World Radio Day: How the future of Pacific radio resides with women, youth

Radio stations around the Pacific are celebrating having their voices heard on World Radio Day.

Radio is still the most accessible form of mass communication, with more than fifty-one thousand stations in operation worldwide.

Over the next few minutes we're going to hear from people passionate about radio across the Pacific including the head of Papua New Guinea's state media, a teenage broadcaster from rural Australia, and an expert on PNG's mobile phone and internet penetration.

But first, Fiji's FemTalk radio, the Pacific's first mobile women's community radio initiative, is one such station that harnesses this most simple, but effective medium of radio.

**Presenter:** Bruce Hill, Richard Ewart and PNG correspondent Liam Cochrane

**Speaker:** Sharon Bhagwan Rolls, co-ordinator of FemLink Pacific; Joys Eggins, research officer of the ABC's Media for Development Initiative; Joseph Suwamaru, PNG information communication technology expert; Justice King, Heywire winner; Memafu Kapera, managing director of the National Broadcasting Corporation