

Researcher biography

Dr Michael Thurlow is a former regional commercial television journalist, producer and presenter with a long and passionate interest in the history of the industry. His Master of Research thesis, *Station Break: A History of Regional Commercial Television Ownership* (2015), was a foundational study for a much more substantial PhD thesis, *Switched On: A History of Regional Commercial Television in Australia* (2020).

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