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Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short.

**Please ensure the correct station is named in your logging as I have had several cases of incorrect station loggings of late. Please get a clear ID or show as tentative.**

<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>
2310	1117	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs poor in English – DD 3/1
2325	1115	AUSTRALIA VL8T Tennant Creek poor in English – DD 3/1
2485	1121	AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine poor with news – DD 3/1
2485	1754	AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine poor in English – DD 3/1
3385	1108	PNG, R East New Britain very poor – DD 3/12
3480	1105	NTH KOREA, V of the People poor in Korean – 3/12
4330	1751	CHINA, Xizang poor in Chinese – DD 4/1
4800	0039	INDIA, AIR Hyderabad poor with news in English – DD 8/1
4800	1055	CHINA, Xizang Lhasa poor in Chinese – DD 3/1
4840	0730	USA, WWCR good with commercials in English – DD 31/12
4905	1803	ZIXANG, Tibet, CHINA, poor in Chinese – DD 4/1
4920	0036	INDIA, AIR Chennai poor with news in English – DD 8/1
4940	1051	CHINA, CNR-1 V good with Voice of the Strait in Chinese – DD 3/1
5020	1046	SOLOMON IS SIBC fair relaying BBC in English – DD 1/1
5780	1500	TAJIKISTAN, RFA poor in Tibetan – BDW 11/01
5835	1400	KAZAKHSTAN. WYFR via Alam-Ata. Poee in English. Improving by 1430. 14/1. IC
5875	0031	UNID SITE, BBC WS good with news in English – DD 1/1
5875	1815	SINGAPORE, BBC WS Good in English – DD 31/12
5900	1522	BULGARIA, Good in Russian – BDW 15/1
5955	0608	GERMANY, R Netherlands fair in Dutch – DD 1/1
5955	1824	CHINA, CRI good in English with documentary – DD 31/1
5965	1527	CANADA R Japan via Canada excellent in Mandarin
5965	1628	TURKEY, VOT fair in presumed Azeri – BDW 04/01
6010	0630	CUBA. RHC. Fair in English. 2/1. IC
6020	1459	UNKNOWN SITE, Radio Free Asia good in Mandarin // 7445 fair – BDW 04/01
6025	1436	TINIAN IS Radio Free Asia good in Cantonese //7470 v good – BDW 12/01
6070	0726	CANADA CFRX Toronto fair with vintage comedy tracks "on Newstalk 10-10", freq measured as 6069.98. Annoying QRM from 6075, 9/1. BCM
6080	1811	AUSTRALIA, RA fair with news in English – DD 31/12
6175	1535	OMAN, BBC fair in Urdu (Presumed ) with talk // 9920 & 12065 much stronger – CC 26/1

6185 1500 TURKEY VOT heavy QRM in Italian – BDW 06/01  
 6190 1431 JAPAN, R Japan good in Chinese – BDW 06/901  
 6195 0026 SINGAPORE, BBC WS good in English with documentary – DD 8/1  
 6225 1403 KAZAKHSTAN BVB good in Cantonese – BDW 02/01  
 6400 1540 NTH KOREA, Fair with music, closed 1600 – BDW 16/1  
 7165 1635 SOMALIA, V of Broad Masses, in presumed Amharic, bursts of noise – KAB 31/1  
 7210 1640 CHINA, CRI good in Russian with female singer and comment – KAB 31/1  
 7215 1727 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl good in Romanian with talk // 5995 with  
 strong QRM – CC 27/1  
 7215 2017 UK, CRI fair in Chinese with comments – KAB 29/1  
 7240 1811 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good with news in English – DD 9/1  
 7240 1811 AUSTRALIA, R Australia very good with news in English – DD9/1  
 7240 1930 AUSTRALIA. RA Shepparton. Good in English. 3/1. IC  
 7240 2011 AUSTRALIA, R Australia fair in English with repeat of ABC news – KAB 19/1  
 7245 0735 MAURITANIA, R Mauritanie (tent) poor in vernac with distinctive guitar  
 music and ethnic songs – KB 28/1  
 7245 1410 TINITAN IS, RFA good in Vietnamese BDW 11/1  
 7250 1648 AUSTRALIA, RA good in English with talk on computers and research – KAB 31/1  
 7260 0735 VANUATU, R Vanuatu fair in Bislama, news, thewn ID – KB 30/1  
 7275 0629 NIGERIA Radio Nigeria Abuja in clear after strong station (presumed  
 Tunisia) closes. Fair signal 6/1 past 0640 with extended news prgm in  
 EE but increasing atmospheric static. Native drumming & singing at  
 0702. Still here when rechecked 2/2. BCM  
 7275 0900 STH KOREA, KBS v good in Korean – DD 23/12  
 7275 0904 STH KOREAN, KBS World Radio good in Korean // 9570 the same  
 7275 1940 SPAIN, REE good with live sports in Spanish – DD 1940  
 7280 1750 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam fair with lady speaking, light QRM // 9730  
 stronger – CC 3/1  
 7280 1840 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam fair in German with discussion – CC 18/1  
 7290 2000 MOLDOVA. Radio PMR. Weak in Russian. English at 2030. 6/1. IC  
 7310 0638 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl v good with news in English – DD 31/12  
 7325 0838 PNG, Wantok Radio Lite, fair with English prgm, then news re PM, ID – KB 30/1  
 7325 1535 CHINA, CRI excellent in English with China Drive – BDW 09/01  
 7360 0020 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 17.1  
 7360 0640 VATICAN, Vatican Radio v good in English – DD 1/1  
 7365 2006 NTH MARIANAS, VOA fair in English with News biased towards military  
 staff re-enlisting – KAB 19/1  
 7370 1830 NTH KOREA, V of Korea good but noisy with news in English – DD 31/12  
 7375 1744 CYPRUS, BBC good in Arabic – CC 3/1  
 7375 1915 CYPRUS. BBC via Limasoll. Good in Arabic. 2/1. IC  
 7375 2021 UK, BBC fair in presumed Hausa with comment, Fridays only, ID then  
 off at 2030 – KAB 29/1  
 7385 1700 MADAGASCAR. WYFR via Talata. Poor in English. 7/1. IC  
 7400 0700 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria Intl Excellent in French – BDW 17/1

7400	1412	BULGARIA, Good in Russian – BDW 15/01
7425	0630	CHINA, CRI good with Chine Drive, news and reports - DD 15/1
7425	1426	UNKNOWN SITE, RFA poor in Vietnamese – BDW 04/01
7435	1950	VATICAN, Vatican Radio good but noisy in unid language – DD2/1
7445	1117	TAIWAN, Radio Taiwan Intl fair but muffled in English – BDW 10/01
7465	1431	FRANCE, R Taiwan Intl excellent in Russian – BDW 13/01
7470	1323	MONGOLIA, RFA good in presumed Burmese – BDW 11/01
7470	2000	SRI LANKA. VOA via Iranawila. Opens when 7480 closes at this time. 16/1. IC
7480	1945	SRI LANKA. VOA via Iranawila. Weak in English. 16/1. IC
7540	1945	UKRAINE. Denge Mezopotamya. Good in Kurdish. 22/1. IC
7550	1940	INDIA. AIR Delhi. fair in English. Hindi at 1945. 22/1. IC
7575	1413	USA, VOA fair with Cross Roads Asia in English – DD 17/12
7620	0014	CHINA, V of Gonghua good with CNR-5 in Chinese – DD 0014

## **OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.**

### **All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed**

<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>
3325	1115	INDONESIA RRI Palangkaraya with local ident 14/1 in Indonesian, EE pops, good & clear. – strongest 90m signal. Only other stations detected at this time were weak audio on 3205 & 3385, presume Papua-New Guinea. On 17/1 at 1140, RRI signal level was very good and solid. BCS
4055	0254	GUATEMALA. Radio Verdad, 0254-0320 Jan 13, soft religious vocals with man announcer and some Spanish talk. Formal ID and frequency announcement by another man at 0305. Talk and more vocals followed. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4319	1356	DIEGO GARCIA AFN Diego Garcia very good on pops, mainly rap music 14/1. But when rechecked at 1404 17/1, audio problems appeared to have returned with badly distorted signal. But audible again at very good level 1412 21/1 with music prgm. BCS
4750	1403	BANGLADESH Radio Bangladesh good in local language 16/1. No sign of co-channel Indonesian. Fair at 1135 17/1 with end of English language lesson - "Shakespeare was a good dramatist". At 1137 Moslem call to prayer. Frequency clear at 1501 recheck. BCS
4760	1136	ANDAMAN ISLANDS AIR Port Blair poor 16/1 with Indian vocals, generally disappointing signal level in local evenings. Fair with Indian vocals 1448 17/1. Their daytime freq 7390 had weak carrier opening at 0312 15/1 but no audio detected. BCS
4780	1502	DJIBOUTI Radio Djibouti fair with Quran 17/1, not long after their sunset and my bedtime. BCS
4920	0113	INDIA All India Radio – Chennai, 0113-0147 fade out Jan 1, woman with Hindi vocal selection followed by a woman announcer talking in Hindi over flute music. More Hindi vocal selections. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 4940 1149 CHINA. Voice of the Strait – Fuzhou, 1149-1207 Jan 2, woman announcer with news in Mandarin. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5010 0117 INDIA. All India Radio – Thiruvananthapuram, 0117-0206 Jan 1, talk in Hindi language by a man announcer. Back to studio where studio announcer talked to another man. Another talk by a woman announcer followed. Finally, some music at 0158 when Jingle Bells in Hindi was heard. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5010 1401 INDIA All India Radio Thiruvananthapuram, very good with news in local language 16/1. BCS
- 5050 1400 CHINA Beibu Bay Radio usually the strongest 60m station at night; CC prgms but frequent EE idents regularly heard including "BBR" and "FM 96.4, Beibu Bay Radio" at this time 14/1 and 1130 on 17/1. Other Chinese stations audible at 1130 on 5075, 4950, 4940. BCS
- 5945.2 2345 COSTA RICA. Radio Republica, 2354-2359\* Jan 7, music program with strong signal but poor audio level. Some talk in Spanish at 2355 with discussion with a person at a remote location. Good signal but poor audio. Het on channel. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5965 0203 MALAYSIA RTM with news headlines in Malay 14/1. Jingle ident for "Klasik Nasional". 6050 with separate prgm also vgd – the only 2 stations audible on 49 metres at this time. BCS
- 5985 1500 MYANMAR Yangon monitored 16/1 with easy-listening music prgm, short anthem at 1529 followed by EE news, good and clear. BCS
- 6050 0840 MALAYSIA Asyik FM in Malay with pops 14/1. Moslem call to prayer 0847 and back to pops 4 mins later, vgd signal. BCS
- 6055 2057 RWANDA. Radio Rwanda, 2057-2221+ Dec 31, discussions in French and local languages among announcers but also with phone calls from listeners. Lively musical selections. Several nice IDs at 2136 during three way conversation among announcers. Running late for New Year celebrations. Local group singing from 2157 to top of hour and New Year's in Rwanda. Apparently, a politician gave a speech after the song (only non-lively piece of programming) followed by more songs, phone calls and general merriment. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6130 1157 LAOS. Lao National Radio, 1157-1213 Jan 2, exotic Asian vocals and flute music. Familiar 7 gongs at 1200 followed by flute music. Man announcer with presumed ID and news. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6300 2241 PIRATE (Euro). Crazy Wave Radio, 2241-2345 Dec 31, thanks to John Herkimer tip heard with 70's and 80's rock and dance music with their New Year's program including Donna Summer and Rod Stewart. Several good IDs. Seemed to go off at 2345 but noted back at 0205-0250+ with more of the same. Re-tuned at 0305 and no sign of them. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7280 1154 CHINA. China National Radio – 1, 1154-1300\* Jan 4, plenty of Mandarin talk with announcements at 1159 followed by 5+1 time pips at 1200. Closed with announcements at 1258 with one time pip at 1300 as carrier was terminated. Apparently, here so Sound of

- Hope can't be heard. Thanks to Steve Handler with some help on this. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7295 0142 MALAYSIA Traxx FM very good signal 0142 14Jan with EE pops on the Retro Show. At 0200, time pips & ident "English Service of RTM" then news. Fair with news at 0300 recheck. Exc 0841 with sports results. BCS
- 7315 0358 CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Tamazuj via Issoudun, \*0358-0428\* Jan 14, sudden open carrier followed by man announcer talking in Arabic over instrumental music with ID and frequency announcement. News by a woman announcer followed. Talks with remote reports after the news with several IDs during broadcast. Off with instrumental music and ID followed immediately by Radio Dabanga. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7315 0428 CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Dabanga via Issoudun, \*0428-0437 Jan 14, popped on after Radio Tamazuj closed with singing ID opening, man announcer in Arabic with ID and frequency announcements and news. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7550 2121 INDIA. All India Radio – Delhi (Khampur), 2121-2216 Dec 30, English service with program called Bain of Domestic Violence followed by General Overseas Service ID. At 2136 a Roundup of 2011 by a man announcer. Musical selection to 2200 ID and news. Commentary at 2210 about Japanese Prime Minister's visit to India on Dec 27 and 28. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

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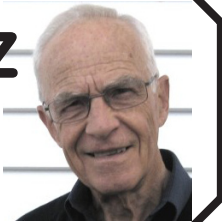


# BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ

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Apologies to BDW for the oversight which resulted in half your logs missing the Dec 2011 edition.

They are published belatedly in this month's column.

