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Hello and Welcome to the July edition of the DX Times.

Welcome to the mid-way point of the year. As I write this our home in Malaysia is piled high with boxes awaiting the arrival of the removals company. By the time you get this I will be back home permanently and for the final time. Not a moment too soon. The taste I got of NZ DX and the fraternity that is the NZRDXL left an indelible mark and I want more of it and I want it now. Apart from preparing the magazines not a jot of DX has been done in 3 months. I am hoping in the cold, dark months that remain I can correct that anomaly.

League member **Barry Hartley**, who made a very welcome appearance at the recent League Convention, sent in to DX Dialog a very interesting article on China's involvement in Pacific broadcasting. The item is entitled *China takes up Australia's former radio space in Pacific*

China has taken over many of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's former shortwave radio frequencies into the Pacific region.

In response to budget cuts, the ABC last year ceased shortwave broadcasting in the Asia-Pacific region ahead of a transition to FM transmission.

Many remote communities in Pacific island countries rely on shortwave radio. Australia-based technology observer Peter Marks told Radio ABC's Tech Head programme that since that withdrawal, this space is swiftly being filled up.

"Since Radio Australia has dropped off shortwave, many of the exact frequencies we used to use have been now taken over by Chinese stations targetting the Asia Pacific region," he explained.

"Now, shortwave bounces off the upper atmosphere, so a single shortwave transmitter can be heard over thousands of kilometres. It works particularly well over the many islands throughout the Pacific region."

The revelation that the frequencies have been snapped up comes at a time of heightened speculation in Australian media and commentariat about the motives behind China's growing influence in the Pacific.

"There's obviously a bit of interest there... the fact that China has been ramping up while we've been pulling back," Mr Marks said. (Continued on page 2)

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"I should say that Radio New Zealand International (now known as RNZ Pacific) does a terrific job in the Pacific. They're up there every day and they're managing to run it. It just seems odd that Australia wouldn't be doing it."

Chief Ben Lovo and his family of Bongkil Village on Erromango, Vanuatu. He says shortwave broadcasts from RNZI during Cyclone Pam allowed him to warn four villages and save hundreds of lives.

The withdrawal of ABC's shortwave presence in the Pacific is part of an ongoing Australian government review of the country's media services in the wider region.

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/360095/china-takes-up-australia-s-former-radio-space-in-pacific>

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Well done to League Member Adrian Sainsbury and his team. As the debate goes on in Australia about their shortwave services, domestic and international, RNZ rolls up its sleeves and just carries on regardless. I wonder whether the powers that be here realise what a vital link RNZ Pacific is? I suspect not. Perhaps the Prime Minister's Diplomat father might tell her and then the service can be funded to the level it deserves!

Adam Claydon asks members to help support the DX League Facebook pages.

They can be found at

<http://www.facebook.com/nzrdxl>

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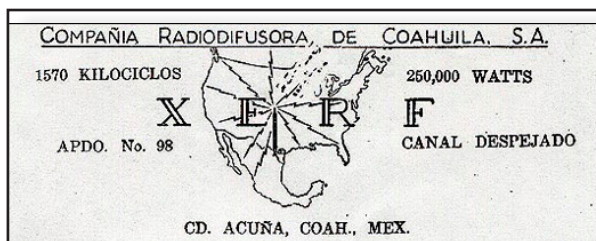
The July 1948 edition of 'DX Bulletin NZ' advised of "a conference of prominent Southland and Otago dxers to be held in Invercargill on August 14 and 15. We hope to have good news to announce to active dxers in next issue."

The magazine also gave the dates for US primaries between July and September, runoffs and the general election itself on 3 November 1948 – all providing dxers with the chance to hear stations running late with election results. Arthur Cushen reported XERF 1570's return to the air on 20 July, while Ron Free noted early morning DX from KZRH Philippines 650, Singapore 620 (announcing as 'The Blue Network of Radio Malaya' at 2.28am) and Penang 1280 signing off at 3.30am.

In the 'Kings of the Kilocycles' column, with 26 contributors running to 1.5 foolscap pages, Lyndsay Gerrie of Dunedin says he has verified all NZ stations except 2ZM which won't reply. Des Lynn of Dunedin reports he has fitted a preselector which is boosting his signals considerably. Lofty Gardiner of Christchurch had a good month for verifications with 8 NZ-first QSLs. Lloyd Clayden in Matakana was on the winning team for the Young Farmers Club northern area debating competition; Bert Thomson Invercargill has extended the length of his antenna to 500 feet! Merv Branks and Arthur Cushen both reported a fast QSL response from WXRf Puerto Rico's 1580 DX test on 22 June.

The shortwave headline for July 1948 was a new radio country – New Guinea. The Australian Broadcasting Commission's New Guineas service via VLT5 was being heard at good strength with 500 watts on 7270. Schedule was 8.45am till noon and 8.15pm till midnight. Their daytime frequency VLT7 9520 kcs was scheduled 2pm to 4pm and 5.30pm till 8pm.

Ernie Moore in Brisbane was hearing HHCA Haiti on 4600 with callsign in French at 11.45pm followed by news in Spanish. Radio Stuttgart from the US Zone in Germany was noted on 6190 opening in German at 4pm. On 6225 a station tentatively identified as Danish Forces Radio Bremerhaven was being heard at 4pm; Peter Thorn in Dundee heard ZOH Ceylon on 4900 with a church service at midnight on Sundays; there were 15 contributors to the Short-Wave Mailbag.



MAILBAG

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Not all of us subscribe to <dxdialog>, and therefore one item from June should be included here. Long-time member Dallas McKenzie passed on news that he had suffered a stroke and as a result had moved into Westport, from where he had been living up towards Karamea, around Hector I think. So our thoughts go out to him for progress and recovery. We haven't heard from David Ricquish in a while either, and I hope his situation is improving.

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim is back to his old trick to win opening spot by getting his notes in early! "Here are veries (SW) received during June. I note that they are required early this time due to Stu's move: KBS-World 6155; CRI 13580; AIR 13645; 4KZ 5055; and NHK via Santa Maria di Galeria 9860 kHz. That's the lot for this time." (*I'll take them. And oh, you were thinking of Stu: very considerate.*)

Rob Shepherd in Toowoomba, QLD sent along his update while anticipating a road-trip visitor who will pick up his old Marconi B28 which will travel back to Perth. "As I write, we are just past the winter solstice with as expected cold weather and pretty ordinary reception conditions in my DX location. I use various marker stations as an indicator of current conditions, i.e. WWVH Hawaii 5000 kHz, Radio Rebelde Bauta Cuba 5025 kHz, SIBS Solomon Islands 5020/9545 kHz. SIBS daytime channel of 9545 kHz sign-on is 2200 UTC (8 am local time), I was feeling concerned even that frequency wasn't propagating, until advised this frequency is off-air. Ozy Radio, Razorback NSW 4835 kHz is off-air again as I write with unknown issue. A couple of sessions on the League's SDR1 have been productive with a range of Latin American stations being heard. These loggings appear in the relevant segment of this month's DX Times". (*And all the sub-eds thank you for the support.*)

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai has a short item this month but a good excuse. "(I've) received an attractive QSL card from Voice of Turkey 21680, but have no DX to report for June as Sandra and I were travelling in Asia." (*I hear you had a massive signal on 918...*)

As Ian mentioned, Maureen and Stu were to be travelling over the weekend so columns were prepared a little early. The Chief Editor will now be reporting from Northland.
73, Theo



BANDWATCH UNDER 9MHZ



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We've survived the shortest day, so now we just have to get through July and the real winter weather. It's great to be able to present some impressive loggings for you to hunt out while you huddle by the radio or computer, and many demonstrate the value of the League's SDR. However, as so often happens, we always need more. So do get details of your listening in for the August column. Remember to show the logging as **tentative** if you don't get a clear ID, or if there's any doubt at all, and always provide as much detail as you can, including the date and language of the broadcast, while keeping your notes concise.

