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RADIO station 8HA is celebrating 45 years on the airwaves, with a chance for listeners to look behind the scenes.

An open day tomorrow will showcase the talents of 8HA’s morning breakfast show host Sandee Beech, as he broadcasts live.

The building on the South Stuart Highway is home to three radio stations, all of which will be live on air.

Dave Prior will take over the Tourist Gold studio, while Scotty McLaren from Sun969 will host a version of his “Morning Yarnz”, while Scotty McLaren from Sun969 will host a version of his “Morning Yarnz”, and station manager Roger Harris will broadcast live.

“I was here 10 years ago for the 35th and to be here for the 45th is amazing,” Mr McLaren said.

Operations manager Bruce Davenport has put his hand up to drive the tuktuk, while live music by Lucy Desoto and the “handsome devils” including station manager Roger Harris.

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