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After the meeting at 2TM Tamworth, L to R: Ivan Scott (2RE Taree), Tim O'Keefe (ABA), Bill Caralis (Super Network Radio), Ted Wilkinson (2TM), Bill Morrison (2TM), Bob Holly (2TM Tamworth), David Hoey (2MO Gunnedah), Don Thomas (2AD Armidale)

aspirant community broadcasters about their interest in providing community radio for their local community and/or community of interest e.g. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Ethnic and Christian.

In northern NSW Tim O'Keefe and Giles Tanner of Planning Branch, met with broadcasters and aspirant groups in Tamworth, Gunnedah, Moree, Armidale, Inverell, Tenterfield, Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree and Forster.



ABA allocates pay TV licences to Cosmovision Cable Television

SYDNEY: The ABA has allocated 50 licences for non-satellite pay TV broadcasting services to Cosmovision Cable Television Pty Ltd ('CCT').

CCT has indicated it intends to deliver its pay TV services via cable. The services will contain programs from North America, South America, Europe and other parts of the world and will include several Spanish language channels. At a later date CCT intends to also provide a service consisting of locally produced programs. The services will initially be offered in the western suburbs area of Sydney, with expansion to most of the Sydney metropolitan area envisaged.

'The ABA examined the shareholding structure of the company and found it complied with the foreign ownership provisions of the Broadcasting Services Act,' said Mr Peter Webb, ABA Chairman. 'In addition, the ABA found no reason to regard the company as being unsuitable to be allocated pay TV licences.'

What's the score

Licence holder	No. of licences
Access Cable Television Ltd	110
Access Cable TV (Northern Rivers) Pty Ltd	4
Cable Television Services Pty Ltd	20
Central Coast Cablevision Pty Ltd	54
Cosmovision Cable Television Pty Ltd	50
Cox Media Pty Limited	56
CVC Pay TV Pty Ltd	20
Dergat Pty Ltd	4
Explorer Channel Pty Ltd	1
Graff Pay-Per-View (Australia) Pty Ltd	10
Home Show Cable Australia Pty Ltd	20
Interactive Telecommunications Network Ltd	150
Multicom Australia Pty Ltd	35
NRS Group Pty Ltd	13
Oberon Broadcasters Pty Ltd	10
Pacific Media Telecommunications Pty Ltd	18
Paynet Telecommunications Pty Ltd	8
Planet Pay TV Pty Ltd	20
PPV TV Pty Ltd	20
Premier Cable Australia Pty Ltd	43
Prime Media Developments Pty Ltd	45
Private Cable Network Pty Ltd	102
Rowcom Holdings Pty Ltd	28
Selectra Pty Ltd	50
Star Vision Pty Ltd	50
Vinatech Pty Ltd	50
Visitor Publishing Group Pty Ltd	2
Wright Weller Rosenblum Pty Ltd	10

Total licences issued by the ABA 1003

Classification officers get together

SYDNEY: How do those involved in day-to-day decisions about classification on television maintain a common understanding of the Office of Film and Literature Classification (OFLC) guidelines which underpin the various broadcasting industry codes of practice?

Classification officers from the Nine, Seven, Ten, ABC and SBS networks met on 9 May at the ABA to catch up on recent developments in relation to codes and classification issues.

Lesley Osborne, Director Program Services, and Gordana Marin, Manager Codes and Conditions, reported on complaints against codes of practice and the implementation of the Federation of Australian Commercial Television Stations Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice (FACTS Code). Linda Sheldon, Research Manager, discussed the ABA's research on some of the changes to television



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classification introduced by the FACTS code, and R-rated programs on pay TV. FACTS Federal Director Tony Branigan reported on the first full year of the operation of the code and the level of complaints and way the stations had responded to these.

Andre Wright, Deputy Chief Censor, discussed the passage of *the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Bill 1994*, which simplifies current censorship laws, and the way the OFLC guidelines line up with the FACTS Code.

ABA staff explained the process involved in investigating unresolved complaints about possible breaches of codes. The meeting discussed in detail some ABA decisions of investigations of unresolved complaints including two breaches by the Nine network. This information is presented in the ABA's recently published *Your Say 1995: A Review of Audience Concerns about Australia's Broadcast Media* (see pp. 3-4).

