



News Update

ABA invites applications for new community radio licence for Blacktown, Sydney

The Australian Broadcasting Authority has invited applications for a new community radio broadcasting licence for the Blacktown area of Sydney.

"The ABA previously advertised for this licence in early 2000, however none of the applications received met all of the necessary criteria," said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman. "Now that three years have passed, the ABA is pleased to be able to provide aspirant groups with another opportunity to apply for this licence."

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

Applications for the licence closed on Tuesday 1 April 2003. From Tuesday 15 April 2003, copies of all applications received will be placed for

public perusal on the ABA's website at: www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm.

Copies of all applications received will also be made available for public perusal in the Blacktown City Council Library, Max Webber Library, Westfield Pl, Blacktown.

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 pm on Tuesday 29 April 2003. 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 but can be made available for inspection on request. Anyone who has concerns about public access to their personal details should advise the ABA to treat this information as confidential.

ABA decides not to allocate community radio licence in Wollongong - review in 12 months

The Australian Broadcasting Authority has decided not to allocate a community radio broadcasting licence in Wollongong, New South Wales at this time.

There were two applicants for the Wollongong licence: Hellenic Australia Radio Inc which proposed to serve the Greek community in the Wollongong licence area, and Wollongong City Employment Training Inc which proposed to serve the youth community in the licence area.

"After giving careful consideration to the criteria laid down in the legislation and the information provided by the applicants, the ABA has decided in this case not to allocate the

licence," said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman.

"The ABA has decided that in 12 months it will review the situation, with a view to readvertising the availability of the licence. During the intervening period the ABA encourages the applicants to operate temporary services to develop their capacity," he said.

Until such time as the ABA reviews the temporary licence service and reconsiders a permanent allocation, the channel set aside for this licence (93.3 MHz) will be made available for temporary community broadcasting.

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 26 February and 14 March 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 dated	Applicant
Ketchup (Series 1)	Australia	CD	renewal	26/02/2003	Southern Star Sales
Tabaluga (Series 3)	Australia	PRC	new	4/03/2003	Yoram Gross - EM.TV Pty Ltd
The Book of Pooh (Series 1, episodes 14-26)	USA	C	new	24/02/2003	Seven Network
Yakkity Yak (Series 3)	Australia	CD	new	12/03/2003	Kapow Pictures

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