## **kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details**

9350	1323	TAJIKISTAN, RFA, Good in Tibetan //12130 Sri Lanka very good, 13625 Tin good – 11/1 BDW
9365	2106	MADAGASCAR. RNW via Talata. Good in Indonesian -12/1. IC
9400	1419	N.MARIANAS, RFA via Sai, Very good in Vietnamese //9455 Tin fair, 11605 Taiwan fair, 12130 Sri Lanka, 13735 Sri Lanka fair – 1/1 BDW
9415	0956	CHINA, CRI, Very good in EE with "Chinese Studio" – 3/1 DD
9455	1631	N.MARIANAS, RFA, Fair/good in Mandarin // 13725 (unid) good – 4/1 BDW
9500	1940	GERMANY. WYFR via Wert. VG in English - 2/1. IC
9520	1346	PHILIPPINES, R.Veritas, Excellent in Sinhala – 18/1 BDW
9530	1642	TURKEY, TRT, Very good in Persian – 5/1 BDW
9545	1744	ENGLAND, Polish R. via Wof, Excellent in Hebrew – 25/11 BDW
9555	1701	U.K. RCI, via Wof, Good in Russian // 11935 good – 12/1 BDW
9580	1549	ENGLAND, Polish R. via Wof, Good in Russian – 26/11 BDW
9605	2022	SPAIN, REE, Good in French, YL speaking. // 9570 weaker – 5/1 CC
9610	2130	TURKEY, TRT, Fair/good in English – 6/1 BDW
9665	1530	TURKEY, TRT, Good in Arabic // 15200 poor – 5/1 BDW
9680	1950	THAILAND. Radio Thailand. Good in English - 2/1. IC
9690	0359	SPAIN, CRI, Good in EE with "Chinese Studio" – DD
9700	0615	TURKEY, TRT, Excellent in Turkish // 9820 poor – 6/1 BDW
9710	1732	AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in EE with documentary – 9/1 DD
9735	1958	RWANDA, DW via Kig, Good in PP/EE – 19/11 BDW
9755	1734	VATICAN, Vatican R, Very good in EE to Africa – 9/1 DD
9765	1000	NEW ZEALAND RNZI Rangitaiki with time signals and news read by Chris Whitta, poor level but quickly improving 18/1. At 1100 checked 15720 which is supposed to be directed towards Southeast Asia but the signal was only marginally better. After this I succumbed to online streaming! BCS
9790	0750	FRANCE, RFI, Excellent in French - 31/12 DD
9790	1459	N.MARIANAS, RFA, Poor in Mandarin // 9905 (Palau) poor, 11605 (unid) – 4/1 BDW
9830	1503	VATICAN, RCI, Fair in Russian // 11935 Very good – 12/1 BDW
9835	0300	MALAYSIA RTM Sarawak FM relay with news in Malay 14/1 - not

- parallel with 49m or 41m frequencies. Very good. BCS
- 9880 1542 RUSSIA, VOR via Ppk, Poor in EE with 'Red Line' – 19/11 BDW
- 9895 0325 IRAN, VOIRI, Fair in Arabic, male chanting. Distorted. // 9740 weaker – 2/1 CC
- 9895 1936 U.A.E, RTI, Good in French – 12/1 BDW
- 9895 1954 U.A.E, RTI, Fair in FF, Female vocalist. Very scratchy. // 11875 badly distorted – 11/1 CC
- 9895 2002 USA, WHRI, VG in English – 8/1. IC
- 9925 1702 GERMANY, BVB via Wer, Very good in Farsi – 2/1 BDW
- 9930 1502 SRI LANKA, VOA, Good in EE with "Border Crossings" – 11/1 DD
- 9955 1500 N.MARIANAS, RFA via Tin, Excellent in Tibetan // 11625 Kuwait very good,, 11905 UAE good – 11/1 BDW
- 9990 1426 N.MARIANAS, RFA, Poor in Vietnamese // 11605 (unid) good – 4/1 BDW
- 11540 1300 TAIWAN, WYFR, Poor in English - 20/1. IC
- 11600 1440 BULGARIA, Good in Bulgarian – 16/1 BDW
- 11680 1558 TURKEY, TRT, Excellent start in Dari – 6/1 BDW
- 11680 1702 TURKEY, TRT, Very good in Uzbek, then EE 1730-1736 – 5/1 BDW
- 11690 1604 GUAM, KSDA, Excellent in EE with 'Wavescan' – 27/11 BDW
- 11725 0620 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, Very good in EE – 24/11 BDW
- 11730 1320 UZBEKISTAN, NHK, Good in EE with "Focus" prgrm – 6/1 DD
- 11730 1445 ROMANIA, RRI, Good in RR, YL speaking & female vocalist. // 15160 much weaker – 22/1 CC
- 11735 0302 INDIA, AIR, Fair in Dari, indigenous music, scratchy & surging // 9835 weaker – 2/1 CC
- 11735 1736 TURKEY, TRT, Very good in English (late freq change) – 5/1 BDW
- 11785 1730 UAE, IBRA via Dhabbaya, Fair in Swahili - 16/1. IC
- 11790 1527 GERMANY, R.Liberty, Good in Kyrgyz, two YLs speak'g. // 9445 weaker – 26/1 CC
- 11815 1535 JAPAN, NHK, Good in Japanese – 5/1 BDW
- 11830 1540 ENGLAND, BBC, Good in EE with sports – 18/11 BDW
- 11840 1535 GERMANY, VOA via Lam, Good in EE with 'Border Crossings' – 18/11 BDW
- 11850 1300 PHILIPPINES, R.Veritas, Good in Vietnamese – 19/1 BDW
- 11850 1530 VATICAN, R.Vaticana, Excellent in EE with general service to Africa – 18/11 BDW
- 11865 1940 GERMANY, Hamada Radio Int. (WRMI) Via Wert. Weak in Hausa. Off 2000 - 4/1. IC
- 11870 1328 PHILIPPINES, R.Veritas, Very good in Hindi (1401 18/1 Excellent in Bengali) – 19/1 BDW
- 11870 2012 CANADA, RCI, Excellent in Arabic // 13650 Very good – 12/1 BDW
- 11875 1630 GERMANY, BVB via Wer, Very good in Neur – 2/1 BDW
- 11895 1610 RWANDA, DW via Kig, Good in Amharic – 20/11 BDW
- 11815 1535 JAPAN, NHK, Good in Japanese – 5/1 BDW
- 11830 1540 ENGLAND, BBC, Good in EE with sports – 18/11 BDW
- 11840 1535 GERMANY, VOA via Lam, Good in EE with 'Border Crossings' – 18/11 BDW
- 11850 1300 PHILIPPINES, R.Veritas, Good in Vietnamese – 19/1 BDW
- 11850 1530 VATICAN, R.Vaticana, Excellent in EE with general service to Africa – 18/11 BDW
- 11865 1940 GERMANY, Hamada Radio Int. (WRMI) Via Wert. Weak in Hausa. Off

2000 - 4/1. IC

11870 1328 PHILIPPINES, R.Veritas, Very good in Hindi (1401 18/1 Excellent in Bengali) – 19/1 BDW

11870 2012 CANADA, RCI, Excellent in Arabic // 13650 Very good – 12/1 BDW

11875 1630 GERMANY, BVB via Wer, Very good in Neur – 2/1 BDW

11895 1610 RWANDA, DW via Kig, Good in Amharic – 20/11 BDW

11905 1600 ENGLAND, Polish R via Wof, Good in Ukrainian - 30/11 BDW

11915 1700 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC. via Wert. Good in Arabic with English IDs - 26/1. IC

11915 2000 SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA. Good in Arabic - 4/1. IC

11935 0333 N.ANTILLES, NHK via Bon, Fair to good in JJ – 2/12 BDW

11945 0949 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good with nx headlines in EE – 3/1 DD

11945 1745 TAJIKISTAN, RFA, Good in unid lang. with country mx – 9/1 DD

11975 0602 FRANCE. NHK via Issoudun. Fair in Arabic - 2/1 IC

12005 2000 TUNISIA. RTV Tunisienne. Good in Arabic - 2/1. IC

12025 1747 INDIA, AIR, Very good with nx in pres. Hindi – 9/1 DD

12045 1600 SINGAPORE, NHK, Excellent in Japanese – 5/1 BDW

12070 2005 RWANDA, DW, Fair in EE, YL & OM, very scratchy. // 9735 the same – 11/1 CC

12075 0730 RUSSIA. Radio Rossii. VG in Russian. Many IDs - 5/1.IC

12095 1753 SEYCHELLES, BBC World, Fair in EE, nx & live sports commentary – 9/1 DD

12600 1046 TAIWAN, R.Sound of Hope, Very good with Chinese mx – 18/12 DD

13630 2250 AUSTRALIA, RA, Excellent in EE with talk show – 6/1 DD

13650 1908 CANADA, RCI, Good in French, OM speaking. //15365 weaker – 26/1 CC

13670 1532 GERMANY, BVB via Wer, Excellent in Urdu – 4/1 BDW

13685 1407 TURKEY, TRT, Good in Uyghur – 6/1 BDW

13780 0645 RWANDA, DW via Kig, Fair in EE (some flutter), talk re payment of ransom to terrorist groups for release of hostages – 30/1 KB

13790 1755 ASCENSION ISL, BBC World, Fair in EE with live sports – 9/1 DD

13795 1100 KAZAKHSTAN. WYFR via Alma Ata. Fair in English - 13/1. IC

13800 0400 OMAN, Radio Tamazuj via Dhabbaya. Good in Arabic - 11/1. IC

13800 0400 OMAN, R.Tamazu via Dhabayya, commences in Arabic, Fair to good level – 31/1 JD

14700 1046 TAIWAN, R.Sound of Hope, Very good in Chinese mx – 18/12 DD

15190 0232 BRAZIL Radio Inconfidencia now being heard on high side of frequency, measured at 15190.06 on 1/2 and 15190.07 on 2/2. Good with idents in PP and regular "Amigos da Madrugada" prgm jingle. BCM

15190 1756 PHILIPPINES, R.Pilipinas in Tagalog & occasional English, Fair to good until off at 1930 – 22/1 JD

15200 1519 GUAM, KTWR, Fair/good in EE, female vocalist, YW with ID 1521 then off. Surging -26/1 CC

15225 1200 PHILIPPINES, R.Veritas, Very good in Karen – 17/1 BDW

15225 1431 FRANCE, RTI, Very good in Russian – 14/1 BDW

15225 1500 S. ARABIA, BSKSA, Good in Arabic – 14/1 BDW

15270 1500 GERMANY. AWR via Wert. VG in Panjabi. English IDs - 24/1. IC

15285 0220 TAIWAN Radio Taiwan International fair 14/1 with EE commentary about 'The Taiwan Miracle' economic success story. BCS

15310 0712 THAILAND BBC World Service via Udorn relay site poor-fair in EE 18/1.

- Only English language station readable on 19 metres at this time. BCS
- 15340 1512 AUSTRALIA, HCJB via Knx, Good in EE with RobbieZ - 18/11 BDW
- 15350 1500 VATICAN, R.Veritas, Max co-chl QRM despite strong signal, in Filipino – 18/1 BDW
- 15365 1847 CANADA, RCI, Good in English, YL & OM. // 17790 & 11845 weaker – 18/1 CC
- 15400 1034 AUSTRALIA, HCJB, Good in Chinese – 18/12 DD
- 15410 1420 U.K. R.Farda, Good in Iranian – 30/12 DD
- 15420 1000 PALAU. Radio Free Sarawak. Good in Iban? - 18/1. IC
- 15420 1000 MALAYSIA/PALAU Radio Free Sarawak via Palau opened abruptly 0959:45 with end of "World Harvest Radio" EE ident, then tone test till 1000:35 when instrumental music and opening anncts for Radio Free Sarawak heard at strong level in Malay 21/1. Only 1 frequency announced so appears this replaces previous Dushanbe relay absent from 17560 BCS
- 15435 1430 VATICAN, R.Veritas, Excellent in Urdu – 18/1 BDW
- 15450 1137 HILIPPINES, R.Veritas, Excellent in Myanmar – 17/1 BDW
- 15515 0404 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good, nx in EE – 7/1 DD
- 15580 1940 N.ANTILLES, VOA, Fair in EE, nx – 7/1 DD
- 15690 1700 FRANCE, RTI via Iss, Good in EE – 25/11 BDW
- 15720 2045 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, Closed at 2100 in EE, Good – 18/12 DD
- 15725 0838 PAKISTAN, R.Pakistan, Fair in Urdu, Male vocalist. Surging & scratchy // 17700 weaker – 8/1 CC
- 17560 1047 MALAYSIA/TAJKISTAN Radio Free Sarawak via Dushanbe very good & steady signal 13/1. Frequent idents as "Radio Free Sarawak" (pronounced as Sara-wah). NF ex 15560, but since moved to 15420. BCS
- 17605 1430 AUSTRALIA, AWR via Moosbrunn. Weak in Afar - 23/1. IC
- 17675 2118 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, Poor in EE talk show – 18/12 DD
- 17710 0415 CHINA, CRI, Fair in Chinese, very noisy – 7/1 DD
- 17725 0412 CHINA, CRI, Fair, Nx in EE, very noisy – 7/1 DD
- 17750 0418 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in EE, documentary – 7/1 DD
- 17765 1200 ROMANIA. RRI. fair in English - 3/2. IC
- 17805 0840 RUSSIA, V.O.R. "Press Review" in EE, Very good – 31/12 DD
- 17860 0840 SINGAPORE Voice of Croatia via Kranji relay excellent with Croatian pop songs 14/1. BCS
- 21540 0313 N.MARIANAS, RFA, Fair in CC. OM & YL Light QRM. // 11980 weaker & clearer – 2/1 CC
- 21590 0934 N.MARIANAS, VOA, Very good in Chinese – 3/1 DD
- 21725 0424 AUSTRALIA, RA, Excellent in EE, prgrm of mx – 7/1 DD
- 21805 0559 RUSSIA, VOR, Very good in EE with 'In Focus' – 19/11 BDW

## OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

**All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed**

<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>
10000	0000	BRAZIL, PPE, Rio, Decent signal at times circa 0000 Jan 8 when no talking or tones on WWV; time and "Observatorio Nacional" > ID by man every 10 secs., in PT; tnx to Ross Comeau-MA for the alert. – 8/1 JB

- 11600 1742 LIBYA. Radio Libye, mix of vocals and French talk until dead air from 1732 to 1800. At 1800 a woman began speaking alternating with soft instrumental music. Nice ID at 1806 and brief closedown announcement with more soft instrumental music ending program. Carrier remained on for over ten minutes before I tuned away. Fair signal. 1807 – 21/1 RDA
- 11690 0432 CLANDESTINE (Congo). Radio Okapi – Meyerton, several IDs, then sports prgmr in French. More features & IDs, with carrier cut in mid-sentence. Fair to good. 0458 – 28/1 RDA
- 11710.8 0202 ARGENTINA. RAE, 0202-0247 Jan 17, man announcer with ID and opening announcements for English program welcoming listeners. Vocal selections mixed with various features and IDs including sports and talk about the Australian Open. Fair. 0247 – 17/1 RDA
- 17695 1633 ZAMBIA. CVC International, woman hosting English discussion about “peer pressure”. Religious vocals followed by a talk about edge shoes. Program closedown at 1656 with phone numbers. 1700 started program looking for listeners to share their stories, Fair. 1706 – 7/1 RDA

### Contributors this month

- BCM** Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, (Northland) AOR7030+, EWEs to North, Central & South America 100m BOG to NE, and Alpha Delta Sloper antennas
- BCS** Bryan Clark Visiting Singapore with Sony 7600G and 3 metre internal wire antenna.
- BDW** Brian Webb, Upper Hutt Yaesu FT757GX II, 5M wire, Watts portable 1m vert.
- CC** Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 60 m horiz.loop
- DD** Des Davey, Te Kuiti, Kenwood R-5000, 50M long wire.
- IC** Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-746Pro. Antenna T2FD, EWE
- JB** Jerry Berg, Lexington MA, Drake R8, Eton E1-XM, 19, 41, 90m dipoles
- JD** John Durham, Tauranga, JRC 525Db, Eavesdropper dipole antenna
- KB** Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, ATS-505, DR-31, Eton E5. 70cm dia. Coax Loop.
- RDA** Richard d'Angelo Wyomissing, PA Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton1, Eton E5, Alpha/Delta DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4

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# ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Kelvin's BandWatch Over 9MHz columns. For station transmitter sites please refer to the BandWatch columns. Please remember to include the date and signal strength with all your loggings and send them to the Under/Over 9MHz Bandwatch column editors, thanks.

