



News Update

Applications

Closing date for applications is **5 p.m. Wednesday 24 March 1999**

For copies of the kit, *Allocation of Community Broadcasting Licences (Broadcasting Services Bands)* or for more information, call the ABA's Licensing Section on (02) 9334 7700.

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

Prospective applicants should obtain a copy of the free application kit, *Allocation of Community Broadcasting Licences (Broadcasting Services Bands)*. The kit also contains the application form, Form ABA 32—Application for the Allocation of a Community Broadcasting Licence (Broadcasting Services Bands).

Copies of applications received will be available for perusal the relevant local public libraries after 1 April. The ABA welcomes written submissions about the applications.

broadcasting licences in 1997 was widely welcomed by aspirant community broadcasters who previously had been restricted to a maximum of just ninety days of temporary



Temporary community radio services on the Gold Coast

The ABA has recently allocated additional temporary community broadcasting licences to aspirant community radio groups on the Queensland Gold Coast.

The ABA is in the process of planning for new radio licences across Australia. With additional Government funding, planning Brisbane, the Gold Coast and other metropolitan areas is being accelerated. When planning is complete the ABA can then proceed to allocate any new community and commercial licences it has made available.

Until then, new community radio groups can apply for temporary licences.

There are five active aspirant groups in the Gold Coast area but only three temporarily available FM channels. Channel sharing is therefore necessary.

'The introduction of temporary community

transmissions per year,' said the ABA Chairman.

'We cannot discriminate between temporary community broadcasters in allocating time to them. Nor can we refuse to license new aspirant broadcasters that satisfy the prescribed eligibility requirements,' he said.

One of the five aspirant groups on the Gold Coast is Radio Hope Island, which has been operating continuously now on 94.1 MHz on the FM band for just over twelve months, and has been operating on and off for about four years.

The ABA has licensed a new aspirant, Gold Coast Community Broadcasters, to use 94.1 MHz from 2 February to 30 May 1999. Gold Coast Community Broadcasters has been waiting since April last year to get access to a channel.

Radio Hope Island will next be able to broadcast, on 94.1 MHz, from 1 June to 30 September 1999.

Programs granted P or C classification

Programs granted C or P classification between 9 January 1999 and 2 February 1999. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Liz Gilchrist, Manager, ABA Children's Television on (02) 9334 7840.

Program Title	Origin	Class	New/ Renewal	Decision Date	Applicant
BAREFOOT KIDS	Australia	PRC	new	27-1-99	YPH Film Management Pty Ltd
HI-5	Australia	P	new	2-2-99	Kids Like Us Pty Ltd
NEW ADVENTURES OF OCEAN GIRL; THE	Australia	CAD	new	22-1-99	Media World Pty Ltd

C - children's program, CAD - C Australian drama, P - preschool, PRC - provisional C