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3310	1100	BOLIVIA R Mosoj Chaski fair with Quechua programming 22/6 RS**
4055	1035	GUATEMALA R Verdad weak with rlg and hymns 22/6 RS**
4885	0740	BRAZIL R Clube do Para, fair/good in Portuguese 22/6 RS**
4990	0900	CHINA PBS Yunan (tent) weak in Chinese (heard while looking for Radio Apintie, Surinam, due back on air soon) 22/6 RS**
5055	0850	AUSTRALIA 4KZ good in EE 03/6 IC
5085	0430	USA WTTW Lebanon fair with Elvis songs 22/6 RS**
5085	0445	USA WTTW Lebanon fair in EE with old pops 09/6 BC
5910	0645	COLOMBIA Alcaravan Radio good with SS songs 22/6 RS**
5925	0445	BOTSWANA VOA with EE pop songs until close 0500 22/6 BC
5940	0750	BRAZIL R Voz Missionaria fair in PP, checked against web stream 22/6 RS**
5950	0800	USA WRMI Okeechobee with RMI Oldies prgm 22/6 RS**
5950	1530	OMAN SLA BBC fair in English 11/6. BDW
5960	1935	TURKEY, VOT. Good in Turkish 16/6. BDW
5985	0505	USA WRMI Okeechobee fair with EE rlg 22/6 BC
6000	0400	CUBA R Habana fair in EE 03/6 IC
6000	0500	CUBA R Habana Cuba with EE prgm and IDs // 6100/6160/6165 22/6 RS**
6005	0615	ASCENSION ISLAND BBC world Service relay at good level 22/6 RS**
6010	0900	COLOMBIA R La Voz Conciencia (tent) poor in probable SS (more likely than the Brazilian, R Inconfidencia, that is scheduled s/on at this time) 22/6 RS**
6015	0415	ZANZIBAR R Tanzania fair in Swahili with hi-life African music 22/6 RS**
6020	1935	CHINA CRI via Sijiazhuang fair in Albanian with music 07/6 BC
6030	1920	ETHIOPIA R Oromiya via Gedja fair in Oromo with local music 12/6 BC
6040	0900	BRAZIL Radio RB2 fair/good with Portuguese ballads 22/6 RS**
6070	0450	CANADA CFRX Toronto fair with EE talk, news and ID on the hour 22/6 RS**
6090	2030	ETHIOPIA Voice of Anhara State with phone-in music requests, mainly local language but some EE words 31/5 BC
6105	0300	FRANCE NHK World Radio via Issoudun fair in Japanese 02/6 IC
6135	0530	ASCENSION ISLAND BBC relay fair with Hausa prgm to West Africa 22/6 RS**
6155	0900	JAPAN R Nikkei fair in Japanese with local pop songs 30/5 BC
6180	0425	ROMANIA RRI via Galbeni fair in Romanian 07/6 BC

6190 0445 STH AFRICA BBC via Meyerton in EE with World Cup, f/out 0459 20/6 BC
 6195 0935 USA NHK World Radio via Cypress Creek fair in SS 30/5 BC
 6195 1840 OMAN BBC in EE with ID and talk about South Africa 05/6 BC
 7205 2044 FRANCE R France Int via Issoudun fair in FF with music prgm 18/6 BC
 7335 0450 USA R Marti good in SS 07/6 BC

Please add the symbol ** after your initials if you heard the station using the League's Northland SDR. If you've heard it using the SDR, others may be able to as well, and it all counts as DX.

Contributors

BC	Brian Carr	Christchurch	Kenwood R5000, EWE antenna, 180' wire
BDW	Brian Webb	Upper Hutt	DE-1103 & AR-1733 with whips
IC	Ian Cattermole	Blenheim	JRC NRD535, EWE antenna
RS**	Rob Shepherd	Toowoomba, QLD	Using the League's Northland SDR

Overseas Loggings

3260 1200 PAPUA NEW GUINEA R Madang classic pop & rock, some news breaks
 18/6 RS-T
 3325 1000 PAPUA NEW GUINEA R Bougainville fair with Pidgin news 18/6 RS-T
 4760 1330 INDIA AIR Port Blair, Andaman Islands (tent), weak Hindi vocals, static 18/6
 RS-T
 7255 0550 NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria powerhouse signal prior to s/on in Hausa 18/6
 RS-T

Note that reception of these overseas loggings may not be possible in New Zealand at the times listed

Overseas Contributor

RS-T Rob Shepherd Toowoomba, QLD JRC NRD535-D, 90-foot balanced longwire

BRANCH NEWS

Any information re Branch News - notice of upcoming events
 or reports of recent events, please email:
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WELLINGTON BRANCH

The next Beach Babble will be on **Wednesday, 25th July**, 12.45pm
 Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Bay, Wellington
 Join Dene and others to talk about what's what in the world of DX.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

Our next meeting will take place on **Saturday 22nd September** from 2-4pm
 at Ian Wells' home, 16 Fenty Place, Mosgiel.

We're always happy to welcome new members – for further information, contact Ian on 021 2987146 or David Miller 03 4763224. If possible, let Ian know that you're coming or, in the case of regular participants, if you're **not** able to be there.

BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ



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If unsure of ID item should be marked 'tentative'. Please avoid duplicate items appearing in consecutive editions.

Freq	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details
9460	1559	TURKEY, TRT. Fair in Turkish - 17/6 BDW
9490	0330	GERMANY, R. Japan. Poor/Fair in JJ, mx. Long dialogue om/yl – 6/6 KB
9515	0300	TURKEY, VOT. Good in English 1/6. IC
9530	1529	TURKEY, TRT. Excellent in Azerbaijani – 17/6 BDW
9620	2028	TURKEY, TRT. Poor in English – 16/6 BDW
9635	1815	GERMANY, BVB (via NAU). Good in English – 10/6 BDW
9730	1422	ROMANIA, RRI. Good in English – 8/6 BDW
9765	1458	TURKEY, TRT. Good in Persian – 17/6 BDW
9800	2115	AUSTRALIA, RBA (KNX). In English, ID, pop songs – 7/6 BC
9840	0308	KUWAIT, Deewa R. Weak/Poor in Pashto // 12035 bit weaker. Both faded 0330 – 5/6 KB
9860	0500	VATICAN, R.Japan. Fair/good in English & mx – 5/6 KB
9915	0400	MADAGASCAR. BBC via Talata. Fair in English. 14/6. IC
9915	0425	MADAGASCAR, BBC WS. ID, world nx in English – 11/6 BC
11670	0000	CUBA, RHC. Fair in Spanish – 14/6 BC
11800	0635	FRANCE, DW. Poor in Hausa // 11620 weak – 3/6 KB
11900	2130	VATICAN, VOA. Fair in Bambara; mostly talk; some ethnic mx; off 2200 – 5/6 KB
11905	0225	SRI LANKA, SLBC (TRM). Fair in Hindi. Close 0235 – 14/6 BC
11995	0430	BOTSWANA, VOA. Weak/poor in listed Kirundi; 0456 mx – 5/6 KB
12035	0105	THAILAND, Deewa R. Weak/Poor in Pashto // 15490 fair/good – 4/6 KB
13590	0305	CHINA. CRI. Good in English. 31/5. IC
13695	0250	INDIA. AIR. VG in Kanada. 31/5. IC
13695	0315	INDIA, AIR (BGL). In Hindi – 4/6 BC
15245	2120	N.KOREA, VOK (KUJ). In English re meeting with Mr Trump – 15/6 BC
15275	2310	N.MARIANAS, RFA (TIN). Fair in Khmer. yl & om talking – 10/6 BC
15640	2335	PHILIPPINES, FEBC (BOC). Fair in Burmese – 10/6 BC
15810	0201	USA, WTWW, Lebanon TN. In English 'Talking radio' – 20/6 BC

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IC	Ian Cattermole	Blenheim	NRD-535, EWE
KB	Kel Brayshaw	Levin	2 x PL-660s, Whips linked.