The Solar Flux is aired daily over WWV/WWVH on 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz Shortwave at 18 & 45 minutes past every hour. For propagation forecasts please refer to Mike's column.

\*\*\*SIGNAL STRENGTHS\*\*\* e = Excellent; g = Good; f = Fair; p = Poor.

73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM <http://www.linradio.com/sources.htm>

## NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0026	6195g	BBC WS	UK	8/1	DD
0031	5875g	BBC WS	UK	1/1	DD
0036	4920p	AIR	INDIA	8/1	DD
0039	4800p	AIR	INDIA	8/1	DD
0220	15285f	Radio Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	14/1	BCS
0359	9690g	CRI	CHINA	-	DD
0404	15515g	RA	AUSTRALIA	7/1	DD
0412	17725f	CRI	CHINA	7/1	DD
0418	17750g	RA	AUSTRALIA	7/1	DD
0424	21725e	RA	AUSTRALIA	7/1	DD
0559	21805g	VOR	RUSSIA	19/11	BDW
0620	11725g	RNZI	NZ	24/11	BDW
0630	6010f	RHC	CUBA	2/1	IC
0638	7310g	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	31/12	DD
0640	7275f	Radio Nigeria	NIGERIA	6/1	BCM
0640	7360g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	1/1	DD
0645	13780f	DW	GERMANY	30/1	KB
0712	15310f	BBC World Service	UK	18/1	BCS
0730	4840g	WWCR	USA	31/12	DD
0838	7325f	Wantok Radio Lite	PNG	30/1	KB
0840	17805g	V.O.R.	RUSSIA	31/12	DD
0949	11945g	RA	AUSTRALIA	3/1	DD
0956	9415g	CRI	CHINA	3/1	DD
1000	9765p	RNZI	NZ	18/1	BCS
1046	5020f	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	1/1	DD
1100	13795f	WYFR	USA	13/1	IC
1100	15720p	RNZI	NZ	18/1	BCS

1115	2325p	VL8T	AUSTRALIA	3/1	DD
1117	2310p	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	3/1	DD
1117	7445f	Radio Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	10/1	BDW
1200	17765f	RRI	ROMANIA	3/2	IC
1300	11540p	WYFR	USA	20/1	IC
1320	11730g	NHK	JAPAN	6/1	DD
1400-1430	5835p	WYFR	USA	14/1	IC
1413	7575f	VOA	USA	17/12	DD
1502	9930g	VOA	USA	11/1	DD
1512	15340g	HCJB	ECUADOR	18/11	BDW
1519-1521	15200g	KTWR	GUAM	26/1	CC
1530	11850e	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	18/11	BDW
1535	11840g	VOA	USA	18/11	BDW
1535	7325e	CRI	CHINA	9/1	BDW
1540	11830g	BBC	UK	18/11	BDW
1542	9880p	VOR	RUSSIA	19/11	BDW
1604	11690e	KSDA	GUAM	27/11	BDW
1648	7250g	RA	AUSTRALIA	31/1	KAB
1700	7385p	WYFR	USA	7/1	IC
1700	15690g	RTI	TAIWAN	25/11	BDW
1730-1736	11680g	TRT	TURKEY	5/1	BDW
1732	9710g	RA	AUSTRALIA	9/1	DD
1734	9755g	Vatican R	VATICAN	9/1	DD
1736	11735g	TRT	TURKEY	5/1	BDW
1753	12095f	BBC World	UK	9/1	DD
1754	2485p	VL8K	AUSTRALIA	3/1	DD
1755	13790f	BBC World	UK	9/1	DD
1811	6080f	RA	AUSTRALIA	31/12	DD
1811	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	9/1	DD
1815	5875g	BBC WS	UK	31/12	DD
1824	5955g	CRI	CHINA	31/1	DD
1830	7370g	V of Korea	NTH KOREA	31/12	DD
1847	11845f:15365g:17790f	RCI	CANADA	18/1	CC
1930	7240g	RA	AUSTRALIA	3/1	IC
1940	9500g	WYFR	USA	2/1	IC
1940	15580f	VOA	USA	7/1	DD
1945	7480p	VOA	USA	16/1	IC
1950	9680g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	2/1	IC
2002	9895g	WHRI	USA	8/1	IC
2005	9735f:12070f	DW	GERMANY	11/1	CC
2006	7365f	VOA	USA	19/1	KAB
2011	7240f	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	19/1	KAB
2045-2100	15720g	RNZI	NZ	18/12	DD
2118	17675p	RNZI	NZ	18/12	DD
2130	9610g	TRT	TURKEY	6/1	BDW
2250	13630e	RA	AUSTRALIA	6/1	DD

# SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST FOR MARCH 2012



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range 110-157. An \* = good reception only above Index of 149. March is the best month for reception during 19-21UTC from Middle East, Asia and South America and during 6-9UTC from Africa, Asia and South America. Overall, Asia and Sth. America are best in March.

## Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
18	6-13-21*	18	6-15,17*	18	6-9	18	4-11	18	11
19	6-21	19	6-15,17*	19	6-9,17	19	4-11	19	17
20	6-15,21*	20	5-17	20	7	20	4-15	20	15-17
21	7-21	21	9,15	21	11,17	21	5-21	21	15-17
22	9-11	22	15*	22	21	22	7-21	22	13*15
23	9-15	23	-	23	-	23	9-21	23	-
0	11-15	0	-	0	-	0	13-21	0	-
1	9-15	1	-	1	-	1	13-21	1	-
2	9-15	2	-	2	-	2	11-21	2	-
3	7-11	3	9,15	3	7-11,21	3	13-21	3	9
4	6-15	4	7-11	4	7-21	4	11-21	4	6-11
5	4-15	5	5-15	5	7-21	5	7-21	5	6-11
6	6-15-21*	6	6-15	6	9,15-21	6	5-21	6	6-11
7	6-21	7	5-9,15 17	7	9,15-21	7	5-21	7	6-11
8	7-21	8	9,15-21	8	9-21	8	5-21	8	6-9
9	11-21	9	21	9	6-21	9	4-21	9	6-9

Middle East	Asia	North Pacific	Nth America	Sth America					
18	7-11	18	7-15,17*	18	6-13-15x	18	7-11,21	18	-
19	5-15	19	7-15,17*	19	9-15x17	19	6-9,15-21	19	15-17
20	6-15,17*	20	6-17	20	13-17	20	6-21	20	13*15-21
21	6-11	21	6-15,17*	21	11-15x17	21	9-21	21	11-17
22	11*	22	11*	22	15x17	22	9-21	22	15
23	-	23	-	23	15x17	23	13-21	23	15*
0	-	0	15	0	15x-21	0	15-21	0	-
1	15	1	15	1	17-21	1	15-21	1	11-15,21*
2	15	2	15,17*	2	17-21	2	15-21	2	11
3	9-15	3	11-17	3	13-21	3	11,15-21	3	15*
4	6-21	4	13-21	4	13-21	4	7-15	4	5-11
5	6-21	5	7-21	5	9-21	5	6-11	5	5-15
6	11-17,21*	6	15-21	6	9-21	6	6-15	6	3-11
7	13-15-21*	7	11-21	7	5-21	7	5-15	7	3-11
8	15,21*	8	9-21	8	5-21	8	3-11	8	6-15
9	15	9	4-21	9	5-21	9	5-11	9	5-21

x=not Hawaii. Average Monthly Solar Flux Indexes: November 141, December 133



# SHORTWAVE REPORT

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## AUSTRALIA

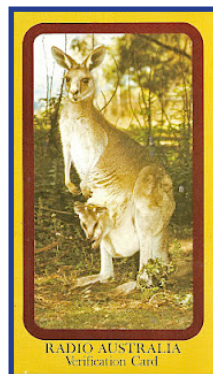
Radio Australia

0100-0130	11780 SNG 100 kW 340 deg to SoEaAS Burmese
0500-0530	11700 SNG 100 kW 140 deg to SoEaAS Indones
1100-1300	6140 SNG 100 kW 013 deg to SoEaAS English
1600-1630	9580 SNG 100 kW 340 deg to SoEaAS Burmese
0400-0430	17840 HBN 100 kW 270 deg to SoEaAS Indones via T8WH Angel 4
1300-1430	9965 HBN 100 kW 318 deg to EaAS Chinese via T8WH Angel 4
0000-0030	9490 DHA 250 kW 105 deg to SoEaAS Indones
2200-2330	9525 DHA 250 kW 105 deg to SoEaAS Indonesian
2200-2400	9855 DHA 250 kW 090 deg to SoEaAS English
2300-2330	5955 DHA 250 kW 085 deg to SoEaAS Burmese

Via Babcock, UK

All times UTC

(DX Mix News 713 via Wolfgang Bueschel, Germany)



## EGYPT

Winter B-11 schedule of Radio Cairo:

0400-0600	13650 ABZ 100 kW 170 deg to CeEaAF in Swahili
0700-1100	17510 ABZ 100 kW 250 deg to WeAF in Arabic General Service
1015-1215	17480 ABZ 250 kW 090 deg to WeAS in Arabic
1215-1330	17870 ABZ 250 kW 090 deg to SoAS in English
1230-1400	15710 ABS 250 kW 106 deg to SoEaAS in Indonesian
1300-1400	15065 ABZ 250 kW 070 deg to WeAS in Dari
1300-1600	15080 ABS 250 kW 241 deg to WeAF in Arabic
1330-1530	15040 ABZ 100 kW 070 deg to WeAS in Farsi
1400-1600	15065 ABZ 250 kW 070 deg to WeAS in Pashto
1500-1600	15160 ABZ 250 kW 050 deg to CeAS in Uzbek
1500-1600	13580 ABZ 250 kW 330 deg to EaEUR in Albanian
1530-1730	17810 ABZ 250 kW 170 deg to CeEaAF in Swahili
1600-1700	15450 ABZ 100 kW 160 deg to EaCeAF in Afar
1600-1800	6270 ABZ 250 kW 090 deg to SoAS in Urdu

1600-1800	15345 ABZ 150 kW 195 deg to CeSoAF in English
1630-1730	15285 ABZ 100 kW 160 deg to EaCeAF in Somali
1700-1900	9280 ABS 250 kW 005 deg to NE/ME in Turkish
1730-1900	15285 ABZ 100 kW 160 deg to EaCeAF in Amharic
1800-1900	6270 ABZ 250 kW 315 deg to WeEUR in Italian
1800-2100	9990 ABS 250 kW 241 deg to WeAF in Hausa
1900-2000	6270 ABS 250 kW 330 deg to WeEUR in German
1900-2000	9280 ABS 250 kW 005 deg to EaEUR in Russian
1900-2400	9305 ABS 250 kW 315 deg to WeEUR in Ar General Service
1900-0030	11540 ABZ 100 kW 160 deg to EaCeAF in Ar R.Voice of Arabs
2000-2115	6270 ABS 250 kW 330 deg to WeEUR in French
2000-2200	9855 ABZ 250 kW 110 deg to AUS in Arabic
2030-2230	15210 ABS 250 kW 241 deg to WeAF in French
2115-2245	6270 ABS 250 kW 330 deg to WeEUR in English
2215-2330	9290 ABZ 250 kW 245 deg to SoAM in Portuguese
2300-0030	6270 ABZ 250 kW 325 deg to NoWeAM in English
2330-0045	9250 ABS 250 kW 282 deg to CeAM in Arabic
2330-0045	9290 ABZ 250 kW 245 deg to SoAM in Arabic
0000-0700	9305 ABS 250 kW 315 deg to NoAM in Ar General Service
0030-0430	6270 ABZ 250 kW 325 deg to NoWeAM in Arabic
0045-0200	9315 ABZ 250 kW 315 deg to NoEaAM in Spanish
0045-0200	9250 ABS 250 kW 282 deg to CeAM in Spanish
0045-0200	9290 ABS 250 kW 241 deg to SoAM in Spanish
0200-0330	9315 ABZ 250 kW 315 deg to NoAM in English

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc)



After a week of test transmissions, Radio Tamazuj officially launched yesterday, 9 January. Radio Tamazuj is a new radio project for the Abyei area, Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile and Sudan and South Sudan's contested borderlands. The activities will focus on reliable and independent news and information. The station will broadcast daily over shortwave frequencies. The programme will report directly and independently on current local affairs, and indirectly on issues related to peace and conflict dynamics in the border zone and Three Areas.

To mitigate and prevent conflict from arising from rumors, gossip and ethnic prejudices, Radio Tamazuj seeks to provide access to timely and reliable information for the people

in the Three Areas of Southern Kordofan, Blue Nile and Abyei, and the contested borderlands of Sudan and South Sudan.

Tamazuj means cross borders, and the name was coined after South Sudan declared sovereignty from Sudan. The name Tamazuj is understood by the people who live across borders, which was how it came into existence.

Radio Tamazuj broadcasts in the Arabic and Dinka languages. The programmes are aired every morning at 0400-0430 UTC from Monday to Saturday on 13800 (Dhabayya), 11940 (Madagascar) and 7315 (Issoudun) kHz.

The station's website in English and Arabic is now online at <http://radiotamazuj.org/>

(Sources: Radio Tamazuj, RNW Programme Distribution)

## **SARAWAK: (VIA DUSHANBE)**

RFS on 15420kHz.

Radio Free Sarawak re-launches today (Tues 17th January) with an exciting new format and an expanded team of presenters on Short Wave 15420kHz, from 6pm daily.

Alternative voice

Radio Free Sarawak is also promising more action, more fun and more exposes, beginning with a world exclusive story involving a Sarawak based company.

Radio Free Sarawak will also be returning to its original Short Wave frequency of 15420 kHz.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE NEW LOOK Radio Free Sarawak

VISIT: [http://radiofreesarawak.org\\_](http://radiofreesarawak.org_)

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**RADIO  
FREE  
SARAWAK** 1800-2000 localtime  
1000-1200 UTC  
SW 15420 kHz daily

*That is 1000-1200utc and broadcasts are via Dushanbe. (ED)*

## **TRANS WORLD RADIO AFRICA**

1300-1315

13660 KIG 250 kW 030 deg to EaAF Afar Thu-Sun

1730-1800

9775 DHA 250 kW 215 deg to EaAF Amharic Fri

1800-1815

5965 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to EaAF Tigrinya Mon-Wed

1800-1815

5965 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to EaAF Amharic Thu/Fri

1800-1830

5965 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to EaAF Tigre Sat

1800-1830

5965 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to EaAF Kunama Sun

1815-1845

5965 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to EaAF Tigrinya Mon-Fri

1830-1845

5965 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to EaAF Amharic Sun

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 11)

## SEYCHELLES/SOUTH AFRICA

Frequency changes of BBC WS in English:

0300-0400 NF 6140 MEY 100 kW 330 deg to CeAF, ex6145#

2100-2200 NF 5955 SEY 250 kW 240 deg to SoAF, ex5910\*

# to avoid Adventist World Radio in Farsi

\* to avoid Vatican Radio in Russian till 2130

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10)

## MADAGASCAR. MWV.

*Last month I included test details for Madagascar World Voice commencing Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. taken from a website of theirs.*

*I have been on contact with Gayle Crowe regarding these tests and her response is below. It appears that tests are still some months off. (ED)*

No, at this moment our three 100kw transmitters are sitting on the dock in Houston awaiting loading on the ship that will be bound for Madagascar. Once they leave Texas it will be 2-3 months before they arrive in M'car. After they are in place at our station, a representative from Continental Electronics in Dallas will have to go over and wire everything up. Only after that can the testing be started. So we're talking months down the road.

