

News Update

Change of frequency in Mt Gambier

The ABA is proposing to extend the time period within which the Mt Gambier community radio service 5GTR is required to change its operating frequency.

The ABA determined the Mt Gambier licence area plan in December 2001, deciding to reserve channel capacity for one additional national radio service on 105.7 MHz. To make the additional service available, the 5GTR community radio service was required to change frequency, from 105.7 MHz to 100.1 MHz by 18 December 2002.

In response to recent advice from the ABC that it would not be ready to commence operating the additional service in Mt Gambier until mid 2004, the ABA is now proposing to allow 5GTR until 31 December 2003 to change its frequency.

The closing date for comment was 28 October 2002.

The explanatory paper and draft licence area plans are available on the ABA website or by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.

Applications invited: Break O'Day, northern Tasmania

The ABA has invited applications for a new community radio broadcasting licence for the Break O'Day area of northern Tasmania.

'The ABA is pleased to commence the allocation process for this community radio

licence,' said Ms Maddock. 'The planning process identified a demand for a new community service operated by people living in the Break O'Day area, which includes St Helens and St Marys.'

Applicants should contact the ABA's Licensing Section on 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700 for copies of the Break O'Day application information booklet. General information is also available on the ABA's website at: www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/ alloc.htm

Closing date for applications was 17 October 2002. Copies of all applications can be viewed on the ABA's website at: www.aba.gov.au/radio/ index.htm.

Copies of all applications received are also available for public perusal in the St Helens Library.

The ABA welcomes written submissions from members of the public in relation to the applications received. Submissions should be lodged with the ABA by 7 November 2002. Submissions can also be lodged via email to info@aba.gov.au. Copies of any letters of support included with applications and subsequent support letters received by the ABA will not be displayed on the web site or in libraries.

Support letters will be made available for inspection on request at the ABA office in Sydney. If you have any concerns about public access to your personal details, you should advise the ABA to treat this information as confidential. However, statistical data on these letters will be placed on the ABA's website.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated in period 17 September to 18 October 2002.

Area served	Licensee	Frequency MHz	Period	Date allocated
New South Wale	25			
Dunedoo	Talbragar Broadcasters Inc.	101.5	1–11–2002 to 31–10–2003	14–10–2002
Victoria	-			
Horsham	Horsham & District Community FM Radio Inc.	96.5	30-9-2002 to 31-5-2003	23–9–2002
Kilmore	Mitchell Community Radio Inc.	97.1	1-11-2002 to 31-1-2002	1-10-2002
Bendigo	Central Victorian Gospel Radio Inc.	101.5	14-10-2002 to 28-2-2003	10-10-2002
Tasmania				
Break O'Day	BOD FM Inc 9	3.7 & 100.3	1–10–2002 to 28–2–2003	1-10-2002
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