

News Update

Temporary community radio services in Newcastle

The ABA has decided to allocate a temporary community broadcasting licence in Newcastle to Visually Impaired Persons Radio. The licence will commence on 2 August 1999 and will run until 30 November 1999.

The frequency Visually Impaired Persons Radio will broadcast on (99.7 MHz on the FM band) is presently being used by Newcastle Christian Broadcasters for its temporary community broadcasts. There are no other unused frequencies in Newcastle that can be used for this purpose that will not cause interference to existing broadcasting and communications services.

'Under the law, we cannot discriminate between temporary community broadcasters in allocating time to them, regardless of how long they have been broadcasting, nor can we refuse to license new aspirant broadcasters that satisfy the eligibility requirements,' said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman.

In markets where the number of eligible applicants for temporary community broadcasting licences exceeds the available channels, applicants must share.

'The application from Visually Impaired Per-

sons Radio satisfies the ABA's eligibility requirements for a temporary community broadcaster,' said Professor Flint.

'Newcastle Christian Broadcasters have enjoyed the opportunity to provide temporary community broadcasts on this frequency on a continuous basis for almost two years. Visually Impaired Persons Radio has waited 12 months for this opportunity to provide a temporary service,' he said.

'Visually Impaired Persons Radio will provide a temporary service that should be of great benefit to people who have a visual impairment and are unable to read print media.'

AGORA '99

The European Children's Television Centre hosted AGORA '99 in Thessaloniki, Greece from 25 to 28 June as a preparatory stage for the Third World Summit on Media for Children.

AGORA '99 included presentation of initiatives from around the globe on children's audiovisual content. A program market place took place in conjunction with AGORA. Mr Gareth Grainger, ABA Deputy Chairman and

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Issued during June 1999 <i>Licence area</i>	Area served	Frequency	Period	Issue date
New South Wales	Cole patients to co			
Free Broadcasting Inc. (FBI)	Sydney	96.9	1-7-1999 to 31-8-1999	28-6-1999
Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal	- , - , - , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
Corporation	Sydney	94.5	21-6-1999 to 31-7-1999	18-6-1999
Holiday Coast Community Radio Inc.	Coffs Harbour	107.9	5-6-1999 to 24-8-1999	3-6-1999
Nimmitabel Advancement Group Inc. C	cooma/Snowy Mountain	s 96.9	1-7-1999 to 30-3-2000	29-6-1999
Lightning Ridge Community Radio	Lightning Ridge	89.7	14-6-1999 to 13-2-2000	4-6-1999
Manning Great Lakes Christian				
Broadcasters Inc.	Taree	103.3	1-7-1999 to 8-11-1999	29-6-1999
Victoria				
3NRG Inc.	Melbourne/Sunbury	99.4	5-6-1999 to 19-9-1999	1-6-1999
New Gen Radio Inc.	Melbourne	91.5	14-6-1999 to 19-9-1999	8-6-1999
Nu Country Music Radio Inc.	Melbourne	94.9	21-6-1999 to 25-7-1999	17-6-1999
RMIT Student Union Student Radio				
Association Inc.	Melbourne	94.9	7-6-1999 to 20-6-1999	3-6-1999
South Eastern Indigenous Media Associatio	n Melbourne	90.7	5-7-1999 to 18-7-1999	28-6-1999
Queensland				
Brisbane Interactive Radio	Brisbane	97.3	1-7-1999 to 20-8-1999	24-6-1999
Western Australia				
Soncity FM Inc.	Geraldton	97.3	1-7-1999 to 30-4-2000	28-6-1999



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Mrs Athina Rikaki of the European Children's Television Centre greets Gareth Grainger, ABA Deputy Chairman. The European Children's Television Centre will host the Third World Summit



Chairman of the International Committee for the Youth and Media Research Forum, gave a presentation outlining details of the International Research Forum on Youth and Media Research to be held in Sydney from 27 November to 1 December 2000.

Third World Summit on Children and the Media



The Third World Summit on Media for Children will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece, from 11 to 15 March 2001 under the organisation of Mrs Athina Rikaki and the European Children's Television Centre. Australian representatives on the advisory Committee are Dr Patricia Edgar of the Australian Children's Television Foundation and Mr Gareth Grainger, ABA Deputy Chairman.

The Advisory Committee met on 26 and 27 June to discuss the draft format, program and proposed speakers for the Third World Summit. The Third World Summit will invite audiovisual experts and creative talents from around the globe and will present a children's media festival. It is hoped that this Third World Summit will continue the process of widening the global focus on children and the media.

The ABA is particularly interested in contributing to the Third World Summit through presentations on the experience of 20 years of the Children's Television Standards; research into children and the media; and our experiences in the introduction of online coregulatory framework for Australia focussing on the protection of children from illegal and harmful content on the Internet.

The World Summit on Media for Children Foundation

Following on from the success of the first two world summits, the Australian Children's Television Foundation has established The World Summit on Media for Children Foundation to be the holding company for the naming rights and intellectual property in the Children and the Media Summit process. Dr Edgar and Mr Grainger are the Australian directors of the Foundation.

The first meeting of the Foundation Board met in Thessaloniki Greece on 26 June 1999 in conjunction with AGORA '99.

Brazil is seeking to host the Fourth World Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 2004–2005 and has been invited to nominate a board member for the new Foundation.

The Foundation will select the host organisation for each future World Summit on Children and the Media.

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