



Radio 3RPH expanded to Warragul and Warrnambool

The ABA has extended the licence area of the 3RPH community radio service to include Warragul and Warrnambool. The service will operate on FM 93.5 MHz in Warragul and FM 94.5 MHz in Warrnambool.

The licensee of 3RPH, the Vision Australia Foundation, is a non-profit charitable organisation that is committed to assisting people in the community who are visually impaired. Vision Australia provides a range of information services including Radio for the Print Handicapped (RPH).

'Vision Australia has well-established centres at both Warragul and Warrnambool, and there has been strong local support for the introduction of RPH service into these areas,' said the ABA Chairman.

In July 2001, the ABA released a draft variation to the Melbourne licence area plan which proposed to extend the licence area of the existing Melbourne community radio service, 3RPH, to include Warragul and Warrnambool. The ABA received no objections to this proposal during its public consultation process.

By extending the licence area of the 3RPH service, the communities of Warragul and Warrnambool will have access to information not previously available.

A copy of the licence area plan variation is available from the ABA's website at www.aba.gov.au or by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.



ABA proposes changes to 6IX FM translator at Rockingham

The ABA is seeking comment on its proposal to change the technical specifications of the additional FM translator service at Rockingham for commercial radio service 6IX.

The ABA has released a revised draft variation to the Perth radio licence area plan, proposing an alternative site, an increase in the effective antenna height and a change in the radiation pattern for the provision of an FM translator service for 6IX on 105.7 MHz at Rockingham.

'In October last year, the ABA determined that two additional FM translator services (one at

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Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated 16 February - 25 March 2002

Area served	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
NSW				
Murwillumbah	Cool FM Community Radio Association Inc.	101.3	01-3-2002 to 31-8-2002	26-2-2002
Sydney - Blacktown	Western Community-Radio Association Inc.	99.9	30-1-2002 to 31-5-2002	27-2-2002
Taree	Manning Great Lakes Christian Broadcasters Inc.	106.5	16-3-2002 to 15-3-2003	08-3-2002
QLD				
Boonah	Scenic Rim Broadcasting Association Inc.	100.1	17-3-2002 to 16-3-2003	15-3-2002
Charleville	Bidjara Media & Broadcasting Company Ltd	105.7	07-3-2002 to 06-3-2003	05-3-2002
Nambour	SDA Radio Association Inc.	91.1	01-3-2002 to 31-5-2002	25-2-2002
Nambour	Sunshine Coast Christian Broadcasters Association Inc.	106.5	01-3-2002 to 28-2-2003	25-2-2002
VIC				
Corryong	High Country Christian Broadcasters Association Inc.	94.9	07-3-2002 to 06-3-2003	05-3-2002
Gippsland - Warragul	West Gippsland Community Radio Inc.	99.5	18-3-2002 to 17-3-2003	06-3-2002
WA				
Perth - Armadale	Heritage FM Inc.	93.7	01-3-2002 to 28-2-2003	26-2-2002
Perth - Kalamunda	Kalamunda Community Radio Inc.	101.1	01-3-2002 to 28-2-2003	26-2-2002

**C and P programs**

Programs granted C and P classification between 21 January and 22 March 2002. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA's Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7700.

<i>Program title</i>	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>New/renewal</i>	<i>Decision dated</i>	<i>Applicant</i>
FERGUS MCPHAIL	Australia	PRC	new	21/02/2002	Burberry Productions Pty Ltd
KANGAROO CREEK GANG	Australia	CD	new	1/03/2002	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
KOALA KINGS	Australia	PRC	new	14/02/2002	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
THE BOOK OF POOH	USA	C	new	7/03/2002	Seven Network

C - children's program, CD - C drama, P - preschool, PRC - provisional C, PRP - provisional P, Class. - Classification

Wanneroo in the north and one at Rockingham in the south) be made available for the existing commercial radio service 6IX,' the ABA Chairman said. 'The ABA recognised at that time that it may be necessary to modify the technical specifications of the translator services to enhance the performance of the translators.'

'The ABA received proposals from 6IX to change the technical specifications of both translator services,' the Chairman said. 'However, having considered the proposals, the ABA is of the view that there is no need to change the specifications for the Wanneroo translator service. The ABA considers that changes to the technical specifications for the Rockingham service will improve the coverage of the 6IX service in the southern part of its licence area.'

The ABA initially proposed a nominal transmitter site from Elanora Drive, Cooloongup for the southern translator service. The alternative transmitter site is at the Grain Terminal, Rockingham and is an existing broadcasting site.

A copy of the explanatory paper and revised draft licence area plan variation is available from the website at www.aba.gov.au or by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.

Submissions on the revised preliminary view are due by **12 April 2002**.

New non-broadcasting services bands allocated

The ABA has allocated two new commercial radio broadcasting licences, to Coastal Broadcasters Pty Ltd and Murrangi Holdings Pty Ltd. The licences are restricted to means of delivery that do not use the broadcasting services bands.

The licence allocated to Coastal Broadcasters Pty Ltd covers the whole of Queensland and the Northern Territory, except the licence areas of Innisfail and Alice Springs. The licence allocated to Murrangi Holdings Pty Ltd covers the Emerald licence area in Queensland.

Coastal Broadcasters Pty Ltd and Murrangi Holdings Pty Ltd must commence their respective services within 12 months of being allocated the licence, or within a longer period as approved by the ABA.

The ABA allocates non-broadcasting services bands commercial radio licences on application under section 40 of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*. Applicants for a licence must pay an application fee, currently set at \$2,400.00.

To contact Coastal Broadcasters Pty Ltd please call Mr Al Kirton on (07) 4061 6677.

To contact Murrangi Holdings Pty Ltd please call Mr Bradley Smart on (03) 9852 7900.

