

**RADIO SHOWS
WITH...**

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THE NEXT GEN OF BROADCASTERS



A Guide for Radio Shows with Youth Radio AU

YOUR SHOW, YOUR IDEAS and CHOOSING A THEME

One of the best things about Youth Radio, is that your show can be about almost anything,

If you're passionate about a topic, chances are someone else is too.

Whether you love music, gaming, books or sports, there's an audience waiting to hear what you have to say.

Our shows usually run for 2-3 hours, giving you plenty of time to share music, stories and conversations with listeners.

CHOOSING A THEME

Your show should have a clear theme,

This helps listeners know what to expect every time they tune in.

Some ideas include:

- New Music Monday or Friday
- AU Aussie Artists
- Gaming, Pop Culture, Sports, Book Club, Late Night
- Study Session (calm, easy listening, relaxing music)
- Sunday Sesh (upbeat Indie and feel-good music)
- Interviews

Of course, if you have another idea, we'd love to hear it!

PLANNING YOUR SHOW

Every great show starts with a plan.

Before recording, think about:

- What is today's theme?
- Are there any news stories or topics to discuss?
- Will I be interviewing someone?
- How do I want listeners to feel?

Planning ahead makes your show sound more natural and confident.

Writing Your Talk Breaks

During a 2-3 hour show, you'll usually have 4-5 talk breaks each hour. These don't need to be long.

Most breaks are around 30 seconds to 2 minutes, depending on what you're talking about. Before recording, write a script or dot points for each break.

You don't have to follow it word for word. The script is there to keep you on track and help you feel prepared.

What Can You Talk About?

Talk breaks are your chance to connect with listeners.

Ideas include:

- introducing the next song, talking about the artists.
- Concert announcements, community events.
- Fun facts, reviews, and personal stories.
- Listener questions, call to actions.
- Or any specific points about the show you are hosting.

The best presenters sound like they're having a conversation.

LISTENERS ENGAGEMENT

Think about the flow of your show. Try mixing things up:

- Song → Talk break → Song → Artist fact → Song → Interview
→ Song → Community event → Song

Changing things throughout the show keeps listeners interested.

Tailor your content to the theme of your show.

PREPARING FOR INTERVIEWS

If you're interviewing someone:

- Research them first.
- Prepare your questions.
- Listen carefully to their answers.

Don't be afraid to ask follow-up questions. The best interviews feel like genuine conversations.

Before you record

Check you've:

- Written your talk breaks.
- Researched your topic.
- Checked artist names and pronunciation.
- Have water nearby.

Preparation makes a huge difference.

Quick Rules:

- Plan your shows before recording.
- Write scripts or talking points.
- Don't read like a robot.
- Keep your breaks interesting.
- Match your music to your theme.
- Be yourself, and have fun!

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