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Time Order summary of Ian'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.

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

73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0201	15810	WTWW	USA	20-Jun	BC
0300	9515g	VOT	TURKEY	1-Jun	IC
0305	13590g	CRI	CHINA	31-May	IC
0400	6000f	R Habana	CUBA	3-Jun	IC
0400	9915f	BBC	UK	14-Jun	IC
0425	9915	BBC WS	UK	11-Jun	BC
0445	5085f	WTWW	USA	9-Jun	BC
0445-0459	6190	BBC	UK	20-Jun	BC
0450	6070f	CFRX	CANADA	22-Jun	RS
0500	6000:6100:6160:6165	R Habana	CUBA	22-Jun	RS
0500	9860g	Radio Japan	JAPAN	5-Jun	KB
0505	5985f	WRMI	USA	22-Jun	BC
0850	5055g	4KZ	AUSTRALIA	3-Jun	IC
1422	9730g	RRI	ROMANIA	8-Jun	BDW
1815	9635g	BVB	CANADA	10-Jun	BDW
1840	6195	BBC	UK	5-Jun	BC
2028	9620p	TRT	TURKEY	16-Jun	BDW
2115	9800	RBA	AUSTRALIA	7-Jun	BC
2120	15245	VOK	NTH KOREA	15-Jun	BC



SHORTWAVE REPORT

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BANGLADESH

Reception of Bangladesh Betar in English on June 20:

1745-1900 on 13580 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu English, very good
1915-2000 on 13580 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu Bangla, very Good
(Via swldcbulgaria.blogspot.com 2018/6)

EGYPT

Reception of Radio Cairo West European Service in 31mb on June 22:

1700-1900 on 9799.7 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg to N/ME Turkish, off air at 18UT
1800-1900 on 9490.0 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu Italian, good modulation,
1900-2000 on 9604.7 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg to EaEu Russian-not on air today
1900-2000 on 9570.0 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu German, good modulation,
2000-2115 on 9894.7 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu French, good modulation,
2115-2245 on 9799.7 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu English, good Modulation
(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com 2018/06)

GERMANY

Radio 292 6070kHz Following stations noted for broadcast in July at a time that should provide reception in NZ.

DARC 1900-200 Mondays.

From the Isle of Music. 1900-2030 Tuesdays.

IBC Radio 19.00-2030 Wednesdays.

Just Right 1900-2000 Thursdays.

Radio Oberlausitz International 1800-1900 Saturday

Radio Sylvia 1900-2100 Saturday 7 July.

(Editor)

MYANMAR

new frequency 7200.0 kHz, Myanmar Radio Yangoon, at 1323-1358 UT on Jan 10, 2018. Non-stop lecture (Distance Learning Service), in vernacular; many mentions in English (accented) of "industrial organization" and a few "industrial psychology"; QRM from chatty hams (one mentioned a "foreign broadcast" on frequency); without QRM the strong signal would have had good reception; audio ended after theme music at 1356 UT, with transmitter off at 1358 UT.

My audio at <<http://goo.gl/ybTdg5>>

(Ron Howard-CA-USA, DXplorer via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan / June 10)

NEW ZEALAND

RNZI Pacific, currently no DRM mode. According to the online schedule

<<http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/listen>>

on 11 June, RNZ Pacific has no DRM broadcasts any more

0459-0658 11725 Pacific Daily
0659-1058 7425 Pacific Daily
1059-1258 7425 Solomon Islands, PNG Daily
1259-1650 5980 Pacific Sun-Fri
1259-1858 5980 Pacific Sat
1651-1850 6115 AM Cooks, Samoa, Tonga Sun-Fri
1851-1950 7285 AM Cooks, Samoa, Tonga Sun-Fri
1859-2058 9700 Pacific Sat
1951-2050 9760 AM Cooks, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu Sun-Fri
2051-2358 13840 Pacific Sun-Fri
2059-2358 13840 Pacific Sat
2359-0458 13840 Pacific Daily.

When checked in late May, the DRM broadcasts were still listed.
(Prof. Dr. Hansjoerg Biener-D, A-DX ng June 11)

Hi Adrian, What's the story on DRM deleted? Will it resume?
73, Glenn, to Adrian Sainsbury-NZL, RNZi)

Hello, Glenn, A capacitor in the RNZI DRM transmitter has failed. Until a spare part arrives from Europe we will be transmitting in AM using our old "retired" transmitter. (Adrian Sainsbury-NZL RNZI, dxld June 12)

PHILIPPINES

Reception of Radio Pilipinas PBS via Tinang, June 22:
1730-1930 on 9910*PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME Filipino, very good
1730-1930 on 12120 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME Filipino, very good
1730-1930 on 15190 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to N&ME Filipino, very good
*from 1745 on 9910 BGL 500 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Eng All India Radio
(Via swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com 2018/06)

UNITED KINGDOM (non)

Dandal Kura Radio Int, instead of Radio International, June 7
0600-0700 on 7415 ASC 250 kW / 055 deg to WeAf Kanuri, weak/fair signal
0700-0800 on 13810*WOF 250 kW / 165 deg to WeAf Kanuri, very good signal
*0747 announcement in English "Dandal Kura Radio Int in 19, 25 and 21mb"
(Via swdxbulgaria.blogspot June7) Also refer to QSL news below.

Summer A-18 schedule of Dandal Kura Radio International via MBR Issoudun
0500-0600 on 7220 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg to CeAf Kanuri
0600-0700 on 11910 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg to CeAf Kanuri
1800-2000 on 11830 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg to CeAf Kanuri
And summer A-18 schedule of Radio(Ndarason)International via BaBcoCk is:
0500-0600 on 5960 ASC 250 kW / 055 deg to WeAf Kanuri/French
0600-0700 on 7415 ASC 250 kW / 055 deg to WeAf Kanuri/French
0700-0800 on 13810 WOF 250 kW / 165 deg to WeAf Kanuri/French
1800-2100 on 12050 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WeAf Kanuri/French

TANZANIA

6015, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Dole, 0408-0423, 14-06, Swahili, comments.
25432. (Méndez)
11735, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Dole, 1755-1809, 13-06, Swahili, comments.

at 1800 time signals, English, 'It is 9 o'clock African time, this is Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, the news, the main points, news in English. 34433. (Via HCDX Méndez)

UZBEKISTAN(non)

Voice of Martyrs: Reception via Tashkent, June 19 1530-1600 on 7525 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, good signal:

Voice of Wilderness: via Tashkent, June 20: 1330-1530 on 7625 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to NEAs Korean, Fair

North Korea Reform: Radio Frequency change on June 25-26 1430-1530 NF 7580 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, ex 7590 from June 22

(Via swdxlbulgaria.blogspot.com 2018/6)

STATION NEWS

BOLIVIA

6134.82, Radio Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra is now out of air because a transmitter failure, a week ago was in the air with strong distorted signal and now, since about three or four days the station is inactive. I contacted with the station via e-mail and in three hours here is the answer:

They say they have problems with the short wave transmitter. Monday, June 18 this problems will be solve and Radio Santa Cruz will be back on air and they ask me inform them how the signal is heard.

