



Caralis rebuilds radio station facilities at Tamworth, Orange and Port Macquarie

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Bill Caralis independent owner and operator of the 2SM Supernetwork is well on the way to completing brand new studio and office facilities for his stations 2TM/FM 92.9 Tamworth, 2PM Port Macquarie and 2EL Orange. This will be followed by a total rebuild from the ground up at 2HD/New FM Newcastle to start in the next half of this year.

Utilising the latest state of the art equipment the new studio facilities will feature a first in Australian Radio with all glass ground to ceiling studio fit outs news gathering, on air studios, production studios and new Paul Kirk purpose built digital consoles.

General Manager of 2TM/FM 92.9 **Gavin Flanagan** told **radioinfo**:

*"Our builder **Mick Allen** and glazier's Grassy's Glass have done a tremendous job to get us to this stage. Mr. Caralis' vision of a totally glass studio complex is really beginning to take shape. While the work is continuing on site, our Chief Engineer **Allan Bone** is working on the new equipment for the studios. It's a real team effort and the staff here at can't wait to see the finished product which won't be far away now."*

In addition new transmission facilities have been completed ground up with new huts, racks and transmitters for Tamworth AM/FM, Port Macquarie AM/FM, Coffs Harbour AM and Orange AM.

Following the completion of the new Newcastle stations building and studios the existing facilities which are over 50 years old will be bulldozed down and will mark the end of a broadcasting era for the Sandgate facility.

Along with the exciting new station building and fit outs, Caralis Supernetwork stations are currently experiencing great listener reaction with long term radio and television personality **Graham Hughes** who heads up the Drive time "talkin' sport program on 2SM and across the network.

2SM Supernetwork Chairman Bill Caralis says a new switchboard was essential:

"Our switchboard is going crackers and people visiting the station are amazed at the number of calls we are generating. We are about to install a new 24 line on air system to handle the calls. I must be Telstra's best radio client with a spend on 2SM alone of over \$30,000 a month, I must ask for a discount"