

DEAD 25.8.1931 OBITUARY 1931
THE LATE MR. TREVOR WATKINS.

AMATEUR WIRELESS EXPERIMENTER.

With the passing of Mr. Trevor Watkins, whose death occurred on Tuesday last after a long illness, Tasmania lost her foremost amateur wireless experimenter. He was the first person in this State to broadcast music by wireless, from his private transmitting station in Hobart, and for several years devoted himself to the study of radio and the development of radio ideas, many of which have been adopted by fellow experimenters who were in communication with him here and from other parts of the world. His special branch of study was wireless telegraphy, and as an amateur operator his familiar call sign, "7DX," was known in every part of the world where radio amateurs are established. Many of the formal acknowledgments of receipt of his transmissions (of which he possessed hundreds) testified to the excellence of his work at the Morse key. It was quite a usual thing for him to have chats almost daily with fellow experimenters in several continents, his opinion on the adjustment of transmitting apparatus being much sought after. In a number of successful tests his work was highly appreciated by the signalling section of the Royal Australian Air Force, his station in Hobart being the section guard station for this State. In 1925, in competition with a large number of others in Australia and New Zealand, he had the honour of winning the trans-Pacific tests for amateur radio operators. During the severe floods in 1929, when departmental telegraph lines were out of action between Hobart and Launceston, his private station was on the air almost continuously for two days and two nights, and for the greater part of the time Mr. Watkins, though a sick man, stuck to his instruments with very short intervals for sleep, receiving and despatching many thousands of words of press news. A most unassuming man, with a very genial disposition, ever ready to pass on his knowledge to fellow experimenters, "Watty," as he was called by radio friends here and in different parts of the world, will be much missed. Telegrams of sympathy from the divisions of wireless institutes on the mainland received by his relatives all bear testimony to his sterling worth. Young men of his type can ill be spared. At the graveside at Cornelian Bay yesterday, where the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Barrow, a large gathering of representatives of departmental, commercial, and amateur wireless bodies paid their last respects to the deceased, the pall-bearers being well-known amateur operators.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905-1919.

EXPERIMENTAL LICENCE.

No. 2640

Form 8.

In pursuance and exercise of the powers and authority conferred upon the Postmaster-General by Section 5 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905-1919, and by the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations, a licence is granted to CHARLES HARRISON

to erect an Experimental Wireless Station at ROCKBY ROAD
BUCKLIVE, TASMANIA

and to operate the said station for a period of twelve calendar months ending 25.8.32

The erection and operation of the said station shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the said Regulations, as amended from time to time during the currency of this licence, and shall be subject to such further restrictions and conditions as are from time to time notified by the Postmaster-General or by any officer thereto authorized in writing by the Postmaster-General.

By direction of the Postmaster-General.

Date 25.8.31

SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORIZED STATION.

1. Authorized Transmitting Power 100 Watts.
2. Type of Transmitter 1000 C.W.
3. Type of Receiver 1000 C.W.
4. Authorized Transmitting Frequencies (wavelengths) —

3000000-5000000	m.	60	56	5	5.35	?
3500000-4000000	m.	30	28	10	10.17	
4000000-4500000	m.	14.4	14	20.8	20.4	
4500000-5000000	m.	7.3	7	41	42.8	
5000000-5500000	m.	4	3	75	85	
5500000-6000000	m.	1940	1715	1508	175	
6000000-6500000	m.	1715	1200	175	250	

5. Call Sign. VK 12H

Signature of Licensee

Date 1/9/31

Fee £1 10s.