E-mail address: direccion@irfabolivia.org (Via HCDX Manuel Méndez Lugo, Spain June 14) Manuel Méndez Lugo, Spain

Latest News regarding Radio Santa Cruz:

Radio Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra is on air again, but with distorted signal. Heard here in Reinante, 2329-2340, 22-06, . Spanish, comments, very weak, distorted and with interference from Aparecida. 12321. June 20 and 21 I heard it via SDR Kiwi Paraguay and Pardiho, Sao Paulo, 6134.88 kHz, at 1015 UTC with Bolivian songs, comments in Spanish and identifications "Radio Santa Cruz", but very distorted signal. Aparecida out of air at that moment. I contacted again with the station to inform them about the distorted signal and here the reply:

"Estimado Manuel:

Continuamos con algunos problemas en la OC, el equipo tecnico está trabajando en mejorar las condiciones. Muchas gracias por el seguimiento y agradecemos poder estar en permanente contacto. Un fuerte abrazo"

They say they continue with some problems on short wave, and the technicians are working to improving the conditions of the transmitter.

(Manuel Méndez Lugo, Spain via HCDX)

NETHERLANDS

On behalf of the Central Government Real Estate Agency, RGS has dismantled the antenna park at the former Zeewold shortwave transmission station [Radio Netherlands former SW site].

It consisted of 23 masts which varied in height between 12 and 125 metres. The broadcasting station (of former Wereldomroep) purchased by the Ministry of Defence in 2012 will be set up as a sending station. The sending station will take care of communication over long distances with, among other things, ships and mission areas all over the world. The Ministry of Defence intends to put this broadcasting station into operation by mid-2020.

Google translated from report in Dutch 12 May at <<http://www.radio-tv-nederland.nl>>

See video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=cSpeZuzuetk>
(June BrDXC-UK "Communication" magazine direct and via dxld June 12)

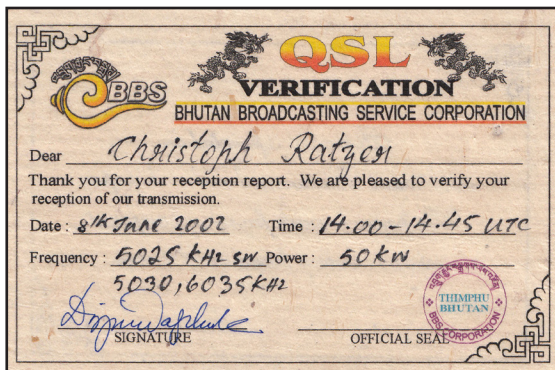
RUSSIA

Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). The radio station broadcasting programs in Yakut and Russian languages on HF shortwave frequencies of 7295 and 7345 kHz, prepared by NBC "Sakha Yakutia", has ceased broadcasting since April 27. The project was funded by the republican government, broadcasting was discontinued due to financial problems. There is no information on the date of renewal of information at this time. (Captain Flint, <<http://dxforum.ru/viewtopic.php?t=371>> RUSdx June 17)

QSL NEWS

ASCENSION ISLAND QSL: Radio Dandal Kura Int'l via BBC transmitter. Received back within two hours after posting my report to:
<Ops.Asc -at- babcock.co> a very nice full data QSL sheets, with information about the site, very nicely done. v/s: Lucceena Leo-Francis. (Via Edward Kusalik-Alb-CAN, dxld June 5)

BHUTAN QSL: 6035, Bhutan Broadcasting Service Corporation, Thimphu. After numerous attempts finally got an e-mail reply to my July 29, 2017 report. E-mail verification statement on letter head, with full data. Total time of 8 months, 2.5 months after second follow-up. E-mails used:
<request -at- bbs.com.bt> and <katatshering -at- bbs.bt>v/s: Kaka Tshering, General Manager, BBS Radio. (Via Edward Kusalik-Alb-CAN, dxld June 5)



MYANMAR QSL: 5985 kHz, NHK World Radio Japan "Friends around the World" program verified via MRTY Yangon Myanmar transmitter. Received a full data (with site) "Snow Country" QSL Card, with schedule for 2017! in 4 months after sending a follow-up via their website
<<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/contact/>> (Via Edward Kusalik-Alb-CAN, direct and via dxld June 5)



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MORE AUSSIES FM-BOUND, BELGIUM QUILTS MW

AUSTRALIA Tasmania is being asked for its input into a plan to upgrade three of the state's commercial AM radio stations. Under the plan, radio stations 7BU in Burnie (**558 kHz**) and 7AD (**900**) in Devonport would switch from AM to FM, while 7SD in Scottsdale (**540**) would be simulcast on both transmissions. "ACMA are said to be very receptive to a move by to convert the three remaining sites to FM" said Tasmanian Broadcasters Executive General Manager Tim Holder. "ACMA will facilitate a conversion if we are satisfied that audiences in regional areas do not lose important radio services under the proposal," ACMA chairwoman Nerida O'Loughlin said. Members of the public are invited to make submissions on the proposals to the ACMA by July 5. (WIA News via Ray Crawford via DX Dialog)

ALASKA "Starting Monday June 4, KJNP **1170 AM** will be operating at reduced power while we replace our Main Antenna tower. The initial cost estimate we came up with for the whole project was between \$200,000 and \$300,000. As of 1 June 2018, we have received gifts of \$136,761 towards this, we have spent \$ 224,061". KJNP ("King Jesus North Pole") was founded by Don and Gen Nelson in 1967. The station is located just outside North Pole, Alaska. The staff live on the grounds surrounding the station building. KJNP AM, one of four 50 kW-AM-stations in Alaska, is on air approximately 19 hours a day with a religious format (Country/Gospel music, news, Bible, children's and family-oriented programmes). KJNP AM serves the Fairbanks area and remote villages in Alaska in a radius of 200 miles in the summer and at an unknown distance in the winter months. KJNP Radio also puts its AM programming on local FM Translators in the region. (Internet via Dr Hansjoerg Biener 5/6 via MW Info)

- 910 KIYU Galena was silent, reactivated with variety and news/talk, adds secondary network National Public Radio.(IRCA)
- 1080 KOAN Anchorage has changed its slogan to Alaska's Conservative Talk FM 95.1 AM 1080". (NRC)
- 1170 KJNP North Pole applies for STA, U1 4kw day & night from temporary inverted V dipole antenna during tower repairs. (IRCA)

BELGIUM As Belgium implements DAB+ digital radio, the 300 kW BRTF transmitter on **621 kHz** carrying the programs of La Première and Viva Cité, and which is also known as RTBF International, will be shut down in the coming months as was previously rumoured. Hours of transmission have already been reduced. (Richard Langley via Glenn Hauser's World of Radio IO Group)

