



News Update

For more information on any of the commercial or open narrowcasting licences, call Bruce Flood (02) 9334 7927 or Deb Farina (02) 9334 7824. Licences will be issued under a price-based allocation system developed by the ABA. Under the system, if there is more than one applicant for a licence an auction-style licence allocation exercise will be held at which the licence will be issued to the highest bidder. If there is only one application for a licence at the close of applications, the licence will be issued to the applicant for the reserve price.

ABA invites applications for commercial radio licences

The ABA invites applications for three new commercial radio licences. One licence is in Coffs Harbour, one in Kempsey/Port Macquarie, New South Wales and one in Toowoomba/Warwick, Queensland. The ABA has set a reserve price of \$100 000 for each of the licences.

Applications for the licences will close at midnight on Friday 16 April 1999.

Companies interested in applying for a licence must purchase the information package: *Price-based Allocation of Commercial Broadcasting Licences*, available from the ABA, price \$50.

Applications invited for open narrowcasting licences

The ABA invites applications for 24 new open narrowcasting radio services to serve areas in New South Wales and Queensland.

The areas in which the licences are available are: Armidale, Barham, Coffs Harbour, Gloucester, Grafton, Gunnedah, Kempsey, Muswellbrook, Murrumbidgee, Port Macquarie, Tamworth, Taree and Walcha in New South Wales; and Cairns, Dalby, Emerald, Innisfail, Kingaroy (2 licences), Moranbah, Stanthorpe, Toowoomba (3 licences) and Warwick in Queensland.

The ABA has set a reserve price of \$4000 for each of the licences. Applications for the licences will close at 4.00 p.m. on 16 April.

Those interested in applying for a licence must purchase the information package: *Price-based Allocation of Open Narrowcast Licences*, available from the ABA, price \$40.

Programs granted C or P classification

Programs granted C or P classification between 3 February and 19 March 1999. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Nadia Mencinsky or Belinda Mullen, ABA Children's Television on (02) 9334 7700.

| Program title | Origin | Class. | New/renewal | Decision date | Applicant |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| BUSH BEAT | Australia | C | new | 9-2-99 | Queensland Television Ltd |
| FRANKENSTEIN (FRANKENHOUND) | Australia | CAD | new | 25-2-99 | Burbank Animation Studios Pty Ltd |
| GINGER MEGGS (SERIES 2) | | | | | |
| - GET THAT CAT | Australia | CAD | new | 11-2-99 | ICA Productions Australia |
| - SEAT OF POWER | Australia | CAD | new | 11-2-99 | ICA Productions Australia |
| - SECOND SIGHT | Australia | CAD | new | 11-2-99 | ICA Productions Australia |
| - THE CATCH | Australia | CAD | new | 11-2-99 | ICA Productions Australia |
| - TIME AND TIDE | Australia | CAD | new | 11-2-99 | ICA Productions Australia |
| - TRACK | Australia | CAD | new | 11-2-99 | ICA Productions Australia |
| - ULURU | Australia | CAD | new | 11-2-99 | ICA Productions Australia |
| HIGH FLYERS (SERIES 1) | Australia | CAD | new | 10-2-99 | Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd |
| KIDSPEAK: I AM ANGRY — | | | | | |
| A BREATH OF FRESH AIR | Australia | C | new | 25-2-99 | WIN Television |
| KIDSPEAK: THE CURFEW | Australia | C | new | 25-2-99 | WIN Television |
| PIGS BREAKFAST (SERIES 1) | Australia | CAD | new | 5-3-99 | Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd |
| SEARCH FOR TREASURE ISLAND (SERIES 2) | Australia | PRC | new | 3-3-99 | Grundy Television Pty Ltd |
| THE DUMB BUNNIES (SERIES 1) — | | | | | |
| EPISODES 1-13 | Australia | CAD | new | 9-2-99 | Yoram Gross-Village Roadshow P/L |
| THE DUMB BUNNIES (SERIES 2) — | | | | | |
| EPISODES 14-26 | Australia | PRC | new | 17-2-99 | Yoram Gross-Village Roadshow P/L |
| WIPEOUT (SERIES 2) | Australia | C | new | 6-3-99 | Southern Star Concept |
| WIPEOUT (SERIES 3) | Australia | C | new | 6-3-99 | Southern Star Concept |

C — children's program, CAD — C Australian drama, P — preschool, PRC — provisional C class, — classification