I'm curious where you found this information—could you let me know? If it's on one of our websites, we need to change it! Thanks. Gayle Crowe

*And this further response to my reply. Seems one cannot always rely too much on URLs. Interesting!! (ED)*

As much as that URL looks like it came from Madagascar World Voice, it didn't. We don't yet have a website for MWV yet—though obviously we need one before this summer. We've been talking about that.

I just talked with our president. He doesn't know where this came from. The times and frequencies were decided on at the HFCC (High Frequency Coordinating Conference).

It is very mysterious where this came from, actually. I've printed off the page, and at both the top of the page and the bottom it says "Madagascar World Voice." But wherever it's from, it's not from us.

Thanks for bringing it to our attention.

Gayle



**The station building of  
Madagascar World Voice  
awaits the transmitters.**

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## BOLIVIA

4865 Radio logos, Santa Cruz. Now confirmed: Radio Logos, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, is the station relaying HCJB Alas satellite service on 4865 kHz. I received this info from an engineer who helped set up the transmitter and antenna several years ago. (Henrik Klemetz-SWE, DXplorer Dec 7 via Worldwide DX Club Top News)

5580.13 Radio San Jose (tentative), at 1119 Nov 22/24. per Bob Wilkner (Florida), very weak carrier, seemingly Spanish talk, but being trampled by ship-to-shore (or similar) comms. Wilkner noted this at 0000

UT and also 600 Hz higher so, do they have a drifting transmitter and are they on during their local mornings? A frequency to watch. (David Sharp-NSW, Dec ADXNews ARDXC direct and via dxld & Worldwide DX club Top News)

## CONGO

5066 at 1545 f/in past 1745.R Candip presumed regular in the last 2 weeks. Maybe due to national elections there.

(Victor Goonetilleke-CLN 457VK, DXplorer Dec 7 via Worldwide DX Club Top News)

## PERU

Aroma Café Radio new from Peru on 6060 kHz shortwave

A new Peruvian station has been logged on the frequency of 6060 kHz in the 49 meter shortwave band. Aroma Café Radio from Distrito de Pichanaki, Provincia de Chanchamayo, Departamento de Junín, is relaying its FM programming, announcing the frequency of 106.9 MHz. The station was first heard by Pedro F. Arrunátegui in Peru on December 12, and reported in Chasqui DX bulletin. Arrunátegui measured the exact frequency as 6059.99 kHz. He monitored the morning sign-on time to be after 1100 UTC, and estimates the evening sign-off time to be at 2200 UTC. (via DXing info)

RADIO UNIVERSAL. Cusco 6090kHz is testing at 0130-0300 UTC. Power is 5kw Reports may be sent to: Carlos Gamarra Moscoso, "Coordinator Tests Radio Universal" Avenida Garcilaso 411, Wanchaq, Cusco Peru. Please add 5 US\$ in cash & mail by registered mail. QSL& pennant are being printed. Email [adilidcuscu@hotmail.com](mailto:adilidcuscu@hotmail.com). (Robert Pavanello. Vercelli. Italy via PlayDX 1533)

*Noted Email addr on web page as [radiouniversal@speedy.com.pe](mailto:radiouniversal@speedy.com.pe) (ye editor)*

## SURINAME

4989.985 R. Apintie, Paramaribo, noted in Dutch at 0923 UT on Dec 8. Herb Alpert Tijuana Brass Band trumpets mx. Weak S=5 signal just above threshold noise. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 8)

## UGANDA

4750 What appears to be Radio Dunamis is heard fairly regularly on 4750 kHz from about 1600 UT fade in with Afro music without any announcements. Trying to get some confirmation that it is them, going past 1900 UT. (Victor Goonetilleke-CLN 457VK, DXplorer Dec 7 via Worldwide DX Club Top News)

## URUGUAY

6074, CXA3 LV de Artigas, Artigas. 1219-1234 on Jan 11. tks by man about political issues in Uruguay, ads in long strings, with many of them of local origin, also ID as "CX118 La Voz de Artigas". Relays MW 1180.

QRK 2/3.Hrd also on Jan 12, always at midday hours. QSB, local QRN and mostly low signal.

(Via HCDX. Horacio Nigro, Barra de Valizas Rocha URUGUAY 13/01/12)

## QSL INFORMATION

**BOLIVIA:** Prompt email reply from Javier Velasco Director Radio Santa Cruz.. Email report for 6135kHz sent to [direccion@irfabolivia.org](mailto:direccion@irfabolivia.org) John Durham .Tauranga 20/01

**BRAZIL:** Radio 9 de Julho, 9819.8, no data thank you letter in 45 days for Portuguese report and 2 IRCs via airmail. Also sent a few stickers. V/s Pe. Jose Renato Ferreira, Diretor de Programação. (Al Muick.Whitehall PA USA via HCDX 13 Nov.)

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** Radio ICDI Bangui 3390kHz.Tx Boali. Reply via QSL card. Listened in April 2011 testing 1600-2100. V/s Mbami Josue (Station Manager) Integrated Development International,Boite Postale 362,Bangui. Email: [info@icdinternational.org](mailto:info@icdinternational.org) Web: [www.icdinternational.org/radio](http://www.icdinternational.org/radio) (Via PlayDX 1532 06 November)

**NIGER:** ORTH La Voix du Sahel, 9705, f/d logo/africa outline card in 80 days for 3 IRCs and French report via airmail. V/s.

Brah Amadou, Chef du Service Technique de la Radio, who also sent along a nice personal note.

He may be contacted at [brahamadu\(at\)yahoo\(dot\)fr](mailto:brahamadu(at)yahoo(dot)fr) I was thanked for the interested I showed in their transmission. This is quite a fast and friendly response from a station that I have been struggling to hear for years!

(Albert Muick. Whitehall. PA USA via HCDX 11Dec.)



# UTILITIES

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Not sure where January went but here we are into the February issue and a good number of contributions with one or two very good catches. My apologies to John Durham who was the contributor of the Greenland piece in last month's issue

- 3261 1930 MOUNTAIN RADIO ???USB Male with weather for South Island areas  
1935 Canterbury high country Rain – 1937 weather for Westland  
Fair 29/1 ABD
- 4619 1915 QUEENSTOWN VISITOR CENTRE USB Weather forecast – mention of  
snow as low as 1200m long range forecast for Fiordland - cellphone  
left in one of the huts 1930 ID s/off fair to good 21/1 ABD
- 5628 1038 KOREAN AIR 2130 SAN FRANCISCO distant posn report inc SC, to hard  
copy freq ezc 5628 3452 30/1 RP
- 5628 1051 SAN FRANCISCO / AIR CANADA 54 ref CPDLC reg no, B A I V S, SC in dist  
freqs each for various positions 8954-5628, 5567, 5547, 3452.30/1 RP
- 6501 1120 US COAST GUARD / GULF OF MEXICO WX station@ end marster stn  
Chesapeake Virginia, 26/1 RP
- 6676 0828 Volmet "VMC" with Victorian, and NSW Coastal Weather. DM
- 6679 0832 Volmet Pacific Far East F/Cast DM
- 8828 8828 Volmet NZ and Pacific inclining Terminal F/Casts for Wellington,  
Rarotonga and Tahiti. DM
- 8834.5 0910 CW Russian Mil, (decoded with CW Get) DM
- 8867 0152 "November Bravo Victor" (NBV) no other ID called AK and sent selcal  
which was Acknowledged. DM
- 8867 0129 Flt ?? "7521" Called Auckland with Flt info and again at 02.04 Z re  
Chatham Island approach. DM
- 8867 0142 "November 553 Alpha" called by Auckland told to contact Brisbane  
on "88" DM
- 8867 0132 "Skier 93" not using usual "Ice" call sign during recent Antarctic Rescue  
of Russian Whaler called Auckland. DM
- 8867 2038 "Chatham 519" told by Auckland that they where slightly off Frequency DM
- 8867 0542 "Kiwi 625" told by AK to contact Christchurch on VHF. DM
- 8867 2132 "NZ 237 Alpha" called AK re Flt/I ..... Then "NZ 2?3 Alpha", and  
"NZ 96" came up all told to change to 13.261 ( I'm confused about the  
"Alpha" use by ANZ) DM
- 8867 0856 "Pacific 910" Requested Deviation from 380 AK approved Nandi  
mentioned. DM

8867 0857 "Reach 501" Requesting a 10 Mile Deviation and Weather F/c...at  
08.59 Z AK called them 4 times, faint selcal heard at  
09.00 Z AK called and told them that they would stay on HF for any  
requests. DM

8867 0907 "Singapore 821" called Auckland re Frequency DM

8867 0851 "Reach 501" Called AK re Pacific Weather. DM

8867 0124 "NZ 719" Flt/Info to Auckland. DM

8867 1947 BLUE BIRD 61 BRISBANE AIREP FL360 adv clear of wx now back on track  
temp-41 wind 291 DG @64 knots @ echo cnt Melbourne cent  
124-000 31/1 RP

8867 1950 ARGENTINA 1182 / AKL FL 360 posn report estimate Gisborne @1953  
Cnt Auckland control 119.500 YL air coms V/G EE clear and no slurring  
our running words together and reading estimates backwards not  
like some, 31/1 RP

8867 2134 OPPS DEEP FREEZE USAF SKIER OO / AKL WX 15/1 RP

8867 2337 QANTAS 121 / AKL posn report from FL370 8867 13261 SC, R S G Q, 29/1 RP

8867 0040 JET STAR 219 / AKL posn report FL 340 CH CH 129 - 700 SC, F Q C G 29/1 RP

8867 0657 HAWAIIAN 465 AKL posn reports SC, J S F R 23/1 RP

8867 0925 OPPS DEEP FREEZ USAF ICE 50 / AKL req radio check as no 1 no go,  
good coms on no2 backup, freq exchange 9032 / 5726 24/1 RP

8867 0936 OPPS DEEP FREEZE ICE 99 / AKL adv C P D L C 8867 / 5643 29/1 RP

8867 0740 QANTAS 90 / NANDI sends SC, R S K M 14/1 RP

8903 0848 "United 17?" Called re coming up on 4666 no reply heard...Then at  
08.52 "Tokyo" to come up on 4.666 no Aircraft ID given. DM

13282 0154 Volmet Pacific Hawaiian and East Asia F/Casts DM

13282 0150 AUCKLAND VOLMET weather for Auckland, Christchurch, Nandi –  
terminal forecasts, Good, 0154 s/off "Auckland Volmet out" 22/1 ABD

14333 1100 "Mario Zucchelli Station" at Tera Nova Antarctica ,(If my Italian is  
correct ) ..Male Italian, Calling CQ DM

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**DM** Dallas McKenzie – Receivers -Yaesu FRG 7700, Kenwood R-1000, Uniden UBCT8, National RF-B300, & various others, (Degen DE1125,Sony ICF-SW7600G, Icom Pcr 10000, Sangean ATS 818acs) plus a Tono -550 Comm Decoder, & Microcraft "Morse-a-word" - 130 ft long wire (E to W), ..20ft Whip, 6 element Discone, & Several Commercial VHF/UHF antennas, using a "Welz"Multi Ch Antenna Switch.

**RP** Roger Pryde Dunedin - Sangean ATS 803A Yaesu 7000 NIG COMS / REC30 mtr longwire aerial.

**ABD** Drake R-8, Icom R-70 with a 25m EWE running East – West.

The following was received from Dallas McKenzie - The attached is I believe to be "Skier Zero Zero Zero" Heard Yesterday (Monday 30th) ob 8.867 @ 22.07 Z Requesting Clarence from Block Told by AK radio AOK. Tail Number is 100030, and again at 22.49 Z :- The Skier



Zero Zero Zero a Gulfstream Aerospace aircraft belonging to the United States Air Force and was seen at Christchurch airport. The aircraft was on the way to the Antarctica conveying the Commander of the US Transportation command, Scott Air Force Base.



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I've found out some information, by necessity, regarding Globe Wireless coastal stations in Australia, VJS Perth Radio and VIE Darwin Radio. I have been trying to QSL for some time now and found a reference to TELSTRA on the main Globe Wireless site. I followed the link to the

TELSTRA site in Australia and came up with what I thought was the correct address for VJS in Lansdale, Western Australia. Off went the reception report just after Christmas.

Yesterday, January 25th, I got the disappointing result of having the report returned as an unknown address. I was really lost at that point and decided to do some more sleuthing. I went to the website of the Australian Communications and Media Authority and pleaded my case for

some information as the licensee of these stations. Later on today, a very nice email came from Licensing Officer Laureen Harrison of the Radio communications Licensing and Telecommunications Deployment Section who gave me the web address for their online database. Lo, and behold! The Licensee for VJS and VIE can be reached at the following address:

Integrated Technical Services PTY Ltd.  
Globe Wireless  
GPO Box 3850  
Darwin NT 0801 . Australia

As a bonus, here is the Australian website for finding the licenses, licensees and the addresses:

[http://web.acma.gov.au/pls/radcom/register\\_search.main\\_page](http://web.acma.gov.au/pls/radcom/register_search.main_page)

The whole thing is very self-explanatory, much like the FCC databases. Perhaps those of you whose governments also put this information online might like to let the groups know where the databases can be found. This will cut down mightily on returned reports by enabling those of us

who chase QSL's to get the right address from the start.

Vy 73 Al Muick Whitehall PA USA

WinRadio G303e / Wellbrook ALA1530P / Hoka 300-32 v3.08

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## February DXT LPFM News

A very quiet month at the NZLPFM Radio Guide [[www.radioheritage.com](http://www.radioheritage.com)] and latest additions are:

- 87.6 Whangarei [CBD], NBN FM
- 88.1 Tuai [Lake Waikaremoana], Haumapuhia FM
- 88.3 Wellington [Oriental Bay], TLC Radio Windy
- 88.5 Christchurch [Woolston], Rise FM

With 1,700+ individual records covering two decades [1990-2011] this is the most comprehensive guide to NZ LPFM radio. It's free to use and can be searched in different ways. Visit today: [www.radioheritage.com](http://www.radioheritage.com).

Please send news, updates and monitoring reports to David at [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net) and to Adam at [fm@radiodx.com](mailto:fm@radiodx.com) so the guide can be kept up to date. Thanks to everyone who contributed this month. (David Ricquish, Wellington)

## Hutt Community Radio 106.1 MHz FM

On 31st December 2011, Hutt Community Radio moved its 106.1 MHz FM transmitter from the studio site at Hillary Court, Naenae, to a prominent site overlooking the lower half of the Hutt Valley (Maungaraki Reservoir at 242 metres altitude).

