



**During May and June 2002, the ABA invited applications for new community radio broadcasting licences in the Perth WA, regional Qld and regional NSW radio markets.**

# ABA begins community radio licence allocations

## Perth WA

On 12 June 2002, the ABA invited applications for five new community radio broadcasting licences in the Perth radio market. These include one Perth-wide licence and one licence each for the Armadale, Fremantle, Kalamunda and Wanneroo areas. The services are proposed to operate on the following FM frequencies: Perth-wide 101.7 MHz; Armadale 107.3 MHz; Fremantle 91.3 MHz; Kalamunda 102.5 MHz; and Wanneroo 89.7 MHz.

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

Applications for the licences must be received before 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 10 July 2002. From Wednesday 24 July 2002, copies of all applications received will be placed for public perusal on the ABA's website at

[www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm).

Copies of all applications received will also be made available for public perusal in the following libraries: State Library of Western Australia, Armadale City Library, Fremantle City Library and the Wanneroo Public 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 5.00 p.m. on 7 August 2002. Submissions can also be lodged via email to [info@aba.gov.au](mailto: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 website or in libraries.

However, statistical data on these letters will be placed on the ABA's website.

### Applications

Applications for the WA licences must be received by **5.00 p.m. Wednesday 10 July 2002.**

## Yass NSW

Applications have been invited for a new community radio licence for the Yass area of NSW. The licence is for a service to operate on 100.3 MHz on the FM band.

'The ABA previously sought applications for the licence in December 1999. However, after giving careful consideration to the criteria laid down in the legislation and the information provided by the applicant, the ABA decided not to allocate the licence,' said Professor Flint.

'As two years have passed since that decision, the ABA feels the aspirant group should be given another opportunity to apply for the licence and demonstrate its capacity to satisfy the criteria at section 84 of the Broadcasting Services Act.'

Applicants seeking a copy of the the Yass application information booklet should contact the ABA's Licensing Section on 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700. General information is also available on the ABA's website at [www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/alloc.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/alloc.htm)

Applications for the Yass licence close at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16 July 2002. From Tuesday 23 July 2002, copies of all applications received will be placed for public perusal on the ABA's website at [www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm).

Applications will also be made available for public perusal in the Yass Shire Library.

Written submissions from members of the public in relation to the applications received are again most welcome. Submissions should be lodged with the ABA by 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30 July 2002. Submissions can also be lodged via email to [info@aba.gov.au](mailto: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 website or in libraries.

### Applications

Applications for the Yass licence must be received by **5.00 p.m. Tuesday 16 July 2002.**



## Monaro NSW

The ABA has invited applications for a new community radio licence for the Monaro area of NSW. The service is planned to operate on 93.3 MHz on the FM band in the Monaro area with town-only FM transmitters to serve Cooma on 90.5 MHz and Jindabyne on 93.9 MHz.

'The ABA previously sought applications for the Monaro area licence in November 1999. As with the Yass licence, however, after giving careful consideration to the legislative criteria and the information provided by both applicants, the ABA decided not to allocate the licence,' said Professor Flint.

'As two years have passed since that decision, the ABA feels both groups should be given another opportunity to apply for the licence and demonstrate that they now have the capacity to satisfy the criteria at Section 84 of the Broadcasting Services Act.'

Copies of the Monaro application information booklet are available from the ABA's Licensing Section on 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700 for . General information is also

available on the ABA's website at [www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/alloc.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/alloc.htm)

Applications for this licence must be received before 5.00 p.m. on Monday 8 July 2002. Copies of all applications received will be placed on the ABA's website at [www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm), for public consideration.

Copies of all applications received will also be made available in the Monaro Regional Library in Cooma.

Written submissions from members of the public in relation to the applications received are welcomed. Submissions should be lodged with the ABA by 5.00 p.m. on Monday 22 July 2002. Submissions can also be lodged via email to [info@aba.gov.au](mailto:info@aba.gov.au). As with the previous submissions, copies of support material received by the ABA will not be displayed on the website or in libraries.



**Applications**  
Applications for the Monaro licence must be received by **5.00 p.m. Monday 8 July 2002.**

## Gosford NSW

On 29 May 2002, the ABA invited applications for three new community radio broadcasting licences to serve the Gosford area of NSW. The licences are to provide services on 93.3MHz, 94.1MHz and 94.9MHz on the FM band.

'The ABA is pleased to commence the allocation process for these licences which will provide services to the Gosford area,' said the ABA Chairman. 'The ABA's planning process identified a demand for three new community services operated by people living in the broader Central Coast area of NSW.'

Copies of the Gosford application information booklet were available via the ABA's Licensing Section and the ABA's website listed general information at [www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/alloc.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/alloc.htm)

Applications for the Gosford licences were due by Thursday 27 June 2002. From 11 July 2002, copies of all applications received will be placed for public perusal on the ABA's website at [www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm).

From 10 July 2002, copies of all applications received will also be available for public perusal in the Gosford Central Library.

As with the previous licences, the ABA welcomes written submissions from members of the public in relation to the applications received. Submissions should be lodged with the ABA by 5.00 p.m. on 25 July 2002. Submissions can also be lodged via email to [info@aba.gov.au](mailto:info@aba.gov.au).

Again, copies of any letters of support included with applications and subsequent support letters received by the ABA will not be displayed on the website or in libraries. However, statistical data on these letters will be placed on the ABA's website.



**Applications**  
Applications for the the Gosford licences closed on **Thursday 27 June 2002.**





## Nambour QLD

The ABA invited applications on 29 May 2002, for two new community radio broadcasting licences in the Nambour area of Queensland. The licences are to provide services on 104.9MHz and 106.5MHz on the FM band.

The ABA's Licensing Section distributed copies of the Nambour application information booklet. General information was also available on the ABA's website at [www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/alloc.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/licensing/community/alloc.htm)

Applications for the Nambour licences were due on Wednesday 26 June 2002. From 10 July 2002, copies of all applications received will be placed for public perusal on the ABA's website at [www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm).

Copies of all applications received will also be made available for public perusal in the Nambour 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 5.00 p.m. on

24 July 2002. Submissions can also be lodged via email to [info@aba.gov.au](mailto:info@aba.gov.au).

As with the previous licences, copies of any letters of support included with applications and subsequent support letters received by the ABA will not be displayed on the website or in libraries. However, statistical data on these letters will be placed on the ABA's website.



### Applications

Applications for the the Nambour licences closed on **Wednesday 26 June 2002.**

## Background

Only non-profit community broadcasting organisations that represent a community interest will be eligible for the allocation of a community broadcasting licence.

Community licences can be allocated only if the ABA makes new community broadcasting services available in an area following its planning process and the release of a licence area plan.

The ABA will decide if a licence is to be allocated and in the case of competing applicants, to which applicant.

The *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* (the Act) provides that the allocation of broadcasting services bands community broadcasting licences is merit based: that is, the ABA will allocate these licences on the basis of the merits of applicants and their proposed services and, where necessary, on the comparative merits of competing applications.

The ABA is not obliged to allocate a community broadcasting licence to an applicant even though the ABA has advertised for and received

applications.

In assessing applications the ABA will have regard to matters set out in the Act. These matters include:

- whether the proposed service meets the definition of a community broadcasting service;
- whether the applicant is a 'company' and represents a community interest;
- the needs and interests of the community and the extent to which the applicant's proposed service would meet those needs and interests;
- the nature and diversity of other broadcasting services available within the licence area;
- the applicant's capacity to provide the proposed service; and
- matters related to the control of the licence; and
- whether the allocation is subject to any Ministerial 'priority direction'.

