

As a resident of Australia, I was very disappointed to lose the short wave service on 4835 kHz. That is because whenever I visited family in New Zealand (three to four times a year), I was able to keep in touch with free to air (no WiFi available) Australian radio on short wave (entertaining programs and news from Australia, instead of the somewhat dull and uninteresting local talk back medium wave stations in New Zealand). I used to regularly listen in New Zealand to Tony Delroy's Nightlife, and subsequent presenters, and the quiz program, via a very reliable short wave signal all through the night and into the next morning.

The 4835 kHz signal was transmitted from central Australia and serviced the area around Alice Springs, via I believe a vertically propagating antenna array. However, the nature of the antenna propagation, as well as the ionospheric propagation, meant I was receiving an almost perfect signal in New Zealand. All I had was a short wave radio with 1 metre long whip antenna, which I coupled closely to a wall of a steel-clad sleepout building (the walls of the building were obviously not earthed, so the building acted as a very effective short wave receiving antenna).

It would be good to hear 4835 kHz return, especially as it would have serviced a vast area of central Australia, and fortuitously in New Zealand.