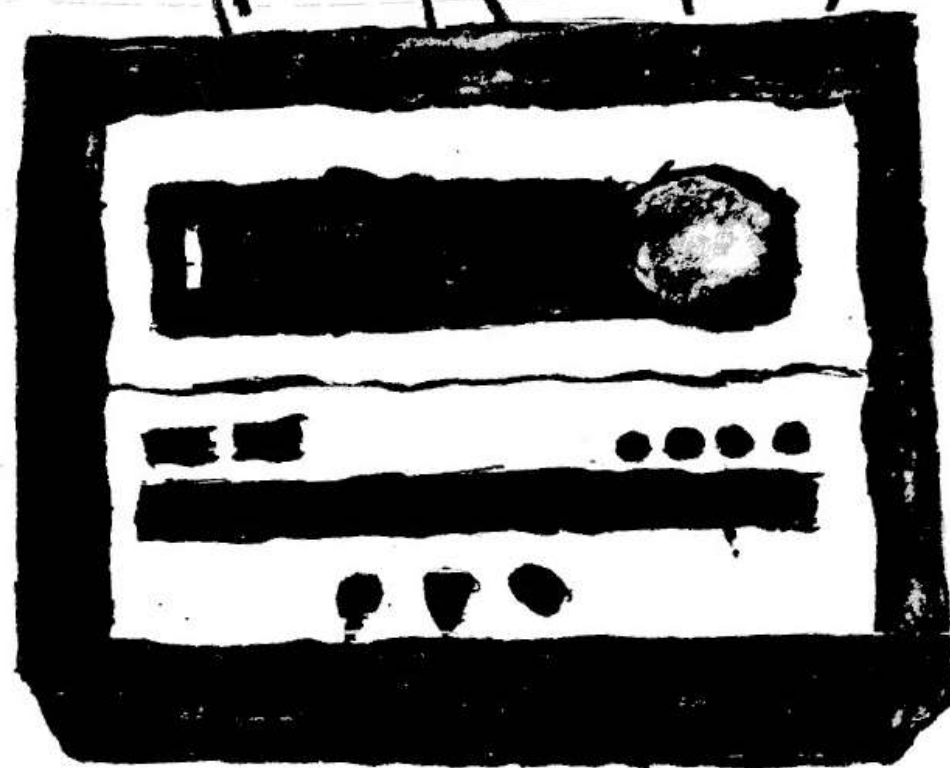


Turn up
the Radio!



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WHY YOU SHOULD
LISTEN TO THE RADIO

If you're a young person like me, the radio is probably a foreign thing to you. At most something on in the car or on in a store as you walk through. But not something you just go and listen to. **WHY?**

Now that's probably not something I can answer for you. Maybe you've just never considered it as something to just put on. But you should!! Here's why I choose to listen to the radio:

Community connections!
I almost exclusively listen to local radio. I get to hear about a whole range of awesome stuff happening right ~~where~~^{where} I am! local music, local shows, art opportunities, events happening near me, interviews with local authors & filmmakers & musicians & artists.

I get to hear about so much awesome stuff through listening to the radio that I just wouldn't otherwise!

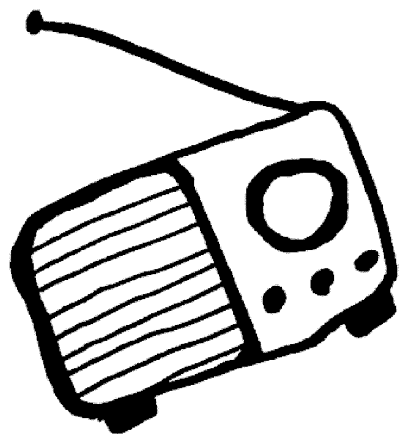
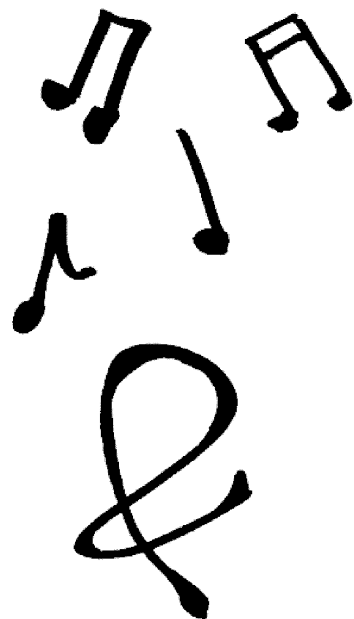
The sheer variety of stuff you can hear and learn about on the radio is massive. If you've only really listened to commercial radio that might not be something you've really experienced before. Unlike a lot of commercial radio, which often has a lot of ads and very popular music, independent and alternative stations really feature a wide range of fascinating interviews, conversations, unique and niche music, and other stuff you really just wouldn't hear otherwise!



Here's some of my fav stuff I've found on the radio (some of the musicians are for sure more well-known than others, but I found all of them by listening to the radio):

musicians:

- Diane Cluck
- SPITN NAILZ
- Uranium Club
- The Modern Lovers
- The Submissives
- Richard Dawson



Other stuff:

- Geraldine by Andrea Thompson
- Film screenings
- Art opportunities
- Concerts

I get to hear new music! I'm a music lover, but I very often don't find new stuff to listen to and that can be annoying when you get bored with what you normally listen to but don't know what else to check out. Putting the radio on is a great solution.

Now, this does require finding shows that play the type of music you're into, but a quick google of your local stations should give you a show schedule and some info about the type of stuff you might expect to hear on each show. Finding and then tuning into shows that play the stuff you like makes it way more likely you'll find great hidden musical gems!





Like I said, independent stations are where it's at!! My favourite local station is RTRFM 92.1 (and if you're in Boorloo/Perth this would be local to you too). Even if you're not in Boorloo, they've got digital radio on platforms like Apple Music and on their own website as well (rtrfm.com.au). My personal fav shows of theirs are Siamese Dream, Burn The Airwaves, Artbeat, and Moorditj Mag, but they have so many different shows with so many different things to check out! If you're somewhere else in the world, do a bit of internet searching - googling things like "independent radio near me" or "independent radio [city name]" are great starts. If you have any record stores near you, they might have stickers or posters for local stations, or you could even ask if anyone there has recommendations.

To be honest, ~~as~~ I think I really just like the radio because it's a form of entertainment outside of the cycle that social media and TV gets me stuck in. TV is perfectly fine when my phone is away from me (like literally on the other side of the house), because I will actually focus on it all properly. However, if my phone is there I'll pick it up just out of habit and miss things. Social media is ~~it~~ a distraction in and of itself, and even watching YouTube I get stuck scrolling when I'd much rather be doing something else. The ~~the~~ radio is a way for me to get off my phone for a while, listen to music or interviews, hear about interesting things.

Especially when I'm reading, or drawing, or writing, or even doing schoolwork, the radio is something that can be there that I don't have to mess with - I put it on, it plays, I can hear it and listen and work on my other task too.

Getting off my phone is something I especially appreciate about it. Reading physical books with no music, just focusing on the book, is another way I like to do that, but I love the radio as another option for when I want something auditory. Also, is there anything better than listening to your local station late at night & sending in messages to the host? The chance moments you hear one of your favorite songs played?

