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\*\*\*Pacific Radio Heritage News\*\*\*  
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1. The story about Christmas Island Radio seems to be attracting lots of new hits the past week or so, for some reason! If you haven't read it yet, it's at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net) and is the story of the Pacific Christmas Island, not the Indian Ocean one. Another Christmas story is WVTR's 1945 Xmas with lots of old photos from this Tokyo station.

2. In 1939, Chinese operatic star Louise Kwan made a dramatic appeal via shortwave radio to her lost son and parents in China. The broadcast came from W6XBE at the San Francisco Exhibition, the station later better known as KGEI. Read Adrian Peterson's latest column at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net) for the full story.

3. Thanks to Des Davey of New Zealand, we've added Vol.1 No.1 of 'Radio and Hobbies in Australia' magazine to our research library. This includes an item about the opening broadcast of W6XBE from Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay. Learn more about this popular and entertaining magazine, coming soon in: From David's Desk.

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We've taken US\$200 off the price of the full set of 12 gold Australian Vintage Wireless medallions. This offer ends at 11.59pm PST on Friday, December 23 2005 unless stocks exhausted earlier. Just US\$495 secures your own set, one of only 300 originally available worldwide. Read testimonials from happy buyers and get your set today at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net). Save US\$200 Xmas Special.  
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4. Interested in hearing some audioclips of Pacific radio stations? We recommend Dave Kernick's website: [www.intervalsignalsonline.com](http://www.intervalsignalsonline.com) for some nostalgic and contemporary sounds. Dave used to work for BBC Monitoring, and has over 3500 Real Audio clips currently on line. On-line audio at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net) is now planned for the first quarter of 2006.

5. In April 1919, an Australian coastal trading vessel, the Riverina, tested very early radio equipment before sailing from Sydney. We've had a query about these broadcasts and if you can help, please contact us. Was the transmitter tested earlier, maybe before it was placed aboard the Riverina? Frequency? Power? Type of transmitter and equipment used? Information about the vessel Bombala which sailed a few months later and also had early radio gear aboard is also invited.

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6. The Art of Radio Japan Exhibition hosted by the Embassy of Japan [Wellington, New Zealand], is officially opened by the Japanese Ambassador on November 30. It then runs December 1 2005-February 28 2006 at the Japanese Information & Cultural Centre, Mezzanine Floor, Majestic Centre, 100 Willis Street, Wellington. Hours: 9am-5pm Mon-Fri. A childrens art competition runs January 17-February 17 2006. If you're visiting Wellington over the exhibition period, you're very welcome to enjoy this light-hearted and quirky look at

local Japanese radio on the 80th anniversary of broadcasting in Japan. You can also enjoy the popular on-line version at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net).

7. Our popular serial 'Story of KFSG' has ended with Part 6 now on-line. This Los Angeles radio station helped 1.5m needy folks during the Great Depression, won a citation for war bond sales in WWII, and finally ended transmission in early 2003. Enjoy the story now on-line, as well as Parts 1-5. Look out for our new radio serial coming soon at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net). This is about 2KY Sydney.

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8. Nearly 90 locations are listed in our new guide to Armed Forces Radio Japan, from the early mobile units on southern Kyushu to the various camp stations of the late 1950's. Includes rare WLKE and FEN logos, as well as links to our trilogy of WVTR Tokyo stories. WVTR Xmas 1945 celebrates 60 years ago heritage radio. As usual, if you've been involved with AFRS-FEN or have memorabilia and memories to share, please contact us. On-line now: AFRS Japan.

9. Bruce Portzer's PAL [Pacific Asian Log] of 4300+ mediumwave stations from around the region has been updated again for November. This is the searchable version, very easy to use, and very popular. Coming soon is PAL Shortwave. In the meantime, visit the PAL page today for full broadcasting details of Asian-Pacific AM radio.

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10. Look for the 'more stories' tagline in our 'Latest Stories' column, and you'll go through to our easy to use stories index. This lists all stories now on line, with brief excerpts, and details of location and station. This index expands regularly as content grows.

11. A little more VU2ZP Bangalore content has been added, including a unique wall hanging mural map of AFRS 'India Burma Network' stations. A wonderful example of the response to our call for memorabilia from China-Burma-India AFRS stations, and again thanks to Patricia Dabbs in Georgia. In: From David's Desk.

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Testimonial: 'I'd like to say how pleased I am with my recent purchase of two sets of the fabulous radio medallions. The quality and presentation of our rich radio history depicted by the medallions goes way beyond the call of any dedicated historian. Yet, without Steve's expertise and preservation of the industry, we as collectors would have little.' Neale Korff, Radio Collector, Perth, Western Australia. Complete set \$US495, save \$US200 @[www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net).  
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12. Pitcairn Island has an unusual radio heritage we're pleased to share. On-line now is a rare photo of Floyd McCoy's ham shack for VR6AC on the island in the mid-1950's. Adrian Peterson's next column gives a unique insight into shortwave broadcasts from the island in

the 1930's, with details of how radio saved the islanders lives more than once. And, we've found some early photos of the RNZAF shortwave station on the island in the 1940's. For a true bounty of Pitcairn radio memorabilia, keep an eye on [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net).

13. We recently came across a 1940's item from Sydney's 2CH with details of all the programs on air, including Bob Pollard's '2CH Hit Parade' at 8pm on Mondays, followed by 'Hits of the Day from the USA' at 9pm. We've been looking for the oldest evidence of an Australian 'Hit Parade' or 'Top 10' program for some months, and it looks like 2CH from the late 1940's is the best seen so far. If you know of other 'Top 10' type programs from the 1940's or even 1930's, and have station memorabilia or newspaper clippings about them, please let us know.

14. There's still a bit of a backlog for new content coming on-line, but our webmaster is now back on his feet! We've got a number of projects running and volunteers with a few hours to spare and internet access from anywhere in the world are always very welcome. Just drop an email to [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net) and tell us how you'd like to get involved.

15. On-line research is always helpful, and specific areas of interest to us right now include antique and vintage radio sets from Australia, New Zealand, China and Philippines, AM-FM radio in the Philippines, the current Low Power FM scene in New Zealand, historical amateur radio operations, early maritime and aviation broadcasting [up to 1950] from any Pacific islands.

16. Our media releases and previous newsletters can be downloaded on-line, as well as easy forms to register memorabilia with us and remember us in your will. Get Involved: left-hand menu options on every page.

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We're a registered non-profit charity. Your financial support helps preserve and promote the Pacific's radio heritage. We have no financial support from any government, broadcaster or commercial sponsors. We've committed all our personal funds to allow work on this project to begin and move forward, and your donations of time, materials and funds continue to encourage us and maintain free access.  
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Warm regards from everyone with a passion for and love of Pacific radio and its people, pioneers and stories over the years. David Ricquish, Chairman, Radio Heritage Foundation.

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