The station is licensed for 160 Watts e.i.r.p.

In addition to improved reception in the Hutt Valley, good signal strengths are reported from Eastbourne and Wellington.

The photograph on the right is a close-up of the transmitting station, with Wellington Harbour in the background.

*(A larger image is on the front cover of this month's magazine (Chief Ed))*

This development brings the total number of FM stations in Maungaraki to three. The other two are Low Power FMs:

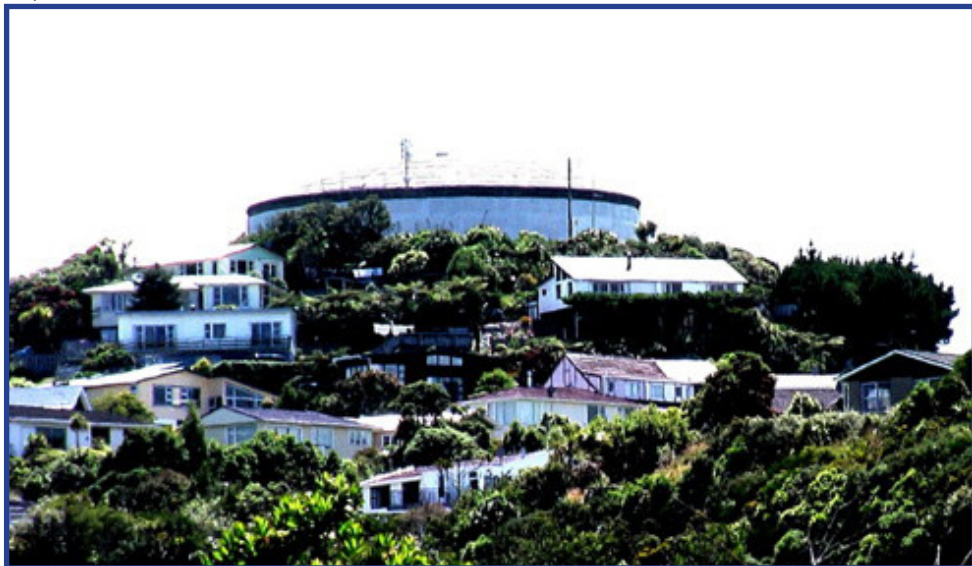
Harbour FM 107.3 MHz. On air 1st June 2002.

Petone FM 88.1 MHz. On air 12th March 2003.

Both LPFM transmitters are multicoupled into a



single antenna at a site near the Maungaraki Shopping Centre. Their studios are at two separate sites.



This photograph is the view in the opposite direction, showing the transmitting site as seen from the Maungaraki Shopping Centre. (Doug Ingham, Lower Hutt)

### **FMTV DX LOG - January 2012**

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) with Sony XDR-FIHD and 5 element FM Yagi horizontally mounted on rotator at 7 metres height.

Because of overseas travel, my DX season was cut short on 10 January. Here is the DX log to that date. Dates and Times are UTC. The highlights were hearing VL2NI Norfolk Island Radio on 89.9 FM for the first time, also Austral FM Sydney 87.8.

#### **8 January**

- 0334 New Caledonia - Djido 102.0 very good // 103.0, RNC 88.0 peaking good // 88.5 and 91.5, France Inter 92.5 and 93.0, pops on 93.5, UNID on 89.5.
- 0416 New Caledonia 88.0 and 88.5 still audible, France Inter 92.5 peaking good, Djido 96.0, 93.5 the last signal to go at 0423.
- 2228 Australia – 2MBS Sydney 102.5 vgd; rock music on 101.9 and 101.7; classical 102.7; talk poor on 103.5; 104.1 Sydney vgd with RDS displaying “2DAY-FM”; talk on 104.3; 104.9 Aussie mixing NZL; Triple J 105.7; 87.8 Radio Austral Sydney with Spanish song, later tangos, logged 2234 past 2300; 89.1 Blue Mountains FM, Katoomba with classical music at 2235; 92.1 weak UNID.
- 2302 Australia - 94.5 2FBI Sydney with sponsor message – very patchy audio and rapid fading; 95.3 Sydney with “95.3 classic 10 at 10” – 2PTV; 96.9 2SYD with disco pops; 97.2 2SBS with sports news in Dutch; 101.7 pops at 2312; 102.3 talk; 102.5 classical 2MBS; 103.9 ABC News Radio and 102.3 ABC Classic FM,

both weak level from Canberra at 2315.

### **9 January**

- 0009 New Caledonia – 91.5 RNC surging to strong with “Nouvelle Caledonie Premiere”ident; FF on 96.5; Oceane FM 95.0 at 0020.  
0029 Norfolk Island – 89.9 “Radio Norfolk Island” with local news items, then weather, but dropped away abruptly 0032.

### **10 January**

- 0101 New Caledonia – French traces mixing Whangarei LPFM on 88.0; UNID distorted signal on 89.9 (perhaps Norfolk Island).  
0153 Australia – 92.5 ABC News Radio with NPR News and ‘All Things Considered –Northeast Tasmania transmitter site as ABC Classic FM 93.3 and Radio National 94.1 also in; 99.3 ABC Classic and 100.1 Triple J from Bega.  
0206 Australia - 93.3 foreign language, possibly Greek – presume 4SBS Brisbane.  
0246 Australia – 4SBS Brisbane confirmed; 92.5 exc with “92.5 Gold FM’ ident; 91.7 ABC Gold Coast; 89.3 4CRB peaking vgd; 88.5 ABC Classic FM; ABC Lismore channels all in very good at 0302 – 96.9, 94.5, 95.3, 96.1; 94.5 carried New South Wales weather at 0304 and “This is Summer on ABC Local Radio”; 2ZZZ 100.9 fair; ABC National Gold Coast 90.1 vgd but distorted.  
0310 Australia - 90.9 4SEA-FM; 4JAZ fair only at 0313; 97.7 Triple J Gold Coast fair at best; 98.5 ABC News Radio Lismore, 102.9 Gold Coast commercials 0318; 103.9 and 104.1 fading up; 92.3 and 91.5 from Grafton/Kempsey;  
0412 Australia - 101.3 music here interfering with local RNZ National 101.2 on my little Sony 7600G with whip antenna;104.1 2DAY-FM Sydney vgd;103.7 on country music; 103.5 ABC talk; 102.9 pops; ABC Classic FM on 101.9; 101.7 excellent; 101.3 on rap music; 100.9 ABC talk;100.5 ABC News Radio Batemans Bay good with road conditions 0443 over another station; 2MBS Sydney vgd 0446; classical on 89.7 at 0447; UNID ABC on 97.3 at 0459.

### **FM DX FOR FEB 2012 DXT**

- KB Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin. Eton E5, Homebrew 100MHz 2-element Quad up 6m (Normally on about 300 deg but can rotate from W to NE)
- UTC MHz Details
- 2358 102.3 Port McQuarie NSW, Star FM, Fair with local ads, ID, news - 2/1 KB  
0047 101.7 Sydney, WSFM Fair signal (some splatter from 101.9), classic hits, ID – 3/1 KB  
0300 102.3 Port McQuarie, Star FM, Fair with news, local ads – 9/1 KB  
0414 102.6 FIJI, Bula FM, Good on peaks in Fijian, MA, Melanesian pops, ads, ID – followed until 0445 - possibly tropo scatter from front North of NZ -16/1 KB  
0430 101.7 Sydney, WSFM, classic hits, Neil Finn, Simon/Garf – 10/1 KB  
0618 99.3 Bega/Cooma, ABC Classical with Sunday Jazz prgrm, fair, ID 0700, parallel with Batemans Bay/Moruya (fair) from 0638, BB Good from 0739 until F/O – 15/1 KB  
0709 99.3 Bega/Cooma, ABC classical, Good on peaks with class instr music Batemans Bay/Moruya parallel at 0721 – 11/1 KB

## THE SINGAPORE FM SCENE

The location of Singapore, with line of sight views to neighbouring Malaysia and Indonesian islands, means the local FM band is filled with stations from all 3 countries. Most stations in Singapore itself seem to be operated by Mediacorp, formed out of the privatisation of the state-owned Singapore Broadcasting Corporation in 1994. Here are slogans/formats for stations I heard on FM in mid-January, mainly those with some English language content:

88.9 BBC Singapore with 24 hour World Service relay, has local ID inserts on the hour and half hour.

90.5 Gold 90.5 FM MediaCorp station with "Gold 90 FM" identifications.

The logo for Gold 90.5 fm features the word "Gold" in a large, stylized, golden-yellow font with a slight shadow. Below it, "90.5 fm" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

91.3 "Ninety-One Three, Singapore's Number 1 Hit Music Station".

92.4 Symphony 92.4 - another Mediacorp station, with classical music format. Email announced as symphony@mediacorp.sg Slogan: "Non-stop classics wherever you are, at Symphony 92.4".

The logo for Symphony 92.4 fm features the word "Symphony" in a blue, cursive script font. Below it, "92.4 fm" is written in a blue, sans-serif font.

93.8 "938 Live, a MediaCorp station" – rolling news format at times.

The logo for 938 LIVE features the number "938" in a large, black, sans-serif font inside a green rounded square. Below it, the word "LIVE" is written in a green, sans-serif font.

94.6 "Lite FM" Johore Bahru, Malaysia

95.0 "The Best in Rock, Class FM". Also from the MediaCorp stable.

97.6 Hitz-FM Johore Bahru with EE talkback, "Hitz-FM" slogans & advts.

98.0 Power 98 FM, Singapore with "Rick Dees American Top 40". Ident as "Power 98, hit music and more".

98.7 "98.7 FM, only the hits". A Mediacorp station.

99.1 "Mix FM" with English pops format. Johore Bahru, Malaysia.

99.5 "Lush FM" Mediacorp station with jazz vocals and instrumentals.

101.6 Zoo-FM Sekupang, Batam Island Indonesia good with EE pops, multi-lingual anncts, idents as "101.6 FM" and Zoo-FM.

102.3 Batam Island Indonesia identifying in EE as "102.3 FM, the Real Unique FM Station, Batam, Indonesia".

102.9 Traxx FM Johore Bahru Malaysia with EE Sports news 0309 14Jan. Parallel to 7295 SW.

107.0 Be 107, Batam Island Indonesia with multi-lingual identifications for "Be 107 FM". Alan Davies' excellent Asiawaves.net website shows this as a Christian broadcaster with a Singapore local mailing address.

The logo for CLASS 95 FM features the word "CLASS" in a blue, sans-serif font. Below it, "95 FM" is written in a larger, blue, sans-serif font.The logo for 987 FM features the number "987" in a large, stylized, pink font with a black outline. Below it, "FM" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.The logo for LUSH 99.5 FM features the word "LUSH" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, "99.5 FM" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

**(Bryan Clark - Singapore)**

## **New channel launches on Freeview**

Local media group, World TV Limited, has joined the mainstream television market by launching an English television channel introducing Asia to New Zealand digital TV audiences.

The new channel, TV9, went to air today on channel 29 of the FreeviewHD.

WTV Chief Executive Officer, Henry Ho, said TV9 will focus on filling the information gap about New Zealand's growing relationship with Asia.

"News programs will be hosted by Julian Nixon, and CCTV programs in English including Asia Today, Dialogue and BizAsia will be simultaneously broadcast on a new radio station, FM104.2 named Radio 9, along with popular movies, drama, documentaries, sports programs and Chinese language courses," Mr. Ho said.

"There is a gap in the market for TV9 and Radio 9 because New Zealanders are becoming increasingly interested in Asia as trading and cultural links grow stronger," he said.

WTV already owns and broadcasts one FreeviewHD channel, CTV 8, broadcasting in Chinese and ten pay television channels offering content in Chinese, Korean and Japanese, plus three radio channels, but TV9 and Radio 9 will be the company's first English TV and radio channels, respectively.

(Throng, 1 February, <http://www.throng.co.nz/tv9/new-channel-launches-on-freeview-today>)

## **Choice TV channel coming to Freeview this Autumn**

This autumn will see the launch of ChoiceTV on the Freeview digital platform. It will be New Zealand's first broad appeal Free-To-Air TV channel launched in more than a decade and will offer viewers an exciting and interesting range of programmes twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

ChoiceTV's programming will centre on entertainment, information, and lifestyle content from around the world. To achieve this, major shareholder Top Shelf Productions (one of New Zealand's leading production companies) has acquired unique and previously unseen international content; programmes that will tap into the tastes and interests of many Kiwi viewers with themes like homes, travel, gardening, food, adventure, health & fitness and comedy and drama.

"NZ is rapidly heading towards the first Digital Switch Over in September and when that day comes we will be there to provide viewers with free access to a greater choice of popular programmes. Viewers are demanding more high quality free to air content and as a major producer of local programming it made sense for Top Shelf to be involved in the first of NZ's new Freeview TV channels." said ChoiceTV and Top Shelf Director, Vincent Burke.

The door is also open to New Zealand programme makers says Vincent Burke. "We're keen to screen independently funded local content if it fits the programming strategy for the channel and we'll also look seriously at the back catalogues of local production companies."

Also ChoiceTV management are looking to develop relationships with various organizations with a view to producing public interest programmes that will be screened in off-peak time slots.

And in an exciting move, ChoiceTV has formed a relationship with international broadcaster RTL Festival. This will bring New Zealand viewers a range of international

festival films, plus Red Carpet interviews at all international film festivals starting with Cannes in May this year. Choice is also in discussion with the NZ Film Commission for the screening rights to its back catalogue of films and shorts.

The channel's management team is made up of Top Shelf's Vincent Burke, Laurie Clarke and Brian Holland and highly experienced industry experts Julia Baylis and Alex Breingan.

"The model for running a very successful channel already exists in the pay market so marrying that with some of commercial radio's most savvy business initiatives presents a very real chance to gain a significant foothold in the emerging and expanding Freeview market" says ChoiceTV General Manager Alex Breingan. "Our business model and pricing structure will also offer very affordable entry into TV advertising for small businesses as well as major corporates."

Channel launch is planned for mid to late April 2012 and, while the exact channel number is yet to be confirmed, it's expected to be either 12 or 13 on Freeview. The channel will be available to all households with either a Freeview box or a Freeview capable TV in those areas of the country that are covered by Kordia transmitters – at the moment that's around 80-85% of the country. ChoiceTV management are negotiating with another transmission company to reach a further 7% of the viewing audience.

(Throng, 10 February, <http://www.throng.co.nz/choice-tv/choice-tv-channel-coming-to-freeview-this-autumn>)

### **TV7 shopping channel idea a step too far**

TVNZ's plans to get advertising cash from doomed channel stymied by practical and political difficulties

Television New Zealand and Ogilvy have dropped plans to turn TVNZ 7 into a shopping channel. Plans outlined in December were greeted with righteous indignation by campaigners for public broadcasting.

TVNZ's shopping channel ideas added insult to injury after it scrapped TVNZ 6 and moved to scrap TVNZ 7.