CANADA

- 610 CKYL Peace River AB flipped to 94.9 FM. Authorized 3 month simulcast period has expired. (IRCA)
- 740 CFZM Toronto ON format change to AC/OLD:TLK (ex-NOS/TLK); slogan to "Zoomer Hits of the 60s 70s & 80s." (Steve Kennedy NRC)
- 860 CBWA Ashcroft BC will go dark when CBKS 1450 Cache Creek adequately covers

- both communities. (IRCA)
- 880 CHQT Edmonton AB branding changed from i880 News to Global News Radio. (IRCA)
- 1410 CJWI Montreal QC granted short term license renewal until 31 August 2020 due to issues of non-compliance. (Dan Sys via IRCA's DX Monitor 6/18)

GUAM KVOG at Agaña on **1530** has been granted a Special Temporary Authority (STA) with U1 150 watts day & night, from a 20 foot vertical whip antenna at 13-27-21 N/144-42-29 E. (via NRC)

HAWAII KKON Kealakekua on **790** has been silent since 30 June 2017; came back on the air on 11 June 2018. (NRC)

MARSHALL ISLANDS CORRECTION Regarding last months item re Eagle Christian Radio being heard on **1170** by Gary de Bock while holidaying in Aitutaki Cook Islands, Mika Makelainen talked with one of the station personnel who said that the station hasn't been broadcasting recently. (As such, the reception remains the ultimate mystery, since the religious programming and reception time don't seem to fit any other possibility. BC) (Gary de Bock via IRCA DX Monitor 7/18)

MEXICO

1470 XERCN Tijuana has new slogan "RCN 1470". (IRCA)

PUERTO RICO

- 810 WKVM San Juan PR – Granted STA with U3 25000/25000, transmitter damaged in Maria. (NRC)
- 1070 WMIA Arecibo PR – Applies for license to cover CP for U1 510/2500, new tower at 18-27-32/66-45-20. (NRC)
- 1350 WEGA Vega Baja PR reactivated with Spanish religion, slogan: "Radio Vision Hispana" (IRCA)
- 1430 WNEL Caguas PR now uses slogan "Radio Tiempo." (NRC)

USA (items from IRCA DX Monitor magazine)

- 620 KTAR Phoenix AZ has new slogan: "Arizona Sports 98.7".
- 730 KULE Ephrata WA adds slogan "La Estacion de la Familia".
- 1090 KBOZ Bozeman MT went silent on 1 June, together with KOBZ-1230 due to long-expired licenses resulting from the long term health issues of the owner, Bill Reier. (Jon Pearkins)
- 1150 KXET Portland OR has changed callsign to KGDD.
- 1250 KKDZ Seattle WA format now ethnic, slogan "KKDZ Radio Punjab"
- 1340 KTPI Mojave CA format was adult standards, now news/talk, new slogan "News Talk 1340"
- 1340 KOLE Port Arthur TX was silent, now talk.
- 1340 KSID Sidney NE has new slogan "95.7 and 1340 The Fort"
- 1380 KOSS Lancaster CA new format is classic hip hop with slogan "Old School 93.5".
- 1400 KWNA Winnemucca NV is now silent.
- 1490 KOMJ Omaha NE has new slogan "Boomer 104.1 and 1490".

USA (items from NRC's "DX News" magazine)

- 590 KUGN Eugene OR granted STA, U4 1400/5000, night pattern during the day; failure of pattern switching equipment.
- 620 KTAR Phoenix AZ now using slogan "Arizona Sports 98.7."
- 710 WAQI Miami FL granted STA extension, U4 30kw days, 10kw nights from WQBA-1140 towers.

- 720 KDWN Las Vegas NV now has slogan "The New 101.5FM/720AM The Talk of Las Vegas".
- 790 WAXY South Miami FL granted STA extension, U3 25kw day & night due Cuban QRM.
- 790 KJRB Spokane WA granted CP, U1 with 4.4kw days & just 34 watts nights.
- 910 KKSF Oakland CA has dropped Spanish Sports format for Talk, slogan "Real Talk 910".
- 1020 KCKN Roswell NM went silent on 11 June due transmitter fire, waiting for OK from fire inspector before using STA (see below).
- 1020 KCKN Roswell NM granted STA with U4 1kw day & night, on auxiliary transmitter after fire.
- 1080 WKAT Coral Gables FL applies to extend STA, U4 50kw/20kw due Cuban QRM.
- 1150 KNMM Albuquerque NM drops sports format for Music Variety, new slogan is "Best Mix of New Mexico Music."
- 1180 KOFI Kalispell MT changed format to CLR/TLK (ex-OLD/TLK);
- 1250 KKDZ Seattle WA format to Asian (ex-Asian/Indian); slogan to "Radio Punjab," adds // KZIZ-1560.
- 1270 KZTQ Sparks NV applies to extend STA, U1 13kw days/1.25kw nights, or night parameters at variance.
- 1340 KTRI Mojave CA has new News/Talk format with slogan "NewsTalk 1340."
- 1400 KSRR Provo UT went silent June 8, financial difficulties, station is for sale.
- 1410 WING Dayton OH applies to extend STA, U1 5000/1250.
- 1480 WVOI Marco Island FL silent since June 26, 2017, returned to air on 7 May with STA with U1 250/250, lost tower in Hurricane Irma.
- 1490 KFKB Forks WA went silent on 5 December 2017, has lost licensed transmitter site.
- 1490 KTEL Walla Walla WA drops ESPN Sports format for News/Talk; Group to Fox News 1490 & 99.7
- 1510 KGA Spokane WA has been granted CP, U2 50kw day, 6kw night, 45kw Critical Hours.
- 1540 KZMP University Park TX applies to extend STA, reduced night power (unspecified).
- 1560 KZIZ Pacific WA now relays KKDZ-1250.
- 1580 WTCL Chattahoochee FL now has the slogan "Radio Fe".
- 1580 WLAA Bithlo FL reverted to its old call WNTF on 1 June.
- 1600 WNTF Winter Garden FL changed call to WLAA on 1 June.

VENEZUELA Radio Fe y Alegria in Maracaibo **850 AM** is the latest Venezuelan station to leave the air. (Cadena DX via Giampiero Bernardino posting to DXing.info)

X-BAND REPORT

CANADA On 17 May 2018, the CRTC renewed the broadcasting licence of Canadian Hellenic Toronto Radio Inc. for CHTO Toronto (Mississauga **1690 kHz**). The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application. The new licence for the commercial ethnic station runs from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2025. (Dr Hansjoerg Biener via Ydun Ritz' MW Info website)

USA

- 1620 WNRP Gulf Breeze FL new slogan is "NewsRadio 92.3 FM 1620 AM". (IRCA)
- 1660 KWOD Kansas City KS is on air from new site at 39-04-19/94-36-56. (NRC)

KINGS OF THE KILOCYCLES

SUTTON BURTENSHAW of Hamilton writes: “Was so busy (ha ha) last month I forgot to let you know that after a few tries KUAU finally QSLed. Same Address as Ray reported last month. This month I have reported VL2NI 1566 at just before 0400UTC with weather, news and local announcements on the Northland SDR. The ID was given just before top of the hour. In a reply, “Darlene and the announcers” advise a new email address <radionews@nirc.gov.nf>. I had used an address from 2014 WRTH. I will be in Riverton and Invercargill for a couple of weeks and will be strange to be down there without Paul Aronsen, his grin and no MWDX site to visit. Hopefully I will get to the Awarua Radio Museum”. [Thanks Sutts – note that the Awarua Museum is only open on Sunday afternoons. BC]

BRYAN CLARK Mangawhai has nothing to report DXwise as the month of June was spent in Hong Kong, Cambodia and Japan. Heavy QRN in hotels was the main factor – in Siem Reap, just one MW frequency - 918 - was audible in the daytime.

