



ABA visits The Disney Channel Australia

In December 2002, ABA staff met with representatives from The Disney Channel Australia, including Ric Burns, Managing Director; Susan Metcalf, Head of Business Affairs; Keith Roache, Director of Programming; Jan Stradling, Senior Network Producer; and Melanie Rassam, Compliance Supervisor. This was the first visit to The Disney Channel Australia by ABA staff.

The visit provided an opportunity for the ABA and industry to meet and discuss children's television.

As well as providing a pay TV channel, The Disney Channel Australia supplies children's programs to commercial television stations. These programs may be submitted to the ABA for classification.

The ABA often meets with prospective applicants and industry representatives to discuss children's program proposals and to answer C and P classification queries.

New Canberra offices for the ABA

The ABA's Canberra staff have moved into new offices, but they haven't gone far: they have moved out of the Benjamin Offices' Blue Building into the Magenta Building.

The new address is:
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Other contact details are unchanged:

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At The Disney Channel Australia office, Top L-R: Janet Lau, ABA; Rosalie O'Neale, ABA; Minnie Mouse, Disney; Mickey Mouse, Disney; Nada Rogic, ABA; Sharon Trotter, ABA; Ric Burns, Managing Director, The Disney Channel Australia; Bottom L-R: Susan Metcalf, Head of Business Affairs, The Disney Channel Australia; Andree Wright, ABA.



In the foyer of the new offices:



C and P programs

*Programs granted C and P classification between 26 November 2002 and 20 January 2003.
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> |
|---|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Art Alive | Australia | PRP | new | 28-11-2002 | Yoram Gross EM TV |
| Download (series 6) | Australia | C | new | 17-12-2002 | Becker Entertainment |
| Playhouse Disney (series 2) | Australia | P | new | 12-12-2002 | The Disney Channel Australia |
| Roddy, The Rooster Who Lost His Cock-A-Doodle-Do | Australia | CD | new | 28-11-2002 | Burbank Animation Studios |
| Sleepover Club | Australia | CD | new | 17-12-2002 | Burberry Productions – Sleepover Club Pty Ltd |
| The Shapies – The Search for Rudolph | Australia | CD | New | 5-12-2002 | Light Knights Productions Pty Ltd |

C – children's program, C Drama – C Australian drama program, P – preschool program, Class. – Classification