But the plan did not fall over because state-owned TVNZ found its public-service heart. It just didn't make financial sense.

Advertising entrepreneur Greg Partington had said the channel, to be fronted by Candy Lane, would feature shopping and advertorial content such as product demonstrations - a tough move in such a small market.

Partington wanted to make the content at Ogilvy's studio in Stanley St, where it makes TV commercials for retailer clients such as Briscoes. TVNZ, which owns the channel capacity on Freeview and would make money subleasing it, also wanted to make more money out of the project by producing the content.

Behind these practicalities were public relations problems for the Government. The Nats are not worried about losing TVNZ7 and they want the state broadcaster to make money.

But my sources say turning TVNZ 7 into a hyper-commercial shopping channel was seen as a step too far. It would exacerbate the small but energetic criticism of the Government killing off public broadcasting. TVNZ was told as much.

(NZ Herald, 10 February, [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/radio-industry/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=295&objectid=10784517](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/radio-industry/news/article.cfm?c_id=295&objectid=10784517))



● If you meet some criteria you may be eligible for assistance in upgrading your TV to receive ●  
● the Freeview digital TV. (If you're already using Sky or TelstraClear TV it won't apply) ●  
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# MAILBAG

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Kia ora! A quick housekeeping item to start with: please note that I'm swinging the deadline for your newsy bits into line with the rest of the "Times". So the dates from now on will be those set by the Chief Editor, usually on Page 3.

**Des Davey, Te Kuiti** takes pride of place this month for two reasons. Unfortunately he missed out being part of the changing of the guard in the January "Mailbag". Sorry Des, but your notes had a holiday in the post office box in Howick, and didn't reach me in time. Mike Butler I know appreciates your good wishes as he and I were anticipating your news.

More importantly, we need a blast of "76 Trombones" as in a P.S. to his latest notes, Des writes, "February 18, I may go out to the local R.S.A. and have a few beers with my old mates to celebrate my 76<sup>th</sup> birthday!!" (I think that's allowed. Many happy returns.) "Mike, hope you had a good Christmas and New Year too. Mine went off well and now it's back to gardening and DX for yours truly. Reports out to: Taiwan - Sound of Hope 15900, 16100, 16700, and 16980; CRI China 17490 and 17570; VoA 7575; RNZI 15720 and 17675; Overcomer Ministry USA 15190; REE Spain 21610, 12035, and 17595; and NHK Japan 11730 kHz. It's been many moons since I've logged and reported WWVH so about the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, I reported 2.5, 5, 10, and 15 MHz, and I received separate QSL's for the four stations in Kekaha, Hawai'i in the post on 31/12/11, and they were glad to have reports from this part of the Pacific. Other QSL's to hand: RFI/France 15300; VoRussia 7340; Japan 11730; and Sound of Hope 15900, 16100, 16700, and 16980 kHz." (*Wow, the NHK and SoH replies were prompt. You had mentioned in the December issue that you were spending Christmas in Te Kuiti, so I hope you and the cat were all revved up for New Year's with your daughter and family.*)

In his delayed notes, Des listed reports out to R. Romania 11955; R. France RFI 7220; CRI China 9570; VoRussia 17805; REE Spain 13720 and 21540; and Radio Canada International 17790 kHz. Also at that time, he had received QSL's from the Voice of Croatia 9925; RNZI 5950; and CRI China 13790 and 15210 kHz.

**Jerry Berg in Lexington, MA** adds three QSL's to his collection, including one for a report dating back three years: "CANADA: 6070, CFRX, QSL-card for an old reception in December 2008, after a couple of earlier reports, or their verification, went astray. Nice card with drawing of antenna and 'Newstalk 1010 CFRB' and 'CFRX 6070 Shortwave' on front, full-data on back. Signer Stephen Canney in 9 days after recent follow-up to Harold Sellers who sent it to Steve <[va3sc@yahoo.ca](mailto:va3sc@yahoo.ca)>. Thanks, Harold and Steve. (*Yes,*



*that's a great effort by Harold of the ODXA for both CFRB/CFRX and CKMX/CFVP.)*

"GERMANY: 7265, Hamburger Lokalradio via MV Baltic Radio, Gohren; nice professionally printed MV Baltic Radio card showing vertical antenna and equipment on front, station name, e-mail address, on back full-data and reference to my hearing a test broadcast of Hamburger Lokalradio. Signer was Roland Rohde. Received in 9 weeks for e-mail report and MP3 recording to <info@mvtbalticradio.de>. They also sent an e-mail the same day as my report, saying that the power was 1 kW. Nothing yet from Hamburger Lokalradio for my e-mail report, though I have verified them before via DTK.

"USA: 15580, VoA, "Edward R. Murrow Transmitting Station," Greenville, glossy photo-stock card, picture of antennas, VoA logo, IBB Grimesland, NC address, full-data, signature of CE illegible. In 6 weeks for a postal report."

**Rich D'Angelo** escaped part of his winter in Wyomissing, PA with a trip to Catalunya: "We are into the midst of the winter doldrums. However, I can feel the daylight periods slowly beginning to lengthen so things are not all bad. During the Christmas period – Dec 19 through 29 – we decided to visit Barcelona, Spain. It was a great trip and we were literally on the go all day long. And the weather was sensational. I can heartily recommend Barcelona to anyone looking for a vacation to Spain.

"At the moment, I am having trouble scheduling our mid-winter DXpedition to French Creek State Park. The first outing in December was pretty good except the tropical bands were strangely quiet until the final morning. Hopefully, the lower frequency ranges will cooperate a little more the next time we go. However, I still don't know when we will be able to go.

"Here is a rundown of verifications received this month. Radio Austria 1 International verified with a full data letter from Ö1 Service Listeners' Relations Department, a History of Radio Austria International and a schedule good through 24 March 2012 in response to a postal report. A couple of Euro pirates from the Netherlands round out the month. Black Arrow Radio verified an electronic report with a full data 'QSL 86' electronic attachment from v/s Alex. Previously, he sent a note indicating he received 20 reception reports over the two days and he had been heard in Japan, California, East Coast USA, Spain, Finland and Russia. Alex sent pictures of some of his equipment as well as a "Japan Test Weekend" greeting to all listeners' attachment. Cupid Radio verified an electronic report with an e-mail reply from v/s Rinus indicating power was up to 350 watts carrier but he did see the meter peaking around 600 watts. He had many reports from around the globe including during his beam east 16 different people in Japan sent him a reception report plus one phone caller. Also, he received a report from the Russian border with North Korea, one from New Delhi, one from Uzbekistan, and one from New Zealand. He says 'it was crazy working never got so many reports from the other side of the pond' mentioning 'it took hours to send all a reply'. I was glad he recalled our previous contact in 2007. 73, Rich." (*Well, we know John Durham was the Kiwi who reported them but...*)

**John Durham** is glad the weather has improved from his late December report: "Cheers from a warm sunny Tauranga. I think I met you many years ago at a convention, possibly Auckland. A few QSL's back over the last month: Bangladesh 4750; MV Baltic Radio, Germany 9480; the Netherlands' Borderhunter 20795; and Bolivia's Radio Santa Cruz 6134.8, an e-mail reply back within 24 hrs." (*No sign of a Cupid Radio verie for you? Yes, I'd guess the 1980 convention out in Waitakere. You and Bryan insist on emphasising the passage of time! Nice one with Santa Cruz: they make it in here occasionally ~0100Z, and also had Radio Pio XII on ~5952.4 one afternoon in late January.*)

**Ian Cattermole** in Blenheim wishes me well: "Hi Theo. Hope you are enjoying your new vocation (Mailbag). Noted your comment re reception reports etc. Yes, can get a bit of a chore at times especially if one lets them pile up a bit so now I try to send them off as soon as monitored, being fully retired helps of course. I rarely send any off by snail-mail these days, would guess about 95% are e-mailed but it is interesting to note that although I do get quite a few e-QSL's, the majority reply by snail-mail.

"Here are my SW veries received during January: TWR Moosbrunn 7310, 7225, and 9685; TWR Wertachtal 7295, 12015, and 6110; TWR Manzini 15360; WYFR Dhabbaya 9885; T8WH 17800; RDW Kigali 17800, 9655, and 11865; International Radio Serbia 9685; RNW SMG 11615; Hamada Radio International 11865; RTI Issoudun 15690; Radio Dabanga 7315 and 11940; RFA Tinian/Saipan 21495, 21510, 15635, 17825, 21685, 15640, 21480, and 21465; Radio Bulgaria 9800; VOIRI 11920 and 9605; KSDA 11855 and 15225; AWR Wertachtal 15480 and 17510; Radio Austria International 17630; and VoA Wertachtal 9485."

*(Mike Butler heard me mutter "retirement", and promptly palmed "Mailbag" off in my direction! <grin>. So, am I enjoying it? Well, it keeps me out of bars and off the streets. But hey, you're "down" this month: 35... I'm keeping track. That's an intriguing observation that although your reports are predominantly electronic, a majority reply by hard copy.)*

**Ian Wells** has a very nice BCB verie, but I'm not too sure of his exact location in the South Island. One source suggests Mosgiel, but his e-mail address contains Waitaki: "Hi Theo. I can report a verification received for ZNS1 Radio Bahamas on 1540 kHz, my medium wave country #17. I received an unsigned verification letter from Deon Morris, Programming Manager, via Vivian Varnett <v.varnett@znsbahamas.com> in response to a letter, which in turn was following up on an initial e-mail I'd sent them. (*Ah, one of my boo-boo's while at CJVB/1470 in Vancouver was to mail out an unsigned QSL card to an IRCA buddy, the late Ric Heald in northern California. He was not amused, but I was able to "do" a personal signing during a vacation visit. That might be a bit more difficult from Down Under to the Bahamas.*)

**Günter Jacob from Passau, Germany** reports in that: "It was with great pleasure to receive my WRTH 2012 from Dr Adrian Peterson during the first week of January, along with these QSL's for my entry for AWR's "Choose a Channel" DX Contest: AWR KSDA 9610 and AWR via Meyerton 9610. These other stations also replied: Vatican Radio via

Bonaire 9610, Vatican Radio via Sackville 9610, Polskie Radio 9610 (though Günter was disappointed with lack of location for the transmitter at Woofferton), Voice of Turkey Emirler 9610, Radio Romania 9610 (transmitter Saffica not given either), and Family Radio via Wertachtal 9610 kHz.

"These other cards arrived during January: AWR KSDA 11945, AWR via Nauen 17510, Radio Japan Yamata 9750, KBS World 9740, Voice of Turkey Emirler 17755, and many of my 2011 reception reports were verified from IRIB, namely these frequencies: 5995, 6065, 6095, 6140, 7290, 7340, 9540, 9565, 9715, 9830, 9845, 11620, 11790, 11800, 11885, 11920, 11945, 11950, 12020, 13670, 13715, 13720, 15225, 15400, 17530, 17610, 17665, 21520, 21650 and 21670 kHz." (30 frequencies... yikes.)

**David Ricquish** keeps the flag flying in Wellington: "It's good to welcome you back to the DXT Theo and wish you all the best with the column. Having 'been there' myself, it's a lot of fun. Thanks must go to Mike for his sterling work with the column these last few years as well.

"My radio year started with a call out of the blue from WJR Detroit 760 just after midnight on January 1 when I found myself live on their breakfast show to chat about New Year's Eve in NZ. I really should have asked where the QSL from my 1971 report was, but I decided to be kind!

"I'm rarely checking the dials these days, with so many projects related to the Radio Heritage Foundation [www.radioheritage.com] taking up all my time. We've just added a full series of new Australian AM & FM guides, new Travellers Radio Guides [AM & FM] to the Pacific and keep the PAL guides updated with Bruce Portzer in Seattle.

"We also do all the WRTH country files for the Pacific including Hawaii, and the current project is developing a full AM & FM NZ online guide which will include the LPFM stations. Plus we do Pacific radio documentaries for RNZI!

"It's good to catch up with the Wellington boys each month for coffee and gossip and I hope to see the Canterbury guys before too long as well." (Thanks for the welcome back. I'll likely be down in Seattle for Evelyn's and Bruce's annual get-together on Sat 11 Feb.)

**Bryan Clark** hasn't been home much at **Mangawhai** recently: "The second half of January was spent in Singapore, Hong Kong & Macao. DXing was only possible in Singapore where we stayed in a private home - the hotels in other places had too much QRN. With no MW stations in Singapore and very few in neighbouring Malaysia, an AM band of unfamiliar languages was a real challenge but my trusty Sony 7600G and its inbuilt ferrite rod aerial managed some decent catches, the best being United Arab Emirates on 1539. On shortwave I was disappointed at the poor signals from AIR Port Blair on 4760 and their previously heard MW outlet 684 is now practically blocked out by a high powered Chinese transmitter carrying CRI programmes including English.

"I am now trying out a Tecsun PL390 receiver purchased in Hong Kong as a possible replacement for the Sony.

"QSL's are in from Radio Netherlands Madagascar Test 21480; Hamburger Lokalradio

5980 & 7265 with 1kW; and Harvest Radio Suva 89.8 FM.” *(The PL390 I recall received good reviews from the <ultralightdx> group as far as MW goes, though I don’t believe it qualifies for their “size” requirement. What about on SW? And any sign of communication from CHHA in Toronto?)*

“From **DX Dunedin** area,” **Roger Pryde** of the South reports: “QSL received from Radio Romania International 11895 from my October 2011 report, featuring Ancient Castle Ruins, also received a programme schedule and some nice stamps on envelope as usual.

“Reports out to VoA 9480, VoRussia 17805, R. Australia 15230 flood report, R. Habana Cuba 11760 kHz, all in English.

“We have had a quiet relaxing time down here, weather very hot/cool, good for Aust/USA CB. My best CB call from the States, US Trucker Yaesu 35 coming through at S/5.” *(Ten-four, Roger. Hope that trucker was in a rest area, or not using a hand-held!)*

**Kelvin Brayshaw** has the final word, and adds a lot of his background in the process: “Greetings from **Levin**. Good to meet you. I’ve been the sub-editor for BW Over 9 for just on a year, having replaced Phil van de Paverd. I’m 81. My start in radio came with enlistment in the RNZN as a Boy Telegraphist in 1946. Dabbled a little in DX while at ZLO in 1950. Worked in radio or telegraph communications thereafter until retirement end of 1993. On the fringes of Ham radio (cw only) from 1972, but got more involved from 1986 when I started a 3-year posting to Ottawa (I had a keen ham living behind me). So have a couple of ARRL Field Day contests under my belt with a very good crew in Canada (mostly professionals in electronics) 1988, 1989. I enjoyed the experience and found Canadians to be very user-friendly folks, with a wry view of their larger neighbours, similar to the NZ/Aust situation. *(Thanks, Kelvin. If I recall correctly, the RNZN had an installation at Irirangi, south of Waiouru when I was a kid. Was that the location for ZLO? The PO was at Himatangi. Hmm, we Canucks being described as user-friendly... must remember that label! But, ouch, three years in Brrrr-Ottawa. You’re more than welcome to that.)*

And there we have it for February. Kelvin’s comments remind me that you don’t have to have recent QSL’s or such activities to join in the conversation. The more of us shooting the breeze, the better.

