ladder. Known as "The Capital Station" in 1971, then "Life Station 2CA" in 1978. In February 1987 they were first station (with **2CC**) to be granted a supplementary F.M. licence. Started a "News/Talk" format in February 1988.



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Radio National 846AM

2CY Canberra 23-12-1938. A.B.C. Used a 10,000 watt transmitter feeding a 620 feet high tower. Officially opened by the Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Joseph Lyons. Started with a studio next to their Gungahlin transmitter site. Instigated regular national broadcasts of Parliament House sessions on 10-7-1946 (also see **2KY** 31-10-1925). Moved into Canberra in 1957, then to Northbourne Avenue in 1964.



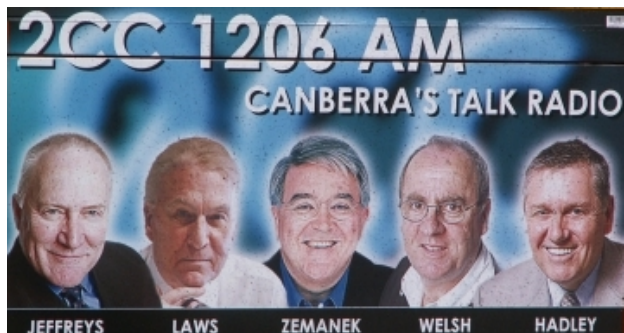
2CN Canberra 21-01-1953. A.B.C.

Canberra National with a studio at their Gungahlin transmitter site. Moved to their combined radio and television building in Northbourne Avenue in 1964.

2SS Canberra. 1977? Sports programs. Moved to F.M. on 4-11-1986 as 2SSS. Closed on 1-2-2003.



2CC Canberra 31-10-1975. Capital City Broadcasters P/L. Known as "Music Radio 2CC". Their first manager was Nick Erby from **2VM**. He also produced the "National Country Music Jamboree" program on **2XX** which was relayed to 70 stations. Named "Station of the Year" in 1976 by the USA magazine 'Billboard'. Organised a successful world record attempt for non-stop disco dancing on 6-6-1978 (90 hours).



Their Great Community Fete on 26-10-1980 raised over \$40,000 for charities. Launched stereo programming on 1-2-1986 with equipment costing \$300,000. **2CC** and **2CA** were the first stations to be granted supplementary licences on FM (February 1987). First station to use a male/female duo breakfast program. Known as "Classic Hits 2CC" from February 1988.



2XX Canberra 06-1976. Public radio educational

licence based at the Australian National University. Relicensed in 1999 as a community station when they changed to F.M., moving their facilities out of the University. Their programs are a mix of ethnic and current affairs along with alternative music. They hold an annual Radiothon, raising funds for upgrading equipment. Their popular program "Australian Country Music Jamboree" was actually produced by the manager of **2CC**, Nick Erby, in his spare time. It was aired on 70 stations.



1RPH Canberra 01-04-1985. Radio for the Print Handicapped. Started as **1PHR** on 1620 KHz. using an A.B.C. 500 watt transmitter. Their main announcer was Roger Mallison from **2BE**, **2DU**, and **4CD**. Moved to the broadcast band on 17-10-1994 using 2,000 watts. Their on-air slogan is "Turning Print into Sound". Opened an F.M. relay at Wagga Wagga on 21-5-2009. The Junee Shire Council established a relay on 21-9-2012.