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ABC Capricornia celebrates 85 years on air

Local radio station, ABC Capricornia, has clocked up 85 years on air, and to celebrate its birthday Jacquie Mackay and Chrissy Arthur will both broadcast live from the front verandah on Friday July 29.

Known originally as 4RK Rockhampton, the station pioneered regional radio in Queensland. According to a local radio historian, its initial broadcast from the School of the Arts Hall on July 29, 1931 was the first of its kind outside of Brisbane. 4RK was one of the ABC's original stations, and its launch even predated the inception of the Australian Broadcasting Commission in July 1932.

To celebrate its anniversary, ABC Capricornia's Chief of Staff, Chrissy Arthur, has organised some familiar voices from the past and present to join the team for the birthday broadcast.

"Former 4RK presenter David Anderson will be joining us, as well as gardening expert, Tom Wyatt, who has been providing gardening advice for more than 30 years. We're also bringing Wayne Shearman from Wide Bay to present the Early Morning Country program from our Rockhampton studio," she said.

Mrs Arthur began her career with the ABC as a rural reporter in Rockhampton in 1995 and has come full circle, returning to the station 21 years later, at the beginning of this year. She counts it a privilege to be part of a long term community touch point once again.

"It's played such an important part in providing information, entertainment, sharing stories and local news to local communities across Central Queensland for the past 85 years. From those early days of radio, through to today where we use radio, TV and other tools like social media and online platforms to keep our communities informed and entertained."

The community is invited to join in the celebrations with Jacquie Mackay, Chrissy Arthur and all of the ABC Capricornia team from 8:30am – 11:00am on Friday July 29, on the front verandah of the station at 236 Quay Street, Rockhampton. There'll be a free morning tea with an official cake cutting at 9:30am. For more information see abc.net.au/capricornia

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Media opportunity

WHAT: Jacquie Mackay & Chrissy Arthur broadcasting live

WHEN: 8:30am – 11:00am Friday July 29 | Photo opportunity: cake cutting at 9:30am |

WHERE: ABC Capricornia, 236 Quay Street, Rockhampton

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