Even though the school bell had rung and the closing date is now history **Stu Forsyth in Hanoi, Vietnam** managed to sneak in the following last minute entry

“Veries are in for the following Voice of Russia 15585 via Vladivostok; CRI 13645 and 17725 via Xian, 15350, 17505 and 17540 via Kashi, 17710 via Beijing. I also have an e-mail verie for Romania 9655 for an April 2009 report. They are trying to find an April 2009 QSL card!

I have a report out to VoR 21805 and 17805’

# BROADCAST NEWS

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**ALASKA** An application has been lodged for a new station in Juneau on 1400 running U1 25kw days, 1kw nights. (NRC)

**AUSTRALIA** More on the new 1674 AM signal from Melbourne. Transmitter location is at Gro-Link Nursery, 766 Duncans Road, Werribee South. (Robert Copeman) And the frequency is owned by none other than Justin Christie of FM LPON fame. It now appears "the 1674 signal will be time shared between Surf FM and the Lion (of Judah) with Lion offering programs from 4pm Sunday to 4pm Fridays" according to Jock's Journal. The 1674 signal is, as normal for X band, slightly better than telephone quality. (Brian Goldsmith via MW-Pacific-Asia Yahoo Group)

Here is a list of Melbourne extended band AM stations currently on air:

1611 3UCB Hoppers Crossing, Victoria (VRN)  
1620 3CW Bayswater, Victoria  
1629 3CW Williamstown, Victoria  
1638 3ME South Morang, Victoria (Radio Lebanon)  
1674 3MJR Werribee South, Victoria (Lion 16-74)  
1701 3VMV Somerton, Victoria (Islamic Voice Radio)

(Robert Copeman & Ian Stanley via MW-Pacific-Asia Yahoo Group)

1611 in Sydney now carries the Vision Radio Network replacing 2GW. (Paul Mech via MW-Pacific-Asia Yahoo Group)

**BAHAMAS** I can report a verification received for ZNS1 Radio Bahamas on 1540kHz, my medium wave country #17. I received an unsigned verification letter from Deon Morris, Programming Manager, via Vivian V Arnett (v.varnett@znsbahamas.com) in response to a letter, which in turn was following up on an initial email I'd sent them. **(Ian Wells)**

**CANADA** (thanks to National Radio Club & International Radio Club of America)

580 CFRA Ottawa ON applies for U4 50kw/30kw (night power increase from 10kw). (NRC)  
680 CHFA Edmonton AB applies to move to 90.1 MHz.  
960 CKNT Mississauga ON is new. (IRCA)  
1310 CHLW Saint Paul AB went dark immediately after FM flip to CHSP 97.7 without utilising authorised 90 day simulcast period. (IRCA)  
1410 CKSL London ON Oldies format replaced by Comedy. Slogan "Funny 1410". (IRCA)  
1570 CKMW Winkler MB has applied to move to 103.7 MHz FM.



The aerial view shows the combined transmitter site of stations CKST (1040) and CFTE (1410, better known by former callsign CFUN) when it was under construction -- it's a frame freeze from the local CTV news. **(Theo Donnelly)**

**HAWAII** KWAH Honolulu on 1080 is licensed for U1 5kw day & night but presently operates under a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) with U1 1.75kw day & night power while awaiting the arrival and installation of the replacement transmitter.(NRC)

A Construction Permit has been granted for new station at Kahului on 1250 with U1 5kw days, 210 watts nights at coordinates 20-53-26/ 156-29-20.(NRC)

**MEXICO** 940 often experiences heterodyne interference in our evenings and the culprit is XEQ in Mexico City which American DXer Bruce Conti has measured the frequency as 939.876kHz. Noted with identification at 0700 UTC as "XEQ 940... transmite con cincuenta mil wattios de potencia... XEQ 940..."(NRC)

**NORTHERN MARIANAS** KKMP Garapan Saipan 1440 is licenced for 1.1kw day & night U1 but is currently operating under a Special Temporary Authorisation with 200 watts using a center fed 330 foot long horizontal 1/2 wave Dipole Antenna 20 feet above ground. (NRC)

## **USA (Items from National Radio Club & International Radio Club of America)**

- 570 KVI Seattle WA has switched from Oldies format to Talk "Smart Talk 570". (IRCA)
- 680 WPTF Raleigh NC, licensed for U2 50kw day & night, has filed for a Special Temporary Authorization with U1 50kw/50kw while their site is being prepared to accommodate WQDR 570. No time frame was specified. WPTF's licensed night pattern is a circular lobe directed to the south-southeast with a small lobe to the north-northwest. This action should allow DXers living outside of WPTF's regular nighttime service area an opportunity to log them. (NRC)
- 850 KOA Denver CO now carries Coast to Coast here in the 0200 0700 ELT time

- slot. (Wayne Heinen CO via NRC)
- 910 KNEW Oakland CA is now "San Francisco's Talk 910 KKSF". (IRCA)
- 960 KKGW Oakland CA is now "960 AM KNEW". (IRCA)
- 1200 KPSF Cathedral City CA Initial CP was on 1220 kHz with U4 5kw/1.3kw at Desert Hot Springs. They then applied for, and have been granted, U4 5kw day/1.3kw nights here. (Wayne Heinen CO via NRC)
- 1330 KJLL South Tucson AZ has change of callsign to KWFM. (NRC)
- 1600 KEPN Lakewood CO has flipped format from ESPN Sports to FOX Sports. (IRCA)
- 1620 WTAW College Station TX promo annc't "News Sports & Talk for the Brazos Valley 1620 WTAW College Station Bryan" then Fox News. (Wayne Heinen CO via NRC)
- 1630 KCJJ Iowa City IA with up-tempo AC format, KCJJ jingle and "Broadcasting from the McGrathauto.com studios on the Iowa River Landing in Coralville, this is the mighty 1630 KCJJ Iowa City and Coralville". (Wayne Heinen CO via NRC)
- 1630 KKGW Fort Worth TX with "This is Better Life Radio for the Metroplex AM 1630 KKGW Fort



Worth Dallas, a Mortenson Broadcasting Station" to IRN/USA News. Noted next morning with TRN's America Morning News. Running more Talk than Religion these days. (Wayne Heinen CO via NRC)

- 1640 WTNI Biloxi, MS heard with the slogan "96.7 The Champ". (IRCA)
- 1660 KXOL Brigham City UT with ident on the hour KNIV Lyman, KXOL Brigham City in heavily accented EE, then AM and FM frequencies and La Favorita slogans. (Wayne Heinen CO via NRC)

**MOYL MUSIC FORMAT REVIVED** Those who listened to US stations in the late 70's and early 80's will remember this music format - featuring adult standards - heard on a large number of AM stations. After years of decline as listeners moved away from AM, the format found a new home online [[www.musicofyourlife.com](http://www.musicofyourlife.com)] supported by a small group of generally low power fringe AM stations in areas with high numbers of retirees. In a stunning comeback, MOYL has signed a deal with the owner of some 39 AM stations to replace many existing brokered Asian and Spanish language programs with their formula of 'Great American Songbook' and complementary adult contemporary hits [think Michael Buble] from 1 February. (David Ricquish, Radio Heritage Foundation) David says MOYL will air on some stations that are audible in NZ, including KBLA Los Angeles 1580, KIQI San Francisco 1010, KXPA Seattle 1540 and KWRU Fresno 940.

## DX TESTS (thanks to NRC DX News)

**KRPI Radio, 1550 kHz**, Ferndale, WA will conduct a DX Test on Sunday 26 February from 0900 to 0930 UTC. The test will consist of voice announcements, Morse code identifications, distinctive music, and audio tones. Chief Engineer David Harris has indicated the station will be using their daytime power and antenna pattern for the

test. Reception reports and digital audio recordings may be directed to 1550radio@gmail.com. DXers can receive a KRPI QSL card for correct reception reports by sending their reports along with a self-addressed envelope and return postage to the following address: Mr. David Harris, Chief Engineer, KRPI Radio, P.O. Box 3213, Ferndale, WA 98248. Many thanks to Mr. Harris who is also amateur radio operator AC7OB. (Test arranged by J.D. Stephens and Jim Pogue)

**WTKT Radio, 1460 kHz, Harrisburg, PA** will conduct a DX Test on Monday 27 February at 0515, 0545, 0615, 0645, 0715, 0745, 0815, 0845, 0915 and 0945 UTC for one minute. The test will consist of voice announcements and Morse code identifications. Operations Manager R.J. Harris is also investigating the possibility of using WHP's daytime antenna pattern during the test periods. Reception reports and digital audio recordings may be directed to RJHarris@ClearChannel.com . DXers can receive a WHP QSL card for correct reception reports by sending their reports along with a self-addressed envelope and return postage to the following address: Mr. R.J. Harris, Operations Manager, 1460 The Ticket, c/o Clear Channel Communications, 600 Corporate Circle. Harrisburg, PA 17110. Many thanks to Mr. Harris who is also amateur radio operator W3HP. (Test arranged by J.D. Stephens and Jim Pogue)

**WHP Radio, 580 kHz, Harrisburg, PA** will conduct a DX Test on Monday 27 February at 0505, 0533, 0605, 0633, 0705, 0733, 0805, 0833, 0905 and 0933 UTC for one minute. The test will consist of voice announcements and Morse code identifications. Operations Manager R.J. Harris is also investigating the possibility of using WHP's daytime antenna pattern during the test periods. For reception reports & QSL requests, refer WTKT details above. (Test arranged by J.D. Stephens and Jim Pogue)

## BROADCAST TRAIL

**TK** Tony King, Greytown

**BCM** Bryan Clark, Mangawhai

- 1260 NEW ZEALAND Image of 531PI Auckland caught me out 0635 10/1 with adverts for Cook Islands products, Pacifica music items, poor-fair in the mix. Anyone know the 'maths' for such an image? BCM
- 1570 HAWAII KUAU religious; choral singing and dialogue 0745 over XERF 5/2 TK All alone 0630 31/1 with brief news headlines then into contemporary Christian vocals. BCM
- 1610 CANADA CHHA Toronto fading up 0728 9/1 all alone with ident as "C.H.H.A Radio Voz Latinas". BCM CHHA (6.25kw) SS mexican regional music exc 0815 25/1 TK
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon with Gene Scott. Strong 0840 3/2 TK
- 1620 USA WTAW College Station TX C2C 0730 3/2 TK
- 1620 CUBA R. Rebelde very good in SS 0800 w/ chimes & nx. 3/2 Co-channel echo TK
- 1640 USA WTNi Biloxi MS under KDIA with sport 0715 25/1 TK



- 1650 USA KBJD Denver CO talkback and ID K-NUS (K nooze) 0807 27/1 TK
- 1656 AUSTRALIA VOAC Voice of Australian Chinese Brisbane strong 0850 3/2 TK
- 1660 USA KTIQ dominant in mix in SS talkback. Radio Visa 5/2 0845 TK
- 1670 KUSA HPY Moreno Valley CA SS pop Radio Catolica. EE ID 0800 3/2 TK
- 1690 USA WVON Berwyn IL Clear ID "WVON the Talk of Chicago" 0801 28/1 TK
- 1700 MEXICO XEPE Rosarito BC MX Himno Nacional 0700, border security ann in EE. Good. 3/2 TK

## **SINGAPORE BROADCAST TRAIL – 14-23 January 2012**

**Bryan Clark on holiday in Singapore**, using only a small Sony ICF7600G with its internal ferrite rod aerial. Bryan writes: "Singapore has no AM stations and adjacent West Malaysia very few, with the result that Indonesian signals and further afield are reasonably easy to hear. I was pleasantly surprised by the low noise level, helped no doubt by all power utilities being underground and perhaps the imminent Chinese New Year meaning some neighbours were on holiday. Indonesia-based Alan Davies' excellent asiawaves.net website was used to help identify stations heard.

- 610 VIETNAM Voice of the People of Ho Chi Minh City, a thundering signal in Vietnamese on this non-standard clear channel at 2135 21/1.
- 666 PHILIPPINES UNID poor to fair 1219 22/1 with frequent mentions of 'filipino'. Tentatively DZRH Manila. Signal peaked from northeast direction.
- 684 CHINA high-powered CRI Hainan site very good signal with EE news 1203 22/1. Also vgd at 1410 16/1 when listed as Cambodian. On 21/1 in FF with Radio France Internationale relay at vgd strength 1355, changing to CRI in Indonesian at 1400. At 1500 on 20/1 CRI's tuning signal and theme music and CC identification, followed by another Asian language.
- 792 UNID fair with talk 1404 22/1, tentatively in Thai which would make this Wor Phor Thor, Bangkok.
- 864 INDONESIA RRI Cirebon West Java with news 1218 22/1, good to very good // Jakarta 999.
- 891 UNID very good strength 1432 16/1 and 1405 22/1 when talking about football. There is a 1000kw Bangkok station Sor Wor Thor here, so suspect them.
- 918 CAMBODIA Phnom Penh strong, regular signal with mentions of kilohertz, AM and Phnom Penh on 23/1 at 1501.
- 971.5a UNID causing het with 972 1415 16/1.
- 999 INDONESIA RRI Jakarta 1435 16/1. Runs all night as also hrd at 2112 21/1.
- 1062a UNID on low side of frequency causing het 1417 16/1.
- 1080 UNID in Southeast Asian lang - Thai, Lao or Vietnamese, very good 1436 16/1. Tentatively CRI 600kw transmitter at Xuanwei in Yunnan.
- 1098 INDONESIA RRI (presumably Jambi, Sumatra) with Indonesian anncts 1148 17/1. Orchestral rendition of 'Song of the Coconut Islands' at 1200:30, then RRI id & news.
- 1170 UNID Annoying het from off-freq station 1104 21/1. Alan Davies suggests

this "could well have been An Giang, Vietnam whose location on the far southern tip of Vietnam helps put a reasonable signal in the early evening across the water to east-coast Malaysia and to NW Borneo."

