

RADIO TIMES

June 1996

DOH! SORRY! OOPS!

One hates to make excuses but this is the only way we can at least try to stay out of trouble on this one!

I've often heard people say that the only time they ever hear from Triple Zed is about once a year for the annual general meeting (not the most exciting reading). In times gone past we have had frequent and in-frequent issues of Radio Times to inform subscribers about what's happening. Over the last few years Radio Times had become somewhat bulky, but what you are now reading is obviously not!

We want to send out another Radio Times soon but there are no guarantees as there are many reasons why this may not happen. For example:

Nobody's got any time to do anything because we're all volunteers... We don't know what subscribers want to read (we mainly concentrate on what subscribers want to hear!)... It takes effort to put any size Radio Times together... We don't have any money available - see tech dept... The computer system went down not too long ago... There are never any pens here... Keyboards are falling apart... Under resourced, under staffed, under the weather, under the new government, under nourished, under-wear, under the table, areeba areeba, underly underly, you get the general idea....and....

We're good at giving you excuses.

Having said that, let us say this.....



We Need Your Help Right about Now

"...Oh it always seems to go, you don't know what you've got till it's gone..." Joni Mitchell.

Complacency is a murdering fiend, I say, and in the case of the Zedworld, never a truer statement has been uttered.

"But Triple Zed's been there for twenty years, it's an institution." I hear you cry. Yes it is an institution, but if we don't start getting some more cash in here quick like, we are all going to have to be INSTITUTIONALIZED.

Triple Zed has been boldly stomping where freaks fear to tread through two decades, three addresses, and countless thousands of little hiccups that would render others quivering writhing messes on the floor. That's one side of the story. The other side of the story is that Zed listeners over the years have had an alternative media fix at their disposal, providing them with the news views and information that other media outlets either can't or won't run. We've also bombarded you with the kind of gigs you want, dragging you into the great outdoors (and the carpark) at Marketdays, raising your consciousness, and your blood pressure at times. You love it. We've raved at you about warm inner glow until our warm inner glowing bits have threatened to melt down.

So what would you do if we weren't here? Well, you could probably

waste a goodly amount of time twiddling the dial on your radio searching for us and only finding (gasp) dead air. You could ask the information booth at the top of the Queen Street mall for what gigs are happening about the place. You could tear out your hair (instant cred mohawk), write yourself off on whatever will do the job (substance, vehicle, religion), get an "R.I.P ZED" tattoo on your undercut, whatever, it won't bring the station back.

Normally I would try not to sound like a scriptwriter from "The Young and the Righteous", and normally I wouldn't bother with punctuation, but times are tough. We want your money, sure, but we're also keen for you to share in this mythic entity you keep hearing about; Warm Inner Glow. Just remember back to how good it felt to be at Market Day, how good it felt striding past all those NON SUBSCRIBERS, up to the gate where you DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY, and then throughout the day when everytime you bought a drink, you SAVED FIFTY CENTS. We can share the responsibility of keeping Zed alive; by flashing your cash, boasting your friends and relatives, tuning your monied colleagues, donating your time and stationery, and generally getting involved. Act now, procrastinate later. You owe it to yourself, because one day, when you need us, we might not be here.

4ZZZ 102.1 MHz

Program Guide 1996

- Well here it is the 4ZZZ Program Guide.
 Confused already From Reading it? then try
 drawing one of these things!
 A word to the wise
 Read **UPT** the page!

Ph: 3252 1555 FAX: 3252 1950.

4ZZZ office hours

10 am to 5:30 p.m.
 Monday to Friday.

