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Spencer Howson to take the 612 Breakfast show to the Torres Strait

The 612 Breakfast team, Spencer Howson and Bernadette Young, are skipping the South Bank studio next week, and heading 47 hours north to broadcast live from the Torres Strait.

The trip to the most northern tip of Queensland will form the fourth leg of a series of broadcasts designed to give Brisbane listeners a true sense of the state in which they live. The team has also been invited to work alongside the staff at Indigenous community station, 4MW, while they're there.

"The staff have requested training in social media, scripting, live reporting, researching and presenting, which we're looking forward to covering over two days on the 13th and 14th of September," Spencer said.

Following the two days of training, Spencer will broadcast 612's Breakfast show from Thursday Island on the 15th September, and Horn Island on the 16th September, to show Brisbane listeners what Queensland is like when you get as far north as you can.

"We hope these broadcasts will build pride in our state, as well as a sense of responsibility for those who live outside the capital city. It'll also be a great opportunity to inform city listeners about the realities of living somewhere as remote as Thursday Island," he said.

The 612 Breakfast team has already hosted live broadcasts from local suburban performing arts spaces, Boulia and Birdsville in the far west and southwest, and five towns along the Brisbane Valley this year. 612 ABC Brisbane's Local Manager, Jen Brennen, says the broadcast series has been a worthwhile investment.

"ABC Local Radio is committed to forging partnerships with community groups in Brisbane and across our state, bringing a diversity of voices, ideas and stories to our listening audience, and building a richer conversation about life in Queensland," she said.

Tune into 612 ABC Brisbane from 5am – 7:45am on 15th & 16th of September to hear all of the Breakfast team's Torres Strait adventures.

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Key dates:

Tuesday 13 September – Wednesday 14 September – training 4MW staff

Thursday 15 September - 612 Breakfast broadcast live from Thursday Island

Friday 16 September - 612 Breakfast broadcast live from Horn Island

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