ETHNIC PROGRAMS GO ON THE AIR

Sydney's newest radio station, Radio Ethnic Australia (2EA), went to air for the first time yesterday.

The station will broadcast programs in seven different languages, six hours a day, to ethnic communities within a 16km (10 mile) radius.

Australia's only ethnic radio station, 2EA is the brain child of the Government's Community Relations office, headed by Mr Grassby.

It is situated at the Ashfield factory of Amalgamated Wireless.

It consists of a low-power transmitter with a limited transmitting nerial on the factory's front lawn.

Each day of the week the station will broadcast in a different language.

Monday is Greek, Tuesday Maliese, Wednesday Spanish, Thursday Arabic, Friday Italian, Saturday Turkish and Sunday Yugoslav.