

## **RADIO SOUTHLAND TO UPDATE ITS EQUIPMENT**

Radio Southland is about to upgrade its technology thanks to grants from the ILT Foundation and Invercargill Licensing Trust.

The Southland Community Broadcasters Charitable Trust has been granted \$36,000 from the two funding organisations to replace its broadcasting equipment.

Station manager Matt Rutherford said the present transmission equipment was unreliable and out of date and often required repairing. “It has come to the end of its useful life. We could either have poured money into a bottomless pit or bought new equipment that we can rely on and will be future proof. The equipment will provide a more reliable signal for the far-reaching listeners around the region”, he said.

The money from the ILT and ILT Foundation was well appreciated. “With being not-for-profit, the funding we get from them is like mana from heaven.” The ILT has been fantastically generous.”

ILT Foundation and ILT chairman Alan Dennis said the organisation provided a vital service. “It means all Southlanders can have a voice,” he said. “These grants enable this city to have a great community tool which can educate, inform and entertain. The ILT Foundation and ILT have provided money in the past for radio programmes and we see these grants as a way of keeping this wonderful resource operating within the city and surrounds.”

It is hoped the new equipment will be installed by the end of the year.

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