BARRY HARTLEY of Mairangi Bay has made a few loggings via the League’s SDR for this month’s trail and is looking forward to having further opportunities to listen soon! [Thanks Barry for saving the day on an otherwise lean column this month. BC]

BARRY’S MINI MEDIUM WAVE TRAIL

BH = Barry Hartley DXing on the League SDR at Russell, Bay of Islands.

558	0530	FIJI Radio Fiji w/religious prog in Fijian good 24/6. BH
1017	0430	TONGA A3Z Nuku’Alofa good with hymns in Tongan 24/6. Still daylight here! BH
1670	0550	USA KHPY Moreno Valley CA (presumed) SS religion good 24/6. BH
1700	0540	MEXICO XEPE Tijuana (presumed) w/ESPN sports good 24/6. BH



A3Z’s Studios in Nuku’alofa, Tonga

NORTH AMERICAN X BAND AT-A-GLANCE 07/2018 (thanks to Tony King)

1610	XEUACH	Chapingo Mx	MX	Radio Chapingo
	Carib.	Beacon Anguilla	ANG	EE religious. The late Dr Gene Scott /Mrs Scott
	CHHA	Toronto ON	ON	SS 'Radio Voces Latina' Fq ID in SS & EE
	CHRN	Montreal QU	QU	South Asian Format. Radio Humsafar
1620	KSMH	West Sacramento, CA	CA	CA Rel. 'IHR (Immaculate Heart Radio) Sacramento'. "
	R Rebelde	Radio Rebelde	(6 Tx sites)	CUBA SS .Distinctive 5 note chime on hour. Sync echo.
	WNRP	Gulf Breeze FL	FL	News/Talk Fox News "News Radio 1620"
	WDND	South Bend IN	IN	Nostalgia "Americas Best Music"
	KOZN	Bellevue NE	NE	Fox Sport "The Zone"
	WTAW	College Station	—Bryan TX	'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes C-to-C AM
1620	WDHP	St Croix	USVI	News/talk/gospel/country. Overnight BBC WS
	KYIZ	Renton WA	WA	Urban contemporary //KRIZ "Z Twins"
1630	WRDW	Augusta GA	GA	"ESPN Augusta"
	KCJJ	Iowa City IA	IA	News-talk-AC "The Mighty 16-30 KCJJ"
	KKGM	Ft Worth/Dallas	TX	'Modern gospel music 1630 KKGM' IRN News
	KRND	Fox Farm WY	WY	SS 'regional mexican' ID "jota La Mexicana"
1640	KDIA	Vallejo CA	CA	Talk/religious/life issues
	WTNI	Biloxi MS	MS	Sport. "1640 WTNI Biloxi"
	KZLS	Enid OK	OK	News/Talk
	KDZR	Lake Oswego OR	OR	Conservative Talk "Talk 1640"
	KBJA	Sandy UT	UT	'K-Talk KBJA'
	WSJP	Sussex WI	WI	Rel. Catholic. Relevant Radio
1650	KFSW	Fort Smith AR	AR	Contemporary Christian
	KFOX	Torrance CA	CA	Radio Seoul. Korean/ EE ID on hour
	KBJD	Denver CO	CO	SS Rel. Radio Luz
	KCNZ	Cedar Falls IA	IA	"The Sports Station" 1650 The Fan
	CKZW	Montreal QU	QU	Evangelical Christian in FF x CJRS 06/16
	CINA	Mississauga ON	ON	Indian. "Seena radio"
	KSVE	El Paso TX	TX	SS Sports/Talk ESPN. "ESPN Deportes 1650"
	WHKT	Portsmouth VA	VA	Conservative Talk Radio "1650 The Answer"
1660	KBRE	Merced CA	CA	AOR (Album Oriented Rock) x SS rel. x KTIQ
	WCNZ	Marco Is FL	FL	Relevant Radio
	KWOD	Kansas City KS	KS	Sport/Talk "Bison 1660"
	WQLR	Kalamazoo MI	MI	Fox Sports. "Kalamazoo 1660, The Fan"
	WBCN	Charlotte NC	NC	Classical Rock
	KQWB	West Fargo ND	ND	Fox Sports
	WWRU	Jersey City NJ	NJ	Korean
	WGIT	Canóvanas, Puerto Rico	PUR	'Faro de Santidad' SS Religious Back on air. Hrd 23/5
	KRZI	Waco TX	TX	'KRZI ESPN Central Texas'
1670	KHPY	Moreno Valley, CA	CA	SS religious. . ESNE radio.
	KQMS	Redding CA	CA	"News Talk Superstation 1670 AM"
	WMGE	Dry Branch, GA	GA	"Fox Sport 1670 Georgia" x WPLA
	CJEU	Gatineau QU	QU	Community/Children's Radio "Radio Oxygene 1670"
	WOZN	Madison WI	WI	"CBS Sports Radio "The Zone"
1680	KGED	Fresno CA	CA	ID slogan ""AM 1680 The Answer"
	WOKB	Winter Garden FL	FL	UC:Gospel "Inspiration Radio"
	KRJO	Monroe LA	LA	"Classic Hits 1680 "LA105"
	WPRR	Ada MI	MI	Talk ID " Public Reality Radio"
	WTTM	Lindenwold, NJ	NJ	World ethnic" EE ID "1680 WTTM Lindenwold- Philadelphia"
	KNTS	Seattle WA	WA	SS Religious. EE ID 00:10 after hour. "Radio Luz"
1690	KFSG	Roseville CA	CA	Rel. SS,Russian,Hmong EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento"
	KDMT	Arvada CO	CO	'1690 KDMT Denver's Money Talk "
	WMLB	Avondale Estates	GA	Eclectic mix. "Voice of the Arts" CBS News Closed down
	WVON	Berwyn, IL	IL	Talk
	WPTX	Lexington Park, MD	MD	Adult standards
	CHTO	Toronto ON	ON	Multilingual. Greek.
	CJLO	Montreal QU	QU	Campus community - college station
	WIGT	Charlotte Amalie	US VI	USVI Religious. Silent 12/17
1700	WEUP	Huntsville AL	AL	Urban contemporary Gospel "Huntsville's Heritage Station"
	WJCC	North Miami Beach	FL	World Ethnic. "Radio Mega 1700"
	KBGG	Des Moines IA	IA	'Des Moines Big News,Big Sport Big Sport KBGB'
	XEPE	Tecate BCN	MX	"ESPN 1700" sports
	WRCR	Ramapo, NY	NY	Ethnic. "Radio India." reported silent
	KKLF	Richardson-Dallas-Ft	Worth TX	Tejano/Conjunto SS & EE " Kick 1700" 'Banda 13'
	KVNS	Brownsville TX	TX	Fox Sports Radio

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FM List from Brian Withers, Napier

Nad 4300 tuner with five element aerial.

Since my last list I have improved the reception of aerial system.

So all my signals now heard stronger from Hamilton, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Whakatane, Gisborne.

