

WANGANUI BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION INC.**1977-1980**

This association, also known as the 'Non-commercial Broadcasting Association, was formed in 1977 and incorporated in 1978.

Its main objective was to establish and operate a small, part-time alternative radio broadcasting station in Wanganui. Although they had no complaint against the local Radio New Zealand Station, 2ZW, they felt there was a need for more community involvement in local radio.

The aim was to broadcast several evenings a week, with an emphasis on educational, cultural, local and christian programmes. The association appears to have had the support of a number of local community organisations and had intended to involve as many as possible in the project.

In 1979 the association applied for a 'shared frequency broadcasting' warrant which was turned down. Later the same year they applied for a 'short term' warrant to broadcast from the Duncan Pavillion, Castlecliff for a short period over the Christmas holidays 1979/1980, this was granted. They had to borrow most of the equipment for this venture and whilst it met with some success, the equipment problem meant cancellation of their next proposed short term broadcast. They had hoped to operate for several nights a week during November 1980 to publicise the new Public Library, but they were unable to hire or borrow the necessary equipment. The association appears to have disbanded at this time.

SCOPE

These papers cover the activities of the Wanganui Broadcasting Association and include minutes, correspondence, technical information and information relating to programme content and other community radio stations.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES ONE Minutes and reports
 One folder

This series contains the minutes and annual reports of the association, including some agendas. It also contains the rules of the association and a copy of the application for incorporation. Most of the minutes are for the period 1979-1980 except for two in 1977.

SERIES TWO Correspondence
 Six folders

The association's correspondence covers the period January 1977 to August 1980. It contains both letters inwards and copies of letters outwards which are interfiled in chronological order. Much of the content of the correspondence relates to their applications for broadcasting warrants and programme material, with a number of letters from interested community groups.

SERIES THREE Notices and newsletters
 One folder

This series includes the public notices and newsletters put out by the Wanganui Broadcasting Association, as well as notices circulated to association members relating to forthcoming meetings and events.

SERIES FOUR Operational
 One folder

The material in this series relates to the management of the short term station operated by the association during the summer of 1979/80. It contains management flow charts, programme outlines, contact plans and address lists.

SERIES FIVE Technical
 One folder

This series contains all technical information including circuit diagrams, equipment specifications, inspection reports and radio frequencies.

SERIES SIX Newspaper clippings
 One folder

This small collection of clippings refer mainly to the activities of this association with a few dealing with other community radio stations and radio in general.

SERIES SEVEN Programme contents
One folder

This series contains a number of booklets from the Continuing Education Unit of Radio New Zealand. The association was planning to use a number of these programmes during its broadcasts. Other material in this series includes play lists and programme formats from other stations and a number of catalogues from commercial record publishers.

SERIES EIGHT Warrant applications
One folder

Procedural rules for applying for broadcasting warrants, copies of applications made by Radio New Zealand for short term warrants and objections to warrant applications are included in this series. This series does not contain any copies of the Wanganui Broadcasting Association's applications for warrants, but some information may be found in the correspondence in series two.

SERIES NINE Related material
Two folders

The association collected a quantity of community radio related material which is contained in this series. Government papers, newsletters from local organisations and other more general community information may also be found in this series.