

News Update

broadcast on 89.5 MHz on the FM band from Tuggeranong.

'The proposed services will add to the range and diversity of services in the Queanbeyan and Tuggeranong areas,' said Professor Flint. 'Both applicants satisfied the ABA they would meet the existing and perceived future needs of the general community in their respective areas.'

The ABA has allocated these licences after a process of consultation with the people of the local community, to seek their views on what additional broadcasting services were needed in their area.

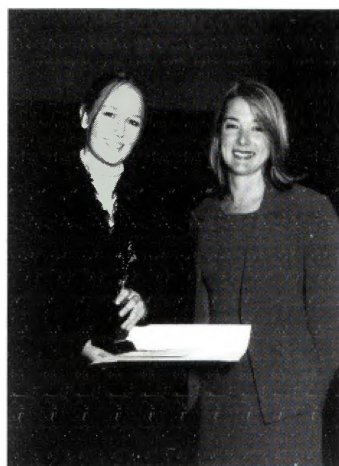
Queanbeyan Community Radio and Valley FM Broadcasters currently operate full time services under temporary community

ATOM Awards

The ABA sponsored and awarded five prizes to outstanding video entries by primary school and secondary school students at the 15th annual ATOMFEST awards at the Sydney Opera House on 7 April 2000.

Organised by the Australian Teachers of Media (NSW), the festival celebrates the creative media and visual talents of young people. Awards include best comedy, drama animation, documentary and from this year, multimedia, within the primary, secondary and tertiary levels.

As one of its 20 Years of C initiatives last year, the ABA agreed to sponsor the 'Best of the Millenium' awards which featured video entries from the 15 years of the festival. Nadia Mencinsky, Assistant Manager Standards (pictured left with one of the winning students), presented the awards.



ABA contribution to Olympic broadcasting

The ABA, like other Government agencies, is playing its part in ensuring a most successful Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. The ABA is participating in committees and work groups that are currently planning all the activities and services associated with the Games. These include the Commonwealth Reference Group on the Sydney 2000 Games convened by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Sydney Olympic Communications Coordination Committee (SOCCC) and the Sydney Olympic Broadcasting Organisation (SOBO).

The ABA's aim is, 'To enhance the success of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games by facilitating the availability of radiofrequency spectrum for the purpose of providing additional radio services and for supporting television broadcasting related activities'.

The ABA has facilitated the provision of 10 additional low power FM radio services required at the various Olympic venues. It has also made available sufficient spectrum to facilitate the use of additional wireless microphones for television broadcasts: 122 television channels in total. This spectrum was formally released under section 34 of the Broadcasting Services Act enabling the Australian Communications Authority to licence these assignments to SOCOG as required.



C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 17 February and 14 April 2000. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Nadia Mencinsky, Assistant Manager Standards, on (02) 9334 7840.

Program title	Origin	Class.	New renewal	Decision date	Applicant
D.U.D.S (DOWNUNDER DROPOUTS)	Australia	PRC	new	28-3-2000	Becker Entertainment
WANNABE	Australia	PRC	new	6-4-2000	Imagination Entertainment
GOODSPORTS (Series 9)	Australia	C	new	6-4-200	WIN Television Tasmania

P – preschool, PRC – provisional C, Class – classification