Classification officers employed by the commercial television networks, the ABC and SBS also regularly access the database of OFLC decisions to find out more about a particular decision of the OFLC, including the reasons why a film received a certain classification and the associated consumer advice.

It is important too for classification officers to meet and discuss issues relevant to their work, together and with the OFLC. Forums such as the OFLC's annual conference are particularly useful as they provide an opportunity for representatives of the community and the industry to consider relevant code issues.

Regular get-togethers involving classification officers, the OFLC and the ABA also contribute to this necessary exchange of information.

The next meeting of the group is proposed for July, when classifiers will bring with them program clips for discussion of some of the more challenging classification issues.

Temporary Transmissions

Below is a list of all temporary transmissions for aspirant community radio groups issued between 1 March and 19 May 1995.

Licensee	Area Served	Frequency	Period	Date Signed
Ballarat Gospel Radio	Ballarat Vic	106.3 MHz	5/3/95 - 24/3/95	2/3/95
Nepean Riverlands Community Radio Assoc.	Outer Western Sydney	100.7 MHz	4/3/95 - 28/5/95 ¹	2/3/95
Canberra Christian Radio Assoc.	Canberra	105.5 MHz	4/3/95 - 18/3/95	2/3/95
Newcastle Christian Broadcasters Ltd	Newcastle (NSW)	99.7 MHz	13/3/95 - 2/4/95	8/3/95
Upper Hunter Community Radio Assoc.	Upper Hunter (NSW)	95.9 MHz	11/3/95 - 9/4/95 ¹	8/3/95
Hott FM Ltd	Gold Coast (Qld)	95.7 MHz	11/3/95 - 9/4/95	8/3/95
Newcastle Christian Broadcasters Ltd	Newcastle (NSW)	99.7 MHz	8/5/95 - 3/6/95	8/3/95
Central Victorian Gospel Radio Inc.	Bendigo (Vic)	104.7 MHz	13/3/95 - 10/4/95	10/3/95
North Harbour Radio	Mosman (NSW)	100.9 MHz	11/3/95 - 26/3/95 ¹	10/3/95
Hitz Broadcasters Inc.	Melbourne	89.9 MHz	7/4/95 - 94/4/95	17/3/95
Mid North Coast Christian Broadcasters Inc.	Port Macquarie (NSW)	106.3 MHz	20/3/95 - 7/4/95	17/3/95
Family Radio Ltd	Brisbane (Qld)	92.1 MHz	27/3/95 - 23/4/95	24/3/95
Casino's Own Wireless Assoc. Ltd	Casino (NSW)	107.9 MHz	26/3/95 - 25/6/95 ¹	24/3/95
Macarthur Community Radio	Campbelltown (NSW)	100.5 MHz	25/3/95 - 23/4/95	24/3/95
Townsville Christian Broadcasters	Townsville (Qld)	100.7 MHz	25/3/95 - 23/4/95	24/3/95
Upper Goulburn Community Radio	Lake Eildon (Vic)	98.9 MHz	31/3/95 - 28/4/95 ²	31/3/95
New Wave Broadcasters	West Killara (NSW)	99.3 MHz	6/4/95 - 30/6/95 ⁵	31/3/95
Ethnic Broadcasters Council of the ACT & Surrounding Dists.	Canberra	103.1 MHz	4/4/95 - 13/6/95 ⁶	31/3/95
Encounter FM Community Broadcasters	Victor Harbor (SA)	89.3 MHz	3/4/95 - 9/4/95	31/3/95
SWR FM Radio Assoc.	Mt Druitt/ Blacktown (NSW)	100.3 MHz	1/4/95 - 21/5/95 ¹	31/3/95
Radio Five-O- Plus Assoc.	Gosford (NSW)	95.3 MHz	1/4/95 - 24/4/95 ⁴	31/3/95
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio	Kandos (NSW)	95.5 MHz	1/4/95 - 17/4/95	31/3/95
Dalby Broadcasting Assn.	Dalby (Qld)	104.3 MHz	1/4/95 - 30/4/95	31/3/95
Summerland Christian Broadcasters	Lismore (Qld)	100.1 MHz	8/4/95 - 30/4/95	31/3/95
Toowoomba Christian Broadcasters	Toowoomba (Qld)	98.1 MHz	1/4/95 - 25/6/95	31/3/95

