



News Update

ABA invites applications for commercial radio licences in Sydney and Brisbane

The Australian Broadcasting Authority has invited applications for a new commercial radio broadcasting licence to serve Sydney on 95.3 MHz and one to serve Brisbane on 106.9 MHz.

The application period will close at midnight on Monday, 22 March 2004. Companies interested in applying for the licences must purchase an Information Package titled *Price-based Allocation of Commercial Broadcasting Licence* from the ABA. The cost of the package is \$50.00 (inclusive of GST).

The Information Package explains how to apply for a licence, provides technical specifications about the service for which the licence is available, and contains copies of the forms to be completed by intending applicants. The package also contains details of the price-based system determined by the ABA, the conditions that apply to commercial broadcasting licences and other information relating to the licence area of the licence being offered for allocation.

The ABA will publish the names of registered bidders and their ACN/ABN numbers in a news release prior to auction.

The reserve price for each licence is \$1 million.

New Radio Services for Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs

The Australian Broadcasting Authority has decided to make frequencies available for new permanent community radio services in Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs, South Australia.

The Coober Pedy community radio service will operate on 104.5 MHz. The Roxby Downs community radio service will operate on 105.5 MHz.

The ABA's decisions are contained in its new licence area plans for community radio in Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs.

"The ABA has taken into account the views of those who made submissions before deciding on the most beneficial mix of new services to be made available in the Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs areas," said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman.

Dusty Radio have expressed interest in providing a permanent community radio service in Coober Pedy. Dusty Radio has been operating under a temporary community broadcasting licence (TCBL) since 1999.

Channel capacity is made available as follows:

- 104.5 MHz from Coober Pedy Area School SA, with a maximum effective radiated power (ERP) of 100 W (omni-directional with vertical polarisation).

Closing date for applications

12 pm, Monday 22 March 2004.

For copies

To purchase copies of the Information Packages, please call Gina Herro on (02) 9334 7827.

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 21 January 2004 and 17 February 2004.
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
Art Alive (series 3)	Australia	P	new	23-01-2004	Yoram Gross EM. TV
Double Trouble	Australia	PRC	new	13-02-2004	CAAMA Productions
Odd Sox (series 1)	Australia	PRC	new	22-01-2004	Stewart & Wall Entertainment Pty Ltd
Silver Sun (series 1, eps. 1-10)	Australia	CD	new	28/01/2004	Beyond Simpson Le Mesurier
The Eggs (series 1)	Australia	PRC	new	28/01/2004	B & T Entertainment
The Eggs (series 2)	Australia	PRC	new	28/01/2004	B & T Entertainment

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



Mr Petr Pospichal, Chairman of the Council for Radio and Television Broadcasting, the regulatory body for broadcasting in the Czech Republic, visited the ABA on 4 February. He met with ABA Chairman Professor David Flint (right), Deputy Chair Lyn Maddock and General Manager Giles Tanner to discuss broadcasting, industry structure and regulation in the two countries.

- ▷ 5ROX Community Radio have expressed interest in providing a permanent community radio service in Roxby Downs. 5Rox Community Radio has been operating under a TCBL since 2001.

Channel capacity is made available as follows:

- 105.5 MHz from Richardson Place, Roxby Downs SA, with a maximum ERP of 100 W (omni-directional with vertical polarisation).

For copies

The licence area plans for Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs radio services are on the ABA's web site:
www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/sa/index.htm
or phone:
Freecall 1800 810 241.

ABA proposes additional community radio service in Kingaroy, Qld

The Australian Broadcasting Authority has sought public comment on a proposal to increase the availability of radio services in the Kingaroy area.

The proposal was contained in an explanatory paper and draft variation to the Kingaroy licence area plan. The ABA determined the Kingaroy licence area plan in October 1998.

Since July 2002, the Yarraman and District Historical Society Inc (YDHS) has been operating on a temporary community broadcasting licence,

using the frequency 99.7 MHz. YDHS has expressed interest in obtaining a permanent community radio licence to serve the town of Yarraman.

The ABA determined the licence area populations of the Kingaroy commercial and community radio broadcasting licences, using 1996 Census figures, in 1998. It is proposed that the licence areas now be redefined using 2001 Census figures.

Closing date for comments

The closing date for comments on the Kingaroy licence area plan was 5pm, Friday 27 February 2004.

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The explanatory paper and draft licence area plan are on the ABA web site:
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