

Radio Heritage News #18 October 2007
Climate Change & Pacific Radio
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Radio broadcasting around the Pacific is undergoing rapid change as you'll read a little further on. Climate change and Pacific radio? You could win a special gift for sharing your thoughts. Here at the Radio Heritage Foundation, we're not only presenting stories from the past..... we're also concerned about the future.

Imagine you run a station anywhere in the Pacific. You're paying a lot of money for oil to run generators to stay on air. How are suppliers responding to the need to build 'clean and green' transmitters that can perform well in tropical conditions? How does any AM or FM station around the Asia and Pacific region cope with climate change issues?Send an email to info@radioheritage.net with 'climate' in the subject line and tell us your thoughts.

You've still got a few days to catch our one of our latest documentaries broadcast over Radio NZ International. Go to www.rnzi.com and via More Audio and Mailbox, listen to the second most recent program.....you'll hear a review of broadcasting throughout the Pacific during the 1940's along with some timeless Pacific music classics!.....

We've done over 20 of these documentaries now, and listener feedback and program suggestions are always welcome to info@radioheritage.net.

We recently 'discovered' over 100 new radio stations around the Pacific! Each year we update the Pacific content for the World Radio TV Handbook, and for the 2008 edition, there are lots of new stations listed for French Polynesia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea, as well as places like Samoa, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Micronesia...in fact, nearly everywhere!

As a fundraiser, we'll have special prices on the WRTH 2008 and other books, Radio Hauraki 40th anniversary party tickets, collectable Art of Radio postcards and much more.....check out www.radioheritage.net shortly.

In recent months, Radio Australia has expanded local FM relay stations to include Samoa and the Cook Islands, and China Radio International has opened local FM relay stations in Vanuatu. RNZI is

adding new DRM shortwave transmitters, as are stations in Vanuatu and the Solomons. A new shortwave station has opened in Pohnpei, more shortwave stations are planned in Papua New Guinea.

We'll be taking a closer look at a new battle for the hearts, minds, souls and wallets of Pacific people in a new commentary soon at www.radioheritage.net.

In the meantime, our Pacific Asian Log Radio Guides have just been updated at www.radioheritage.net. Over 4000 AM stations are listed with lots of information you'd have to pay for elsewhere.....

There's a Shortwave Guide as well, and behind the scenes, our FM Guide is gathering pace and will be much larger than the AM Guide.

To update station listings in these Radio Guides, email info@radioheritage.net with 'PAL' in the subject line.

Of course, lots of new content at www.radioheritage.net as well...from pirate radio off the coast of Adelaide in the 1960's, to 4ZR Roma [the latest in our Long Lost Australian Radio Stars series], lots of happenings from the Low Power FM scene around New Zealand with stories and studio photos, the updated New Zealand Low Power Radio Guide is now approaching 1150 entries.....

.....Martin Hadlow explores the Library of American Broadcasting in Maryland, and comes face to face with material he originated nearly 40 years ago, whilst Adrian Peterson's series of articles on Asian radio history will be expanded shortly...at the same time as we explore the Shanghai Radio dial in 1931..one of the most competitive and commercial radio markets of its time.

Most popular content at www.radioheritage.net continues to be the Art of Radio series, now covering on-line exhibitions of radio art from Japan, Hawaii and Australia and New Zealand from the 1930's to the 1970's. The amateur radio QSL gallery is getting a lot of visits, as are items about vintage radio. More coming soon, so check regularly.

The Radio Hauraki 40th anniversary book is finally being released at the end of October says John Monks, citing changes in printer, detailed proofing and expanded content as reasons for the long delay. As a limited edition work, it's well worth waiting for. Thanks for your patience!

What do we do every day? We protect, collect, store, digitise, research and publish radio heritage and make it available for free on-line. We cover the Pacific region, with emphasis at present on New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii and the islands, Armed Forces Radio services since WWII and the Art of Radio on-line art exhibitions. But, we can be doing much more.

You can help us today with your financial support. We need regular donations via paypal and they can be as low as \$5 in your currency. Donations from New Zealand are tax deductible and details are at

www.radioheritage.net.

Most importantly, you can use your credit card right now at Paypal on any page, and your donation is needed to maintain the work we're doing. If you have any questions about donations, tax deductions and how you can financially help, email info@radioheritage.net with 'Donation' in the subject line.

Welcome to two new representatives now helping our projects at the local level. In Adelaide, Trevor Wilkey [presenter of 'Sentimental Journey' on 5MBS and 5EFM] wants to hear from anyone with radio memorabilia and memories from South Australia. Write to Trevor at twilkey@senet.com.au. And if you're interested in becoming a state representative in other Australian states, please send an email to info@radioheritage.net with 'Representative' in the subject line.

Meanwhile, Lachlan Munro is helping us in Christchurch [NZ] where the local city council has again threatened to bulldoze down the original 3ZB transmitter site. Lachlan is helping co-ordinate a community based initiative to restore the building and use it for contemporary radio use. Contact Lachlan at lachlanm@xtra.co.nz if you can help him with this project. And....read all the latest 3ZB issues at www.radioheritage.net.

Local representatives are also invited from around the Pacific, wherever you may be located. Send an email to info@radioheritage.net with 'Representative' in the subject line to find out what's involved. These are all voluntary positions.

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Remember, how is climate change affecting your station? How do you think radio broadcasters can handle climate change issues? Some islands may literally have their stations swamped by rising sea levels. In the big cities, can you answer 'How Green is my station'? Whether you're a listener, DJ, presenter or anyone involved with radio around the Asian Pacific region, send your thoughts about how the future looks to info@radioheritage.net.

We've got a special gift for the writer of the most interesting comment on the issue and we'll publish comments on-line!

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