- 1170 PHILIPPINES VOA Poro NOT HEARD despite regular monitoring.
- 1224a UNID on low side of frequency causing het 1418 16/1. Alan Davies reports a Bandung Indonesia station off frequency.
- 1269 CHINA China Radio International, via Xuanwei, Yunnan Province poor but improving signal in EE 1101 21/1 with "news from CRI", mixing another Asian station.
- 1296a UNID on low side of frequency causing het 1420 16/1.
- 1314a UNID on low side of frequency causing het 1420 16/1. Alan Davies reports some Indonesians have variable frequencies here.
- 1341 INDONESIA RRI Tanjung Pinang , Bintan Island fair with news & actuality reports in Indonesian, ident for 'Radio Republik Indonesia' 1211 22/1. Parallel to 1332 RRI presumably Jakarta and 1107 RRI presumably Yogyakarta.
- 1359 TAIWAN Radio Taiwan International, Fangaio 600kw with EE news 1105 21/1, poor. Transmission sked in EE 1158, poor 22/1.
- 1413 INDONESIA RRI station is the strongest MW signal in Singapore with Indo ident 1437 16/1. Asiawaves has this as 5kw RRI Sungailiat Programa Regional Bangka-Belitung, which is on an island to the south of Singapore, not far from Palembang.
- 1476a UNID causing het on 1476 at 1424 16 /1. Not 1475 though. Alan Davies lists an off-frequency Semarang station reported here in 2008.
- 1503 TAIWAN Radio France Internationale relay via 600kw Fangaio station with FF news good 1209 22/1 over another station. Ident 1210 then news continued. Also noted 1059 21/1 in CC-type lang with references to Taiwan followed by orchestral lullaby.
- 1512 INDONESIA UNID, possibly RRI Bukittinggi with news of Costa Concordia in Indo 1215 17/1. Quick ident, promos & news 1207 22/1, fair.
- 1521 UNID with unstable transmitter causing heterodyne whine here 1430 16/1. Alan Davies lists a West Java station on 1523v heard in May 2011.
- 1539 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Radio Aap Ki Dunya, Al Dhabbaya my most distant catch of the Singapore stay with Urdu peaking 1525 23/1 and frequent references to Pakistan. Retuned at 2255 and heard station go straight from Urdu into VOA English news bulletin at 2300, promo for "more news on the Internet at voa.com. Urdu resumed at 2305.
- 1557 UNID with Chinese type lang on top 1228 17/1, at 1300 unusual anthem played then clock chimed 8 times. Unfortunately nothing heard to confirm that this is the expected Family Radio via Taiwan. Second station with Quran audible in background 1237, presumably an Indonesian.
- 1575 THAILAND VOA relay 1000kw transmitter near Bangkok fair in EE with news of Republican primaries at 2345 13/1 // 7480 SW also fair. Vgd in Thai at 1439 16/1.

# ADCOM NEWS

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: DOUGLAS INGHAM (ZL2TAK)** from Lower Hutt and **DAVE WILKINSON** from Christchurch. Douglas is the son of our longstanding Lower Hutt member Cyril Ingham, whilst Dave learned about the League from the book "Shortwave radio listening for beginners" by Anita Louise McCormack. *Gentlemen, we hope you find items of interest and stimulus to your DX listening efforts in these pages. Please share your listening experiences. BC*

**THE DOMINOES CONTINUE TO FALL** **Radio Bulgaria** is the latest international broadcaster to cease shortwave transmissions – on 1 February. Member **PAUL RAWDON** wrote to Radio Bulgaria expressing his concern at the decision. Rossitsa Petcova from the English Section responded "We totally agree with your arguments, yet sadly, this is a decision taken by the higher levels of power, and governed mostly by austerity measures and recent budget cuts. The decision to cease shortwave broadcasts has come as a rather unpleasant surprise to the staff of Radio Bulgaria as well, and now we are making our best to try and convince our listeners to stay with us over the Internet. Our broadcasts will be accessible online, and although this is an entirely different medium and experience of listening, the information and atmosphere of Bulgaria that we are trying to offer will remain the same. We thank you for being with us on shortwave, for writing and sharing your comments! It makes a big difference knowing that we have people listening to us from as far as New Zealand! We hope you will keep listening to RB's programs in the future, as well." Commenting on the response in the DX League's 'dxdialog' Yahoo Discussion Group, Paul says "A bad decision, another broadcaster lulled into the false sense of security provided by the internet and satellites for that matter. It's much easier to block internet or satellite broadcasters than it is by shortwave."

**Radio Nederland** has announced a 24 hour marathon broadcast on 11 May which will look back with pride at 65 years of Dutch radio for expatriates, and which will also serve as the 'farewell' broadcast in the Dutch language. At this stage, no formal decision has yet been made about the date of the final Dutch radio broadcast, but it is extremely unlikely that they will continue through the Northern Hemisphere summer. (via Media Network website 7 Feb)

**LOW COST DRM RECEIVERS – IS THAT THE CAVALRY COMING?** While some people have already written off DRM as a "saviour" of shortwave due to the lack of mass-market low-priced DRM receivers, DRM Consortium Vice Chairman Ludo Maes showed up at the HFCC B11 Conference in Dallas Texas last September, a few days after helping to introduce some new low-cost (under US\$100) DRM receivers at the International Broadcasting Convention in Amsterdam. Maes showed 3 of these new receivers at a

special DRM presentation at the HFCC in Dallas, and he told delegates that more of these types of receivers are coming in the near future. He told the HFCC that the governments of Russia and India have decided to undertake major expansions of their domestic and international transmitter networks, all using the DRM system. Adil Mina of Continental Electronics, the only manufacturer of high-powered shortwave transmitters in the U.S., said that while many stations have reduced their shortwave transmissions, others are investing in new, modernized DRM-capable units. He said that all new orders for HF broadcast transmitters are requiring DRM capability. So things are not as bleak as some would suggest in the shortwave industry. And if new low cost digital receivers appear on the market in the near future, DRM could still spur a renaissance of shortwave radio. Some cynics will say “we’ve heard all this before,” but Adil Mina proclaimed that “now our promises are coming close to reality.” (From report by Jeff White in the December 2011 NASB Newsletter via **MARK NICHOLLS**)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Voice of America which turned 70 on Wednesday 1 February. Addressing VOA journalists at the agency’s Washington headquarters, VOA Director David Ensor says the international broadcast agency is aggressively moving forward with new programs that ensure it remains an “information lifeline to people in closed societies like Iran. He also pointed to a television news show for Burma that began airing in January, a popular video blog that has been viewed more than 7 million times in China, expanded TV broadcasts to Iran, and new health programs on radio in Africa. Mr Ensor also described plans for a Russian language TV program that will harness popular social media programs to make citizen journalists and the audience a key part of the show. Ensor said the one-time cold war broadcaster is “as relevant today as it was February 1st, 1942,” the date of the first shortwave radio broadcast to Germany.” Created by the U.S. government in the opening days of World War Two, the Voice of America has evolved into a global multi-media organization, broadcasting balanced and comprehensive news in 43 languages to an estimated weekly audience of 141 million. The first shortwave radio transmission, spoken in German just weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, began with the words “Here speaks a voice from America.” The broadcast went on to promise, “The news may be good. The news may be bad. We shall tell you the truth.” Ensor, the 28<sup>th</sup> VOA director, says the agency continues to be guided by those words. VOA radio remains highly popular in many markets, including Somalia, parts of Pakistan and Haiti. Ensor says the agency is moving forward with new television and Internet programs that target countries like Iran, where the government restricts the free flow of information. (VOA Press Release, via Alokesh Gupta via the DX League’s dxdialog Yahoo Group)

**FINAL FAREWELL TO QUARTZ HILL** After several years silence as top amateur radio DX station ZL6QH, the former broadcasting receiving site at Makara is no longer a DX option. The QRN generated by Meridian Energy’s new wind farm at Quartz Hill has driven away the Quartz Hill User Group (QHUG) and the group is now at a crunch point as its efforts to find an alternative DX site in the Wellington Region have been largely exhausted. During 2011 the QHUG Committee continued to actively investigate options for an alternative telecommunications site to replace Quartz Hill. QHUG’s criteria are

good access (preferably by two wheel drive cars), an affordable long term leasing arrangement, a site with a low angle of radiation to the horizon, relatively low levels of man made RF noise, and a reasonably flat (and preferably elevated) area. The ideal site is one that is up to 1.2Km by 600m in area. Such a site, oriented North-South, could accommodate 3 sets of Vee Beam antennas covering all key points of the compass and provide for simultaneous multiband contesting operations. Most sites would never meet all the criteria, and QHUG expected to have to make some compromises, eg 4WD access could have been considered, or the lack of onsite housing overcome. Possible DX contest sites are located in the Wairarapa or in the Horowhenua/Manawatu, and QHUG has approached groups in those areas. (Condensed from Quartz Hill User Group 2011 Annual Report via **RALPH SUTTON**) *If you know of any possible locations in the Wellington Region that fit the above criteria, let me know and I'll put you in touch with QHUG. BC*



## DXer.CA

Canada's Original Radio Site

Ian McFarland from the long running SWL Digest programme and its predecessor the DX Digest that many may remember on Radio Canada International advises us of some recordings that you can purchase and download in MP3 format from the DXer.CA website <http://www.dxer.ca/>.

Ian says "Greetings from the Canadian end of the Pacific. Many of your members, perhaps the middle aged and older ones, will remember RCI's long running SWL Digest program and its predecessor the DX Digest. The program went off the air, along with all the other popular feature programs on RCI, in the big budget cut back in 1991. Some of the very popular features that I ran on the program back in the seventies - like the Idents & Interval Signals series & the Foreign Language Recognition Course, have been available on CDs for the past few years. This project, run in cooperation with the Canadian SWL website DXer.ca, <http://www.dxer.ca/> was started as a fundraising project for the local food bank in the community where I've been living for the past 10 years. Over \$2,000 has been raised from this project.

About a month ago we kicked the project up a notch and these features, along with the SW Antenna Course, and made them available as MP3 downloads via the DXer.ca website. We'll be adding some more of my archive material in the coming months.

I'd be most grateful if you could give this project a mention in your club publication in the near future.

There were lots of listeners in NZ and Australia, and I kept in regular contact with the late Arthur Cushen, who I had the pleasure of meeting, along with his wife Ralda, back in the 80s when he was the guest of honour at one of the ANARC conventions that I organized in Montreal.

Ian McFarland.

# BRANCH NEWS

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## AUCKLAND BRANCH

This month's branch meeting, to begin the year, will be held on **Sunday 26 February at 2pm** and will be held as usual in the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms at 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn. This will feature a small shortwave transmitter which will provide a modulated signal to be received by two small digital receivers. It may even be possible to transmit your voice on shortwave for the first time! That is, if you haven't been a Ham or a CBer. What will the Aliens think? The workings of the transmitter will be fully shown and explained. Visiting members may contact Barry on (09) 817-4437.

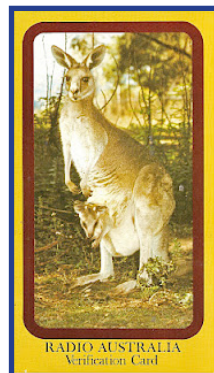
## WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

The February gathering is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 29 2012 at 12.45pm**, Beach Babylon in Oriental Bay [free 2 hour parking across the road] and join the suntanned cool hip crowd for the usual good coffee, good music, great company and simply amazing gossip.

Theme: Leap..... so use your imagination, bring along a picture of a leaping kangaroo, or a QSL from a February 29 report...or if you're stuck..something Olympic flavored! Looking forward to catching up with everyone,

We had a great time in January, baking in the sun, admiring Ralph's Bulgarian shoes and Deno's Bulgarian QSL cards and there was a toast in memory of Radio Sofia and those nice pennants and pins that used to arrive in the mailbox.

Contact Dave to be added to local mailing list:  
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## CHRISTCHURCH AREA BRANCH.

The next meeting will be at Douglas Johns' house, 20 Colesbury Street, Bishopdale, on **Sunday 4 March 2012 at 2.30pm**. Let's see you all there - the Afghan biscuits alone make the visit worthwhile.

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# On the shortwaves.com

From NZRDXL member Jerry Berg, 38 Eastern Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421, USA  
NEW HISTORY MATERIAL AT <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com>

We have previously posted some first day covers honoring Radio Japan. This time, under "DX History/Philately," we have posted seven more, all of them commemorating the station's 25th Anniversary. The stamp was issued on June 1, 1960. -- And under "Specialized Resources," we have posted two new "Wavescan" scripts from Adrian Peterson: "New Year Radio: Radio Events Around the World on New Year's Day," and "Radio Panorama RP14: Early Music Transmissions-2" (January 1, 2012).

Under "DX History/Philately," you will find a new file containing several items relating to Danish radio history: four first day covers displaying a stamp commemorating the 25th anniversary of Danish state radio, April 1, 1950; the same stamp on a postcard view of the Kalundborg Radio towers, postmarked 1951; and a 1975 first day cover displaying a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of Danmarks Radio (Danish state radio). -- And under "Specialized Resources," another "Wavescan" entry from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: "VOA Shipboard Relay Stations No. 8: This Time in the Mediterranean - The Vagabond A 'Courier'" (January 8, 2012).

Under "Specialized Resources," "Radio Postcards," we have posted some cards from Washington and West Virginia. From Washington, the cards depict KUJ, at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla; end-of-the-pier station KGY, Olympia; and from Spokane, KHQ, and the KXLY radio and TV building. From West Virginia there are two cards: one showing the WWVA transmitter plant in St. Clairsville, Ohio; and a picture of the Parkersburg High School with a very nice-looking antenna on the roof. -- Also under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," a new entry: "Radio Afghanistan Returns to the Air on Shortwave: The Years of Turmoil" (January 22, 2012).



## **FREQUENCY FOUND:**

Arthur De Maine tuning the radio with DX League life member Peter Grenfell looking on at the Waianakarua Listening Post in the 1990s.

Photo. Oamaru Mail/ Stuff Website.

See article next page

# DX League honours Arthur De Maine

Oamaru Mail/Stuff Website by Jonathan Chilton-Towle Wednesday, January 11

Kakanui man Arthur De Maine is one of a dying breed of DXers.

Last year he was awarded a lifetime membership in the DX League at the club's 2011 annual general meeting.

DXing is the hobby of tuning in and identifying distant radio or television signals, or making two way radio contact with distant stations in amateur radio, citizens' band radio (CB) or other two way radio communications.

Mr De Maine, now aged 65, got into the hobby back in 1977. He was working on the railways and several of his colleagues got him interested in CB and DXing.

He joined the DX League in 1978 and became a publisher for the DX Times magazine after he moved to Wellington.

In 1987 he became chief editor of the publication and retained the position for more than 11 years.

Mr De Maine moved to Kakanui in 2003 and got involved in the North Otago branch of the DX League.

"It (the lifetime membership) came out of the blue," he said. "I'm certainly quite honoured to be recognised by other people for the work I've done."

Mr De Maine said DXing has become much more difficult over the years due to increased atmospheric noise levels generated by electronic devices such as washing machines and television screens.

The invention of the internet has also hurt the hobbies membership.

"The younger people aren't interested, they have the internet and computers," he said.

The club had between 400 and 500 members in the late 80s but now it is down to 200 members.

Mr De Maine said the club sometimes organises trips to remote locations like Tiwai, where there is less noise interference and the DXers can hone in on far-off radio signals more accurately.

He recalls one such expedition in 1983 where the group was able to pick up the signal of Radio Fax, a pirate radio station in the United Kingdom.

Mr De Maine said this was especially surprising since Radio Fax was broadcast at a very low signal strength, compared to other stations.

He wanted to thank his fellow members for their support and hope to keep on doing DX for as long as possible.

There are now three life members of the league living in North Otago including Mr De Maine, Peter Grenfell and Paul Ormandy