



News Update

New radio licence for Ceduna

SYDNEY: The ABA has released its licence area plan for community and open narrowcasting radio in the Ceduna region of South Australia.

One channel has been made available for a community radio service for Ceduna. A channel has also been made available for an open narrowcasting radio service at Ceduna/Smoky Bay.

'The decision to make a channel available for a community radio service follows interest expressed by community aspirants. The licence for a community radio service will be allocated via a merit-based selection process which has been developed by the ABA,' said Mr Peter Webb, ABA Chairman.

The decision to make a channel available for an open narrowcasting service follows interest in providing a tourist information service for the Ceduna region. The ABA is currently developing a system for issuing open narrowcasting licences and expects the licence for this service to be issued via an auction later this year.

Details of the community and narrowcasting radio licence area plan for Ceduna will be available for viewing at the Ceduna public library, or can be obtained from the ABA by calling freecall 1800 810 241.

ABA employee wins Institution of Engineering medal

CANBERRA: The Canberra division of the Institution of Engineers, Australia recently presented its students' awards. Ms Julie Spencer, a member of the ABA's Planning Branch, won the W. E. Samsun medal. This is an award for the best all round performance in the final year of the engineering degree at the University of Canberra.

Since finishing her degree Julie has worked as

a research assistant producing a faculty paper on Chaos Theory in Telecommunications before joining private enterprise for two months. It was at this point she was offered a position with the ABA in Canberra. She has been with the ABA for nearly five months.

Julie's immediate attraction to engineering is to its multi-disciplinary nature.

'There seemed to be plenty of maths and physics, which I enjoy (I know - I'm just weird!!), along with law, management and contact with people.'

She is not quite sure where she found this image of engineering as she does not believe



Deputy president, Canberra division, IEAust, Greg Walters presenting Julie Spencer with her medal. Photo: Canberra Report

it to be the public's perception. However, she is pleased to say, 'I have found many chances to become involved in all these areas and a few others!'

As for the future, she would like to remain in the technical stream and may do her masters, though she believes she is more likely to take on an MBA. Meanwhile Julie is back at university doing a second undergraduate degree, 'I can't keep away from the place!'

Temporary transmission of programs by aspirant community broadcasters

For the period 1 June to 13 July, in order of area served.

APPLICANT	AREA	FREQ.	PERIOD	DATE SIGNED
New South Wales				
Muslim Community Radio Inc.	Bankstown	94.5	12/7/96-25/10/96	25/6/96
Bega Access Radio Inc.	Bega	93.7	5/7/96-28/9/96	18/6/96
Macarthur Community Radio	Campbelltown	100.5	7/7/96-13/7/96	25/6/96
Casino's Own Wireless Association	Casino	107.9	6/7/96-30/9/96	25/6/96
Coraki Progress Association	Coraki	88.9	6/7/96-7/9/96	20/6/96