

**TankFM 103.1**  
**Your only *local* Radio Station**  
**A Brief Chronological History**

- 1992 Public meeting convened to form Macleay Valley Community FM Radio Station Incorporated
- 1997 First test broadcast conducted in April.
- 1997 First test broadcast from a caravan at Rudder Park in July. Subsequent test broadcast from a caravan at Rudder Park in October.
- 1997 First test broadcast from within the old concrete water tank over the Christmas period. The station quickly becomes known as Tank Radio.
- 1998 More test broadcasts from within the old water tank.
- 1999 Macleay Valley Community FM Radio Station Inc is awarded the community broadcasting licence for Kempsey for five years.
- 2001 Tank Radio provides significant reporting of the major flood in March.
- 2004 Tank Radio is successful in renewing its licence for another five years.
- 2005 Tank Radio applies to the licencing authority (ACMA) for a translator to improve coverage in SWR. The application is deferred by the ACMA.
- 2005 Tank Radio adopts a broad-based Easy Listening format following change of ownership of a local commercial radio station.
- 2007 TankRadio opens a shop and production studio in the Centrepoint Arcade in Kempsey. Station administration is moved to the shop and the stations undergoes an image change to TankFM 103.1, with a new TFM logo.
- 2007 TankFM 103.1 again applies to the ACMA for a translator licence for SWR. The application is again deferred by the ACMA.
- 2009 TankFM 103.1 again provides significant reporting during two, moderate and, one major flood.
- 2009 TankFM 103.1 receives advice from the ACMA advising they will shortly commence work on a backlog of licence variation applications. TankFM 103.1 decides that any expansion of service area should also include Crescent Head. A new application to the ACMA is being prepared.
- 2009 First public meeting convened in June to involve the community in the life of the station and in programming decisions. Second public meeting held in October.

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