89.2 Radio Live New Plymouth weak.

93.2 More FM New Plymouth weak

93.7 Bay rock Whakatane weak

95.3 Concert Whakatane weak

99.6 Peak FM Taihape weak

101.2 National New Plymouth poor

90.0 Concert Invercargill on 6 & 7th June heard short burst of classical music & once even news being read out at 6pm. Off & on at different times during the day & evening up to fair signals. Also heard on 8th June at 8:09pm for a minute poor.

Rollicking radio station plans 'mainstream' sidekick for younger listeners

A devil-may-care radio station with "no DJs, no requests and no commercials" is planning a more "mainstream" venture.

Residents of Blenheim and Renwick, in Marlborough, will soon be able to jam out to more popular music once Brian FM starts up its new sister radio station.

Brian FM played nothing but music 24 hours a day, with a rotation of some 2500 songs, punctuated by short bits of Kiwi tongue-in-cheek humour.

But in an emergency, Civil Defence could interrupt transmissions of Brian FM using their own radio to broadcast messages.

But those not normally tuned into the station - 100.9FM in Blenheim - had to go there to hear emergency messages.

Marlborough District Council emergency services manager Brian Paton said Brian FM's new radio station would help the region's emergency broadcast system as new users would already be tuned into the station.

"It will have the ability to broadcast our emergency messages over that channel as well, and because it's a more mainstream one, we're expecting a lot more people to plug into it," Paton said.

Brian FM needed the council's approval to add additional equipment to their building on the Wither Hills, on the southern edge of Blenheim, which would allow them to broadcast their new station.

The Wither Hills had a designation over them restricting radio communications in that location to emergency and council services, Paton said.

As Brian FM contributed to utility and emergency services in Marlborough, it was able to broadcast from the Wither Hills, he said.

The designation was created to protect the ability of these services to operate communications systems without interference from others.

If this was allowed to occur, too many communications facilities in one place could create interference, which may render some communication facilities unreliable.

Brian FM's new radio station was not expected to impact communication facilities.

The radio station was originally set up in Blenheim in February 2013 on a frequency that did not reach a large area.

It relaunched in March 2014 on a new frequency to enhance the mystique of its broadcaster 'Brian', whose identity remains a mystery.

While Brian FM did not have a marketing budget, it did accept "big fat checks from donors," according to its website.

The new station was the first phase in Brian FM's three-phase plan to provide coverage to Marlburians who had traditionally struggled to receive radio broadcasts.

Brian FM currently broadcasts into Blenheim, Picton, Havelock, Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds, Seddon and the Awatere Valley, as well as some other select regions in the North and South islands.

Future plans include moving both Okiwi Bay and Picton radio transmitters to a higher site and adding a radio transmitter to Ward.

The new radio station was approved by council and referred onto the next full council meeting on June 28 for adoption.

Wairau-Awatere ward councillor Geoff Evans said he would "totally support this".

"South of the Wither Hills, there needs to be a radio station and it's something that the people down there have been talking about for years and years," Evans said.

BRIAN FM'S BROADCAST LOCATIONS:

Whanganui 91.2

Taihape 93.2

Mt Ruapehu / Raetihi & Ohakune 90.2

Blenheim - 100.9

Picton 105.9

Seddon 104.3

Havelock 100.1

Kaikoura 100.3

Ashburton 99.7

Timaru 93.9

Oamaru 88.8

Alexandra 105.5

Cromwell 105.5

(The Marlborough Express, 19 June 2018, www.stuff.co.nz/business/104708855/rollicking-radio-station-plans-mainstream-sidekick-for-younger-listeners via Steven Greenyer)



UTILITIES

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Well the shortest day has passed and hopefully the days will get warmer. I have managed to do some listening on the Northland SDR and managed some loggings. I hope to get away for a couple days DXing in a quieter location.

FREQ UTC DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION

6676 1012 Bangkok Radio aero weather reports noisy poor 15/6 ABD
6676 0902 Australian Volmet aero weather Townsville good 19/6 ABD
6765.1 1003 Bangkok Meteorological Radio Male EE giving sea conditions 24/6 poor ABD
8743 1000 Bangkok Meteorological Radio ID Male EE "this Bangkok Meteorological Radio" gave sea conditions Good 24/6 ABD
8764 0935 USGC NMN Sea conditions mention of North Carolina noisy 13/6 ABD
8764 1008 USGC NMN Portsmouth Male giving sea conditions in EE for the Bahamas and later conditions for the Atlantic waters Good 24/6 ABD
8828 1011 Tokyo Volmet aero weather poor 24/6 ABD
8828 0050 AKL VOLMET Light rain cloud surf/wind @ 22 dg 2@X5 knots Viv 10 km or greater 25/6 RP
8867 0919 Aussie 324 calling Nadi MJ
8867 2130 JET STAR 193 AKL Posn advised to CNT CH CH 8867 5643- 129- 300 25/6 RP
8867 2235 VELOCITY AKL FL370 FL 370 AKL next Coms 123 900 25/6 RP
8891 0551 American 104 working Gander MJ
8903 0953 479 calling Manila gave position and flight level 340 good 15/6 ABD
8903 0910 Singapore Calling Tokyo Radio fair 19/6 ABD
8903 0913 128 calling Manila Radio gave position/ flight level 350 good 19/6 ABD
8918 0923 Wings Abadi 1308 calling Bali and getting a SELCAL check MJ
9032 0238 Dragon 47 being advised to contact Christchurch on 129.3 at 0245. This turned out to be the visiting Chinese Il-76 that deployed out of Whenuapai for Exercise Skytrain MJ
11282 0400 San Francisco working Reach 366 MJ
13270 0351 Gander VOLMET with weather for Gander and St Johns MJ
13306 0339 Toll Freight 13 working Brisbane. This flight is en route Christmas Island from Perth. MJ

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RP	Roger Pryde	Dunedin	Yaesu FRG 7700 ANTENNA outdoor copper stranded 25 MTR Longwire.

The following was posted to dxdialog and will be of interest to members who are interested in NDB (Non-Directional Beacon) Dxing.

“Having recently re-kindled my interest in NDB DXing I discovered a useful evaluation list of worldwide Web SDRs in the 200-500kHz range (may also be a good indicator for MW?), by Dan Petersen. He rates the Bay of Islands SDR as extremely good and up there with the best world-wide. For those interested, the download link is here:
<http://www.qsl.net/ve7sl/kiwisdr.pdf>

Last night (15/6/18) I was inspired to have a quick listen between 250-400kHz approx. on the League #1 SDR, in the half-hour between 1000UTC and 1030UTC. This was intended to be a quick scan so no real effort was made to wait for the weaker ones to fade up out of the noise (if I'd done that I could no doubt have snagged a lot more). Having said that, the following were easily heard amongst the NZ “locals” and the static crashes, using CW mode and tuning onto one or other sideband:

260.0	NF	Norfolk Island	371.0	HUG	Hughenden, Queensland
269.0	CV	Charleville, Queensland	374.0	BML	Bromelton, Queensland
272.0	LHI	Lord Howe Island	377.0	ROM	Roma, Queensland
278.0	CG	Coolangatta, Queensland	380.0	SU	Sunshine Coast, Queensland
332.0	BHI	Broken Hill, NSW	383.0	MD	Nouméa/Magenta, New Cal
354.0	FND	La Tontouta, New Caledonia	395.0	PMQ	Port MacQuarie, NSW
361.0	BA	Bauerfield, Vanuatu	398.0	WG	White Grass, Vanuatu
364.0	MI	Momi, Fiji	401.0	ARM	Armidale, NSW
402.0	OA	Ouvéa, New Caledonia	405.0	VK	Navakai, Fiji

