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News from the folks at the Radio Heritage Foundation [www.radioheritage.net] a non-profit organization sharing the stories of Pacific radio.

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It's been a few weeks now since our last newsletter in August, so I'll briefly run through some highlights. A review of the website content tells us that you especially like our Art of Radio series, the Long Lost Australian Radio Stars Series, the AFRS Pacific series, and anything to do with Vintage Radio! So, look out for more of all these coming up soon.

We've also been planning a nationwide radio heritage campaign in New Zealand for 2007. It's called 'Celebrating over 75 Years of Popular Kiwi Radio' and we'll release more details in a few months time. This will be the first of several such campaigns around the Pacific over the next five years. Local radio stations have a vital role to play in making this a success, and gain lots of good publicity!

Art of Radio (c)

The Art of Radio (c) Series is incredibly popular. Now, Art of Radio Hawaii has been completed and will be on-line shortly...with everything from little grass shacks to hula girls and palm trees..well worth visiting! George FM in Auckland has a great design team...and you'll find their latest print ads on the LPFM Blog at www.radioheritage.net. Check out the 2007 QSL Calendar from our good friends in Germany for more examples of great radio art from around the world as well. We also welcome examples of contemporary radio art from stations around the Pacific region to be permanently showcased on-line. Write to us today at info@radioheritage.net. Also see our original Art of Radio(c) and Art of Radio (c) Japan exhibitions on-line now.

New Campaign for 2007

'Celebrating Over 75 Years of Popular Kiwi Radio' our 2007 campaign kicks off with the NZ Radio Dial in 1931...the heyday of private radio...and some great old station logos, a review of the broadcasting scene, and a complete list of every AM station on air that year. This month has seen the 70th anniversary of 1ZB Auckland, and you'll enjoy our item about popular ZB Personality 'Gran', with photos of early 1ZB staff, and 10 Top Tips from no-nonsense Gran....such as how to waterproof a tent, how to stay slim, and how to bake the best banana cake! Who says radio history has to be predictable, dry and dusty! It's also fun!

As a campaign fundraiser, you can buy one of just 5 'Voices in the Air' memorabilia sets. Exclusive to us, you get the rare and out-of-print classic New Zealand broadcasting history book of the same name, plus the 1920's Emerging Years Stamp Set - including the Anniversary of Radio issue! It's a great price at just US\$69.95 delivered anywhere in the

world, and with just 5 sets available, help us fundraise by ordering yours today at www.radioheritage.net. A great addition to your personal library!

Australian News

In Australia, a new book 'Changing Stations: The Story of Australian Commercial Radio' is being prepared by Dr Bridget Griffen-Foley of Macquarie University. It's due for release in 2008, and Bridget has kindly agreed to share some inside stories about stations and personalities in a new series that begins appearing at www.radioheritage.net shortly. Community singing was popular in the 1920's and we've added an item from the Australian Broadcasting Company songbook in our Long Lost Radio Images series...along with items from JORK Kochi, 1YA Auckland and 3FB in Victoria.

Radio Guides Updated

The very popular Pacific Radio Guide Series have been updated....Bruce Portzer's latest Pacific Asian Log Mediumwave is now on-line, and the Shortwave version is due in November. We've also been busy updating the New Zealand and Pacific listings as Pacific Co-ordinator for the famous World Radio TV Handbook that's due out shortly [more about how to buy your copy at great savings later] and the New Zealand LPFM Guide is currently being updated from the many responses we've had from station owners. There are many thousands of stations in all these guides, and they're all free to access at www.radioheritage.net. So, check them out today!

Pacific Radio

Pacific Radio Today is a new commentary based on a RNZI documentary. Most stations in the Pacific broadcast in very difficult conditions, some are falling silent, others struggling to stay on air. For the reasons why, read this item at www.radioheritage.net today. On the bright side, a new shortwave station is planned for Pohnpei in Micronesia, and we've got some great pictures to share with you as the owners convert a shipping container into a state-of-the-art broadcasting studio in the tropics. Check out 'PMA Pohnpei' coming soon to the website!

Vintage Radio

The Vintage Radio Gallery is proving incredibly popular, and it's all about a 20 year old print ad from the old Macquarie Radio Network! The ad agency took photos of 1930's Australian radio sets, made a campaign slogan out of them, and you can enjoy them at www.radioheritage.net. Very unusual!

'pirate' Radio Hauraki 40th

The Radio Hauraki 40th Anniversary is in full swing with the tour a resounding success, the exhibition opening in two weeks time, the original Good Guys limbering up to return for a live broadcast on today's Radio Hauraki..and some never to be repeated memorabilia offers...all at www.radioheritage.net just check out the Hauraki pages. It's all there, reunion party details, leave your memories on-line, ask questions, get answers...and get your memorabilia set...only 20 were available worldwide and just a few left...be in quick!

The Radio Hauraki Memorabilia Set contains the expanded version of Adrian Blackburn's classic and rare 'Shoestring Pirates' book, plus David Miller's classic CD 'A Fresh Pacific Wind' Radio Hauraki 1966-1970. Only 20 sets were available worldwide, we have a few left....US\$69.95 includes

airmail shipping and we now accept all major creditcards at www.radioheritage.net. New Zealand residents can make a donation and receive the set as a gift for a net NZ\$66.63!

Popular 2007 Books at Low Prices

Popular 2007 Radio Books now available at Big Savings! New Zealand residents can pick up the World Radio TV Handbook for a net NZ\$43.30 delivered to the door, a Passport to WorldBand Radio for a net NZ\$39.96 and the ARRL Handbook for just a net NZ\$69.96! Full details are at www.radioheritage.net under 'Book Offers'. All readers can also use our secure VISA/Mastercard/AMEX payments to stock up on their favorite radio books with everyday low prices on these and other books, CDs, DVDs and more via our on-line bookstore. Most US readers will qualify for free shipping too, so get your shopping done today with us! Support our fundraisers and have fun!

Neha Dhupia wishes you a Happy Diwali

Former Miss India and sexy Bollywood Star Neha Dhupia sends Diwali Greetings to all our readers after her recent visit to New Zealand sponsored by Radio Tarana 1386 AM in Auckland. Check out the very attractive Diwali card from Radio Tarana 'No.1 in Indian Radio' today at www.radioheritage.net, and remember to also read our story about the early history of radio in India as well. Our AFRS China-Burma-India story details the extensive AFRS network throughout India in 1944-1945! Again, who said radio history has to be dull and unattractive!

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