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 10 to 12 M.E. 12

Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

6am 10 BROOKFAST	1030 QUO BOND 1070 WAVE	12 to 3pm GUS Peace & Environment GUS A art there Somewhere BrisBane Line	3pm TRIPS NOTICES 3pm MEGA HQRS ZACK BACK	6pm BRISBANE 6pm	7pm MOVIE SHOW METS SHOW Prisoners Show De Sh Heil Metal CRUCIAL CUTZ	7pm NEW ZEALAND SHOW 1 to 2 QUEER 7+9 Radio Lesbian Show. BUS SHOW 8 to 9 JAZZ & SHOW #10 BLACK BEAT Request Show 12	8pm SHIT HOT Radio WORLD BOAT 9 to 11 Dead air 10 to 12 PUNK ROCK SHOW 10 to 12 Wave form 10 to 12 HIP HOP 10 to 12 Ska Show 12 to 2 FO	2am To 6am G R a v e r D
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SUBJECT TO CHANGE !!

Info Leaked from the Tech Dept...

There are quite a few technical projects underway at Zed at the moment, all aimed at bringing a stronger and higher quality signal to you our listeners. The one you are probably most aware of is the Tower/Transmitter project. This is actually two separate projects masquerading as one....

The first is the Tower project which has been underway for over 12 months. Triple Zed, along with other community broadcasters 4MBS and Family Radio have formed a company called Broadcast Park Ltd to construct a 60m tower and transmitter hut facility near our existing site on Mount Cootha. This will quadruple the height of our current mast and greatly increase the range of the signal. To complete this we need to raise approximately \$40 000 as our share of the costs.

The second is the new transmitter project. We currently operate Australia's oldest FM transmitter, which has been in continuous service for nearly 20 years. It's performance over the last few years has degraded significantly. You may have noticed poor reception at certain times or in the outer suburbs. Although rated at 3kW it now pumps out only about 1.1kW of power. To put this in context, we are licensed to use about 4kW of transmitter power, the commercial stations 10kW and rogue JJJ who don't

seem to have any license restrictions have just switched over to a whopping 20kW transmitter.

Unfortunately, replacement transmitters cost around \$60 000, so our plan is to refurbish 3 AWA television transmitters into 2 FM transmitters. This will mean we have a second backup transmitter which will mean no 'dead air' if things go wrong or when we do scheduled transmitter maintenance. The other advantage is that we can crank the refurbished transmitters right up to our licensed

power limit which means a much stronger further reaching signal.

Another project is to replace the broadcast desk in the on-air studio. It's also very old and past it's day. You may have noticed the odd pop or crackle that the desk seems to mysteriously introduce. Once again the cost is too great for a brand new one, so we have refurbished a spare to be installed around the time you read this.

The microwave link from the studio to the transmitter is also on it's last legs and will be replaced within the next few weeks for around \$7000!

Keeping a radio station on air is not easy, particularly on a shoestring budget. It's a lot of fun though and being part of one of the best things in Brisbane certainly makes it all worthwhile!

Zedworld Online

We now have our own web page! Although still very much 'under construction' it is there. If you have access to the internet, check it out. The URL is <http://www.4zzzfm.org.au> nice and short huh?

Keep checking it as we will be adding heap more info to it including a program guide, more hot 100 lists, info about block shows, links to groovy sites we have found, online subscription services, audio clips of classic zed spots etc etc....any suggestions would be welcome.

You can also email us. Our 'generic' address is info@4zzzfm.org.au This will soon be set up for an automatic reply giving you email addresses of more specific areas at Zed.

If you don't have your own Internet access, you can head down to The Hub cafe at 125 Margaret St. the City where Zed subscribers get discount Internet Access on their terminals. The Hub are triple Zeds Internet Service Provider and have been very good to us.



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TOINEWALL DAY

SATURDAY 29 JUNE

QUEER REQUEST SHOW FROM 9PM TO 12
MIDNIGHT. CALL IN YOUR REQUESTS

You can return the survey to the station at 291 St Paul Terrace, Fortitude Valley or mail it to our postal address (PO Box 509 Fortitude Valley 4006). Please return them by the end of July and hopefully you're hear the influence of your comments in the months to come.

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