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When there is more than one applicant, the ABA may also have to choose on the basis of comparative merit. Alternatively, applicants can combine to present a unified application.

'Allocation of new community broadcasting licences has begun in Mildura and Darwin because the ABA's public planning process, which is complete for both areas, identified demand for new community services,' said Mr Webb.

Copies of applications

Copies of the applications are available in local libraries: Darwin (Northern Territory Library, Parliament House, Darwin; Batchelor College Library, Batchelor) and Mildura/Sunraysia (Carnegie Library, Mildura; Dareton Library, Dareton; and Robinvale Resource Centre, Robinvale).

Applications for the Darwin licences were received from: Darwin Christian Broadcasters Association Inc., Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (Aboriginal Corporation) (TEABBA), and Larrakia Association Inc. All three groups have applied for both licences.

Applications for the Mildura/Sunraysia licences were received from: Association for the Blind Ltd, and CARNMA Trading (Aboriginal Corporation). Both groups have applied for both licences.

Community TV trial for Bendigo?

SYDNEY: The ABA is proposing to make a television channel temporarily available for a trial of community and educational television in Bendigo.

This follows a licence application from the non-profit community broadcasting organisation, Bendigo Community Television Inc. (BCTV).

'Because the ABA can make only one channel available for temporary community television purposes in each area, the licensee must be set up and governed as a representative organisation committed to providing access to the whole community,' said Mr Nick Herd, ABA Program Services Director.

'In this way, the wider community can gain access to the management and operation of the station, and become involved in the provision of programming.'

The ABA will consider making channel UHF 41 in the Bendigo area temporarily available until the end of June 1997, on the condition the service provided is for community and educational, non-profit purposes only.

New commercial radio licences

SYDNEY: The ABA granted a second commercial radio licence to broadcasters in Mudgee, Parkes, Griffith and Dubbo (NSW) and Wangaratta (Vic).

The five licensees are:

- Western Broadcasters Pty Limited, owner of 2DU, which will broadcast its new service 2ZOO on FM 92.7 MHz in Dubbo and FM 103.7 MHz in Cobar;
- Radio 2RG Pty Limited, owner of 2RG, which will broadcast its new service 2RGF on FM 99.7 MHz;
- Mudgee Broadcasting Company Pty Ltd, owner of 2MG, which will broadcast its new service 2GEE on FM 93.1 MHz in Mudgee;
- Parkes Broadcasting Company Pty Ltd, owner of 2PK in Parkes, which will broadcast its new service 2ROK on FM 95.5 MHz in Parkes and FM 90.5 MHz in Condobolin;
- North East Broadcasters Ltd, owner of 3NE, which will broadcast its new service 3NNN on FM 102.1 MHz in Wangaratta.

'These new FM licences should result in a distinctly different service in each market. The services will cover the same area as the existing

Programs granted C or P classification

Programs granted C or P classification between 11 March 1996 and 31 March 1996. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Liz Gilchrist on (02) 334 7840.

Title	Origin	Clas.	New/ renewal	Decision date	Applicant
JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (Series 2)	USA	C	new	28.3.96	Effie Holdings Pty Ltd
THE ADVENTURES OF THE BUSH PATROL	Australia	PRC	new	29.3.96	RosenbaumWhitbread Film and Television Productions Pty Ltd
THE SILVER BRUMBY	Australia	CAD	new	11.3.96	Media World Features Pty Ltd
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C - children's program	CAD - C Australian drama	P - preschool program			



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For more information about section 39 licences, see *ABA Update* No. 42, p.3; No. 41, p.7; and No. 40, p.7.

service and will increase the choice of radio services available to local listeners,' said Mr Peter Webb, ABA Chairman.

Licences allocated under the Act are not currently subject to annual licence fees. The fee for each licence was \$ 10 000.

Licencees now have 12 months to get the new service up and running.

The new licences follow a change to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* which allows for early licensing of additional commercial radio licences in single service markets.

A total of 54 single station markets became eligible for an additional commercial radio licence under the new licensing arrangements.

'The ABA has received applications from licencees in all 54 of the markets and will be granting new licences progressively over the coming months,' said Mr Webb.

The ABA has already granted new licences to commercial radio broadcasters in Ballarat, Bathurst, Orange, Darwin, Bega, Lithgow, Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Merredin, Mandurah and Queenstown.

ACCC examines exclusive supply deals

SYDNEY: The ACCC has commenced an inquiry into two recent long-term exclusive program supply deals in Darwin and regional Western Australia between incumbent licencees and the Seven and Nine networks.

The ACCC is inquiring into whether the two exclusive program supply deals by Seven and Nine may prevent or hinder the potential for a new competitor in these licence areas, thus preserving the current sole status of the incumbents.

Temporary transmission of programs by aspirant community broadcasters

From 2 February to 29 March 1996, in order of date signed.

APPLICANT	AREA	FREQ.	PERIOD	DATE SIGNED
Radio Upper Murray	Walwa, Vic	88.5	3/2/96-3/3/96	2/2/96
Casino's Own Wireless Association	Casino, NSW	107.9	10/2/96-31/3/96	9/2/96
Ethnic Broadcasters of the ACT	Canberra, ACT	103.1	13/2/96-13/4/96	12/2/96
Employment Access Radio Incorporate	Moonie Ponds, Vic	99.9	15/2/96-29/3/96	12/2/96
Coraki Progress Association	Coraki, NSW	88.9	17/2/96-31/3/96	13/2/96
Nu Country Music Radio Inc.	Northcote, Vic	94.3	17/2/96-3/3/96	15/2/96
Mid North Coast Christian Broadcasters	Port Macquarie, NSW	106.3	21/2/96-5/4/96	15/2/96
Pirie Community Radio Broadcasters	Port Pirie, SA	101.9	24/2/96-31/3/96	15/2/96
Cessnock Community Broadcasters	Cessnock, NSW	104.5	19/2/96-3/3/96	15/2/96
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio	Kandos, NSW	95.5	17/2/96-3/3/96	15/2/96
SWR FM Radio Association	Doonside, NSW	100.3	24/2/96-28/4/96	22/2/96
Sunshine Coast Christian Broadcasters	Sunshine Coast, Qld	101.7	2/3/96-31/3/96	22/2/96

The deals in question are an agreement between Nine Network Australia Pty Limited and Golden West Network Pty Limited, which is associated with the Seven Network Limited; and an agreement between Seven Network Limited and Territory Television Pty Limited, a Nine Network subsidiary.

The ABA has identified interest in providing a second commercial television service in those markets.

The ABA referred the matter to the ACCC after it became aware of the program supply arrangements.

NSW is to clamp down on pornography on the Internet

SYDNEY: The NSW State Government has announced a plan to crackdown on offensive material such as pornography and sexually explicit games on on-line services.

The NSW Attorney-General, Mr Geoff Shaw, announced the introduction of stiff penalties of up to \$25 000 for transmission, advertising, access and retrieval of such material through on-line services.

It is intended that the NSW legislation will serve as a model for criminal offences provisions on this issue for all states and territories.

The Standing Committee of the State Attorney-General, at its meeting in Darwin in March, agreed to refer the draft provisions announced by Mr Shaw to the ABA for consideration in its investigation into the content of on-line services and the appropriateness of codes of practice for the on-line environment.