



Developing Child, Developing Media

The Developing Child, Developing Media conference explored the ways media, including the Internet and pay TV, can help and hinder children's development in Australia. Young Media Australia and the Institute for Values Research were joint conference organisers and it was held at the University of New South Wales in Sydney on 21 and 22 July 1999.

Gareth Grainger, ABA Deputy Chairman, was a guest speaker at the conference. He presented a paper providing a media perspective on what constitutes 'harm' to children and how this notion is interpreted by the ABA and the commercial television broadcasting industry.

His paper discussed how the Children's Television Standards contain provisions to prevent the broadcast of unsuitable material to children. Mr Grainger also spoke on how the Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice tries to prevent harmful material being broadcast to children.

Other speakers included Professor Philip Gammage, Foundation De Lissa Chair of Early Childhood Research at the University of New South Wales who provided the keynote address. Diane Levin, Professor of Education, Wheelock College, Boston, author of *Remote Control Childhood Combating the Hazards of Media Culture* provided an international perspective.

For more information about the conference, contact Young Media Australia, (08) 8232 1577.

Open narrowcasting licence allocations: round 8

The ABA is preparing to call for applications, in early October, for a new round of open narrowcasting radio licences. Applicants should keep watch for notices inviting applications: in the Australian newspaper, on the ABA web site <www.aba.gov.au> or contact the ABA's Licensing section on freecall 1800 226 667.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

issued during July 1999

Licensee	Area served	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
ACT				
Valley FM Broadcasters Association Inc.	Tuggeranong	98.5	30-7-1999 to 29-1-2000	27-7-1999
New South Wales				
Bega Access Radio Inc.	Bega	93.7	23-7-1999 to 22-4-2000	20-7-1999
Living Sound Broadcasters Ltd	Wollongong	94.1	1-8-1999 to 31-7-2000	29-7-1999
Queanbeyan Community Radio QBNFM Inc.	Queanbeyan	96.7	8-7-1999 to 7-4-2000	6-7-1999
Southern Mountain Media Inc.	Nowra	92.5	1-8-1999 to 31-7-2000	26-7-1999
Sydney Youth Radio Inc.	Sydney	94.5	1-8-1999 to 12-9-1999	30-7-1999
Visually Impaired Persons Radio Inc.	Newcastle	99.7	2-8-1999 to 30-11-1999	21-7-1999
Victoria				
Hitz FM Broadcasters Inc.	Melbourne	89.9	26-7-1999 to 5-9-1999	22-7-1999
Melbourne Pulse Radio Inc.	Melbourne	94.9	26-7-1999 to 10-9-1999	21-7-1999
Queensland				
Cooloola Christian Radio Association Inc.	Gympie	91.5	1-7-1999 to 30-6-2000	1-7-1999
Hott FM Ltd	Gold Coast	94.9	12-7-1999 to 30-9-1999	12-7-1999
Tasmania				
Cadence FM Inc.	Hobart	99.3	27-7-1999 to 26-7-2000	22-7-1999