If anyone else is inspired to have a go at NDB hunting a good starting point is here: <https://www.ndblist.info/> and a comprehensive worldwide list of beacons can be found here: https://www.classaxe.com/dx/ndb/rww/signal_list

Yet again the league SDR comes up trumps - many thanks to Peter M for continuing to host and maintain this truly excellent facility, it's very much appreciated!
Kevin ZL3KE Christchurch, It shows another aspect of our hobby. Many thanks Kevin

Arthur

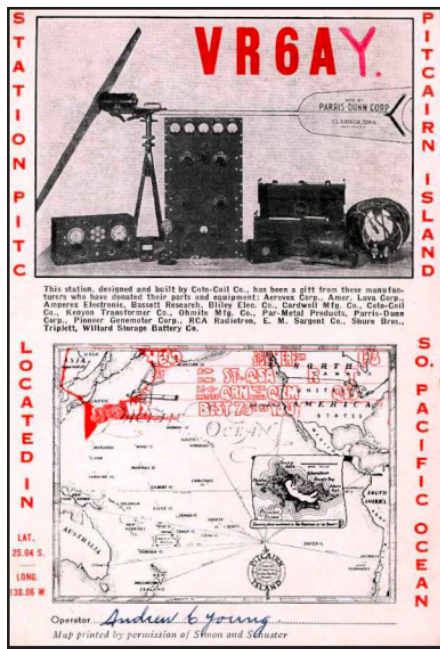


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likely from around the same time. Pennant Hills was used for various transmission services, including international shortwave broadcasting. The facility began operation in 1912 as VIS. Experimental shortwave broadcasting from Pennant Hills began in 1927, with programs originating in the studios of mediumwaver 2FC. The station morphed into VK2ME, 20 kw. -- And under "DX History/Philately" we have posted an interesting radio item from New Zealand. On November 4, 1992, the New Zealand post office issued a set of six 1920s-motif postage stamps under the title "Painting the Clouds With Sunshine." They depicted various scenes from the "good days" between the wars, highlighting planes, cars, rugby, etc. One of the stamps acknowledged the arrival of radio and Dr. Robert Jack, a pioneer of New Zealand commercial radio broadcasting. Most of the 1992 first day covers for the set contained all six stamps. However, the New Zealand Radio DX League issued a separate, similar cover, featuring only the radio stamp and adding the words, "Celebrating the Golden Age of Radio in New Zealand." The file contains the NZRDXL cover, with a descriptive insert, plus the regular six-stamp cover. Proceeds from the sale of the NZRDXL cover went to the club's Handicapped Aid Program. -- And Adrian Peterson brings us more from Australia. Look under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan" for "The Highest Powered Mediumwave Station in the Southern Hemisphere" (Wavescan N485, June 10, 2018).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com > Update, June 24, 2018 -- The story of radio and Pitcairn Island has many interesting chapters, mostly on the ham bands, and there are a number of philatelic items to commemorate events. Probably the best-remembered Pitcairn radio event in the (relatively) modern era was the QST-sponsored effort to provide a modern ham station to replace the primitive, battery-powered spark setup that had been discovered on the island by a visiting ham in 1937. The new station was delivered to Pitcairn by several hams, and went on the air in March 1938 as **VR6AY**. Numerous contacts followed, and the station's distinctive QSL, which we have now posted in "The CPRV Gallery" ("Amateur Radio"), was much sought after. The entire event was memorialized in a postal cover picturing a Pitcairn building (the "shack"?) and denominating the station "PITC." Under "DX History/Philately," we have posted a file containing one of these covers (Pitcairn used New Zealand postage), together with two more interesting pieces of Pitcairn philately: a set of four stamps recognizing several aspects of Pitcairn radio (the original VR6AY operation; the Pitcairn Amateur Radio Operators Club, VR6PAC; and VR6IM making medical contacts); and another set of four stamps, issued in 1995, on the occasion of Marconi's 100th anniversary. Finally, also under "DX History/Philately," we have posted a first-day cover and accompanying pamphlet issued in 2014 by the Pitcairn Philatelic Bureau on the 75th anniversary of Admiral Richard E. Byrd's visit to Pitcairn in December 1939. This was in connection with Byrd's third Antarctic Expedition, and there was much radio activity connected with it, as there was during the 1933-35 expedition, which was the first that featured voice radio contacts (the 1928 expedition was code only).





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< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, June 3, 2018 -- Over the years, clubs and other groups offered reception report forms of various kinds. Under "DX History/SWLing & DXing," we have posted a file with some examples. (1) The first item looks like standard Newark News Radio Club member stationery that was made into a report form, seemingly by the club itself rather than by the member. (2) Second, a Pennsylvania monitor turned this Short Wave League letterhead into a report of amateur reception in 1937 (noting that he was also going to enclose his SWL card). The Short Wave League was a project of Short Wave Craft magazine. (3) Canadian DX Relay was a Canadian club. Third in the file is their report form, which was used by an English listener to report to a Florida ham (the form is 5-1/2 x 8-1/2" in the original). The envelope is postmarked May 31, 1935. (4) The British Long Distance Listener's Club was begun in December 1935 as a project of Wireless Magazine & Modern Television, and was taken over by Practical Amateur and Wireless magazine the following year. The fourth item in the file is a form that was used by a British reader to report to a Nova Scotia ham. The forms could be purchased in pads of 50. (5) Last: The venerable New Zealand DX Radio Association was in operation from 1933 to 2006. See their form (7-1/2 x 13-1/2") as it looked in 1938.

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, June 10, 2018 -- The year 2018 is Deutsche Welle's 65th birthday. DW is still a media powerhouse in Germany, but only a few of its broadcasts, and a few languages, transmitted via third-party facilities located almost exclusively outside of Germany, remain of DW on shortwave. One of the world's best-heard international stations in its prime, the future on shortwave was evident in 2006, when DW transmissions from Wertachtal came to an end (DW had already stopped using another major transmitting site, Julich, in 1996). For those who would like to know more about the technical side of DW in shortwave's "good old days," we have posted, under "DX History//Stations," a booklet, "Deutsche Welle Engineering," a 104-page, extensively-illustrated description of the technical side of Deutsche Welle, including the Antigua, Kigali, Malta and Sines relay stations. It looks like it was published circa 1980. Two nice features are the information on pre-war German shortwave broadcasting, and the timeline of German HF operations from 1924 to 1979. -- And under "Specialized Resources/wavescan," Adrian Petereson takes us to India, and to Pittsburg and Indianapolis in the U.S. Read: "New Chronohertz Station in India," featuring a review of time signal station ATA (Wavescan N482, May 20, 2018); "The KDKA Story: Historic Buildings, Souvenirs and Memorabilia" (Wavescan N483, May 27, 2018); and "The Radio Scene at the Indianapolis 500" (Wavescan N484, June 3, 2018).

< www.ontheshortwaves.com> Update, June 17, 2018 -- This time we have two items from "Down Under." Under "DX History/Stations," we have posted a file containing three original photos of the Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd. transmitting station at Pennant Hills, near Sydney, Australia. The first photo is dated 1930, and the others are
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