



Ongoing funding is also available to communities with non-English language programs on community radio stations. This funding is to cover the costs of materials for your radio program such as music, tapes and internet costs. Your local community station can apply for this funding for your broadcasting group.



Station Support

Community radio stations also offer other forms of support and resources such as access to a meeting space, training, computers and portable recording equipment. This varies depending on the radio station.

You will need to choose a radio station which best suits your community's needs in terms of listener reception, ease to get to and resources available.

NEMBC

The National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (NEMBC) represents community language broadcasters around Australia. It co-ordinates the national training program (AERTP) for broadcasters and distributes news of interest to ethnic communities via the Internet. The NEMBC also offers advice to groups wanting to get involved in community language broadcasting.



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For more information

You can visit the NEMBC website for more information about community radio stations and community language broadcasting (www.nembc.org.au) or contact us at the NEMBC on tel [03] 9486 9549, fax [03] 9486 9499.

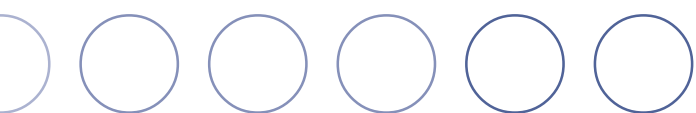
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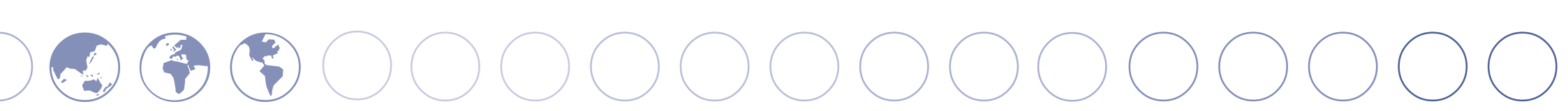


Radio for emerging communities

helping your community to

broadcast in your language





Do you want your community to listen to radio programs in your language?

Do you want your community to keep up with the latest news from Australia and home?

Do you want your community to be informed about health services, English classes, education and work opportunities?

Do you want to let your community know about local events?

If you answered **yes** then ethnic community broadcasting is for **you**.



What is community radio?

Community radio is independent radio made by volunteers for their community. There are more than 200 community stations around Australia in cities and regions, serving their local communities. Each station has its own management and broadcast area.



What is community language (ethnic) broadcasting?

Every day, community radio stations around Australia broadcast programs in 100 languages. These programs are locally produced by volunteers who are committed to supporting their communities. In many cases new migrant and refugee communities take the first step to establish a media service in their language on community radio stations.

Why start a radio program?

You may already have a newsletter to get information to members of your community. Using radio to distribute information has several advantages. Radio is more personal, more up-to-date, more entertaining, more interactive (listeners call you up!) and a lot more fun!

Community language broadcasting also offers your community the opportunity to:

- promote your culture including music, poetry, performance
- promote community events and activities
- provide information to assist community members to better settle in Australia
- maintain language skills

- distribute news and information cheaply and quickly
- strengthen and maintain your networks
- participate in the wider community

Training

Free training is available for groups that want to broadcast in a community language. The Australian Ethnic Radio Training Project (AERTP) offers a short course which includes training in studio operation, interviewing, writing, presentation and the other skills necessary for producing radio programs. The course, which is fully accredited, has been highly successful in assisting new migrant and refugee communities to gain access to radio. AERTP and other training is provided through your local community station.



Funding

A special one-off establishment grant of up to \$1500 is available to new migrant and refugee community radio programs. The grant can be used to cover equipment, program materials, specialised training, transport, internet and other costs associated with broadcasting.

