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NEW ZEALAND RADIO READING SERVICE

The New Zealand Radio Reading Service celebrates 30 years on air this month. Founded in 1985 by Levin men Allen Little (above) and Ash Bell (top), it is the only radio station in New Zealand to specifically assist people who are print disabled. The first broadcast went out in May 1987.

People who benefit from the broadcasts are not just those with visual impairment



Above, below and below left: Staff and Volunteers keep the Radio Reading Service on air.



but could include people with reading difficulties, whose first language is not English, physical disabilities that makes reading difficult, location, and other reasons which prevent a person from accessing printed media. Some listeners just enjoy having information read to them.

Broadcasting live on 1602AM or 107.3FM from the Levin studio, a team of dedicated volunteers and small band of paid staff, keep the station on air. The service is currently reviewing programming and presentation, hoping to reach a wider audience and make use of their website to make podcasts for specific audiences.

Local newspapers are read on day of publication, as well as recent magazine articles, books, local and international items of interest. The Station's Facebook page and website keeps people up to date with the daily programme.

As re-development continues, the service will be looking for more volunteers in all sectors. As well as readers they are looking for writers, promoters and production personnel. Volunteers come from all walks of life, and are of all ages.

If you would like to become involved with, or know more about the New Zealand Radio Reading Service contact:

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