

News Update



Sharon Trotter, ABA Manager Content Assessment at the Net Detectives activity on 25 November.

Closing date

19 December 2003. For copies:

of the draft licence area plans and explanatory papers are on the ABA web site at www.aba.gov.au/radio/ or tel Freecall 1800 810 241.

Net Detectives

The ABA helds its second Net Detectives activity on 25 November 2003, with participation from schools in Victoria, Queensland and the ACT. The activity, which uses the Internet to teach messages related to online safety, was enthusiastically received by students.

The ABA is planning a third activity in February

2004. Teachers can email the ABA for more information: Net-Detectives@aba.gov.au

Proposals for new community radio services in Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs, SA

The ABA is proposing to make new community radio services available at Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs, South Australia.

The ABA is proposing to make channel capacity available on 105.5 MHz at Richardson Place Roxby Downs for the Roxby Downs community radio service. The ABA is also proposing to make channel capacity available on 104.5 MHz at Coober Pedy Area School for a Coober Pedy community radio service.

The proposals are contained in a draft licence area plan for community radio services in Roxby Downs and Coober Pedy, South Australia.

'The draft licence area plans represent the

ABA's thinking at this stage of the planning process,' said Professor Flint. 'Before reaching a final decision the ABA is interested in receiving comments on the proposals to make channel capacity available for community radio services in Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs.'

Dusty Radio, which is currently operating under a temporary community broadcasting licence at Coober Pedy, has expressed interest in providing a community radio service in the Coober Pedy area. 5Rox Community Radio, which is currently operating under a temporary community broadcasting licence at Roxby Downs, has expressed interest in providing a community radio service in the Roxby Downs area.

Community radio licences will be allocated via a merit-based allocation process.

Changes to radio services in Braidwood proposed

The ABA has released a revised proposal to make channel capacity available for an additional community radio service in Braidwood, New South Wales. The ABA has also revised its proposal to change the operating conditions of the existing commercial radio services in Braidwood.

The proposals are contained in a revised explanatory paper and draft variation to the Goulburn licence area plan.

'Before making a final decision on these matters, the ABA is interested in receiving comments on the proposals in the revised draft variation,' said Professor Flint.

The ABA determined the radio licence area plan for Goulburn in mid 1999. Since that time

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 23 October and 19 November 2003. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA's Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7700.

Program title	Origin	Class.	New/ renewal	Decision date	Applicant
Dangerous Couriers	Australia	PRC	new	27–10–2003	Halo Pictures
Ketchup (series 3)	Australia	CD	renewal	31–10–2003	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
Playhouse Disney (series 3)	Australia	Р	new	7–11–2003	The Disney Channel Australia
The Toothbrush Family					
(series 3)	Australia	CD	renewal	7–11–2003	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
The Tribe (series 6)	Australia	PRC	new	22-10-2003	Cloud 9 Screen Entertainment Group

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