



News Update

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated from 29 June – 30 July 2004

Area served	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
New South Wales				
Gosford RA1	Gosford Christian Broadcasters Ltd	94.9 MHz	1.8.2004 – 1.9.2004	14.7.2004
Murwillumbah RA2	North Coast Broadcasters Ltd	101.3 MHz	25.7.2004 – 4.9.2004	22.7.2004
Queensland				
Palm Island RA1	Coolgaree Youth Movement Aboriginal Corporation	97.3Hz	1.9.2004 – 31.8.2005	14.7.2004
Western Australia				
Pilbara RA1	Gumala Aboriginal Corporation	102.1 MHz 104.9 MHz 101.7 MHz 102.7 MHz 102.9 MHz 106.5 MHz & 102.9 MHz	26.7.2004 – 25.7.2005	22.7.2004
Cocos Island RA1	VKW 'Voice of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands' Inc.	102.7 MHz & 96.0 MHz	1.5.2004 – 14.8.2004*	26.7.2004
Northern Territory				
Arnhem Land RA1	Aboriginal Resource and Development Service	1530 kHz	27.7.2004 – 26.7.2005	6.7.2004

* Licence period extended

Proposed licence area for a new digital television service in Mildura/Sunraysia

Mildura Digital Television Pty Ltd, a joint venture company of WIN Television Mildura Pty Ltd and Prime Television (Victoria) Pty Ltd, has expressed its interest in providing a third commercial television service in the Mildura/Sunraysia licence area.

Mildura Digital Television Pty Ltd has 12 months to apply for the additional commercial television licence from the designated time of 19 January 2004 set by the ABA.

Before a third commercial television licence could be allocated, the ABA had first to designate the licence area for the service. The ABA released a draft variation to the Mildura/Sunraysia television licence area plan proposing that the licence area for the third service be identical to the current licence areas of STV Mildura/Sunraysia (WIN) and PTV Mildura/Sunraysia (Prime).

The draft variation to the Mildura/Sunraysia television licence area plan and explanatory paper are on the ABA's web site or tel: 1800 226 667. The closing date for comment was 13 August 2004. ☞

Open narrowcast radio service proposed for Perisher

The ABA is proposing to make channel capacity available for an open narrowcasting radio service in Perisher, New South Wales.

The service is proposed to operate on FM 94.3 MHz, with a coverage radius of 20 kilometres.

The proposal is contained in draft variation to the Cooma licence area plan. ☞

Closing date for comment

The closing date for comment is 20 August 2004.

The draft variation to the licence area plan and explanatory paper are on the ABA's web site, www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/nsw/cooma/index.htm, or tel: 1800 226 667. ☞

New on the web: www.aba.gov.au

In addition to the news releases which are listed on the ABA's home page, www.aba.gov.au, the following items have been added to, or updated on, the site:

- ABA files and new file parts (June 2004): www.aba.gov.au/aba/policies/records_man.htm#list
- ABA regulatory plans: www.aba.gov.au/aba/policies/regulatory/index.htm
- ABA Update July 2004: www.aba.gov.au/abanews/aba_update/index.htm
- digital television determination 2004: www.aba.gov.au/tv/digitaltv/legislation/determinations.htm
- Internet complaint statistics for June 2004: www.aba.gov.au/internet/complaints/statistics/index.htm
- revised listings of commercial radio and television broadcasters: www.aba.gov.au/broadcasters/commercial.htm
- revised listings of datacasting licencees: www.aba.gov.au/tv/licensing/datacasting/registered_licensees.htm
- revised ABA form 13: www.aba.gov.au/forms/index.htm
- submissions to the Braidwood community licence applications: www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm
- submissions to the Roxby Downs community licence applications: www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/sa/Roxby_Downs/index.htm ☞