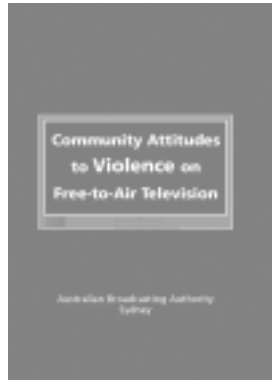




Community attitudes to violence on free-to-air television report



The Australian Broadcasting Authority recently released the results of the study on community attitudes towards the portrayal of violence on free-to-air television. "The results of this research offer useful insights into the evolution of community perceptions," said

Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman. "It provides a solid evidence base upon which the ABA can continue to monitor community attitudes to the depiction of violence on free-to-air television. For example, context seems very important in people's response to television violence."

"The research is timely as Commercial Television Australia is reviewing its code this year. The ABA commends the report to the commercial television industry for their consideration in the forthcoming review," said Professor Flint.

The report of the survey conducted for the ABA by ACNielsen is available for purchase (price \$20) and is also available on the ABA website at www.aba.gov.au.

For a short summary of the findings in this report, see ABA Update 120, May 2003.



SPAA conference 2003



ABA Members Malcolm Long and Michael Gordon-Smith are on the Screen Producers Association of Australia 2003 conference committee. The conference will be held at the Australian Centre for the Moving

Image, Melbourne from November 18-21.

"The conference will continue to concentrate on key business issues such as financing and co-production," according to incoming conference director Gaylee Hodgson, "but I am keen to shake things up a little and introduce a fresh approach."

SPAA aims to attract a strong contingent of European and Asian sales agents, commissioning editors and distributors, as well as representatives from major production companies. There will also be a big push to ensure that local decision makers are present in 2003.

For more information, see www.spaa.org.au



C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 15 March and 20 May 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
Fergus McPhail (episodes 1 - 13)	Australia	CD	new	2/05/2003	Burberry Productions Pty Ltd
Lester C Leggs	Australia	PRC	new	17/04/2003	Jumpfront
Tabaluga Christmas Special	Australia	CD	new	30/04/2003	Yoram Gross Film Studio Pty Limited
The Big Arvo (series 10)	Australia	C	new	9/04/2003	Seven Network Ltd
The Big Arvo (series 9)	Australia	C	new	9/04/2003	Seven Network Ltd
Totally Wild (series 12)	Australia	C	new	19/05/2003	Network Ten Pty Ltd

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