

Narrowband A.M. Radio Stations

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Around 80, mostly 400 watt stations, are still operating in the extended A.M. medium wave band 1611-1701 KHz. (The USA, which has also introduced this band, allows up to 10,000 watts). One of the largest problems with this band is the lack of coverage by most receivers. Currently, the major broadcasters on air in Australia are Rete Italia with Italian programs, the Goanna and Hot Country networks with country programs, and the Vision network with Christian programs. Also represented are a scattering of Chinese, Arabic, Greek, Hindi, Lebanese, and Classic Gold stations, plus some commercial station relays, and low power high school outlets.

A large number of licences held in this band have been silent for many years, and are unlikely to return. A nationwide network called Radio 2 collapsed on 26-7-2006 when they were denied access to the new digital radio band. Rete Italia, Vision, and Goanna purchased some of their licences. The Goanna country network was put up for sale in 2012.

The following list is a combination of many sources. An attempt has been made to ensure that only active (or recently active) stations have been included. However, no guarantee can be given that this listing is 100% correct.

1611 KHz.

Newcastle – Francis Greenway High School.

Tamworth – Goanna country music network.

Grafton – Goanna country music network.

Wee Waa – Classic Gold music format.

Mildura – Classic Gold music format.

Goondiwindi – Hot Country network.

St. George – Hot Country network.

Roma – Hot Country network.

Dalby - Hot Country Network.

Emerald – Hot Country network.

Karumba – Relay of 4KZ Innisfail.

Croydon – Relay of KIK FM dance/rave music format.

Adelaide – Vision Radio Christian network.

Chiltern – Vision Radio Christian network.

Sydney – Vision Radio Christian network.

Melbourne – Vision Radio Christian network.

Margaret River – Vision Radio Christian network.

Willetton – Willetton Senior High School.

Albany – Classic Gold music format.

Esperance – Rete Italia Italian network.

Kalgoorlie – Rete Italia Italian network.

Devonport – Rete Italia Italian network.

Hobart – Rete Italia Italian network.

Launceston – Rete Italia Italian network.

Griffith – Rete Italia Italian network.

Darwin – Rete Italia Italian network.

Wagin – 6GS local radio racing format.



1620 KHz.

Sydney - 2MORO Arabic format.

Canberra – Rete Italia Italian network.

Wangaratta – Rete Italia Italian network.

Gold Coast – Rete Italia Italian network.

Toowoomba – Rete Italia Italian network.

Sunshine Coast – Rete Italia Italian network.

Gladstone – Rete Italia Italian network.

Rockhampton – Rete Italia Italian network.

Taylors Beach – Relay of 4KZ Innisfail.

Ingham – Relay of 4KZ Innisfail.

Perth – Chinese format.

Melbourne – Relay of 3CW Geelong Chinese format.

1629 KHz.

Canberra – Rete Italia Italian network.

Shepparton – Rete Italia Italian network.

Mackay – Rete Italia Italian network.

Adelaide – Rete Italia Italian network.

Mt. Gambier – Rete Italia Italian network.

Busselton – Relay of 3ABN Christian Perth station.

Perth – 3ABN Christian format.

Mundaring – Rete Italia Italian network.

Bathurst – Goanna country music network.

Dubbo – Goanna country music network.

Albany – Rete Italia Italian network.

Dalby – Hot Country network.

Nowra – Greek format.

Newcastle – Radio 1629.

Melbourne – Relay of 3CW Geelong Chinese format.



1638 KHz.

Sydney – 2ME Arabic network.

Canberra – Rete Italia Italian format.

Hobart – Relay of 2ME Sydney Arabic network.

Melbourne – Relay of 2ME Sydney Arabic network.

Darwin – Relay of 2ME Sydney Arabic network.

Armidale – Goanna country music network.

Brisbane – 2AC Chinese format.



1647 KHz.

Canberra – China Radio International (relay of Beijing).

Mackay – Vision Radio Christian network.

Adelaide – Relay of 2ME Sydney Arabic network.

Brisbane – Relay of 2ME Sydney Arabic network.

1656 KHz.

Sydney – 2MM Greek format.

Melbourne – The Voice of the Australian Chinese.

Brisbane – The Voice of the Australian Chinese.

Adelaide – Willunga High School.

Perth – Relay of 2ME Sydney Arabic network.

Gold Coast – 4AVA TAFE College.

1665 KHz.

Sydney – 2MM Greek format.

Melbourne – Vision Radio Christian network.



1674 KHz.

SURF FM

Werribee – Surf FM 1980s/1990s music format.

Brisbane – Vision Radio Christian network.

1683 KHz.

Sydney – Club AM Greek format.



1692 KHz.

Nanango – Vision Radio Christian network.

Gold Coast – Station X (mix of 1950s-1990s music).



1701 KHz.

Sydney – Voice of Charity (Christian Lebanese).

Melbourne – Islamic Voice Radio (Islam Arabic).

Brisbane – Radio Brisvaani (Hindi format).