



News Update

The draft variation to the Brisbane analog television licence area plan and explanatory paper is available from the ABA's website at www.aba.gov.au/tv/analog/planning/qld/index.htm or tel: 1800 226 667.

kW, which is equivalent to that of the existing SBS UHF television service. The ABA has assessed and determined that the use of channel 31 at a maximum ERP of 710 kW is possible.

In the November 2002 Brisbane television licence area plan, the ABA made available

channels 52 and 69 for future BTQ (Seven Network Brisbane) and TVQ Sunshine Coast analog services respectively, however Network Ten has since requested the assignment of channel 57 in lieu of channel 69 for its service.

Closing date for comments was 31 March 2005.

Internet Safety awareness and international story-telling competition

ABA Special Project Officer Richard Fraser represented the ABA at the recent meeting of Internet Hotline Providers Association (INHOPE) in Amsterdam. Here is his report on the meeting.

The meeting included a presentation from recently formed body, Insafe, which has been established to co-ordinate a range of Internet safety awareness projects. These include developing resources to educate the community, particularly children, about how to deal with the potential risks associated with the Internet.

The Insafe project is administered by European Schoolnet in Belgium. Members of the network are 26 Internet safety awareness projects being undertaken in Europe and Scandinavia, as well as NetAlert (www.netalert.net.au) in Australia as an associate.

Similarly to INHOPE, Insafe aims to encourage exchange of knowledge and expertise between individual Internet safety awareness initiatives, and to be a central resource for information about Internet safety issues. Projects showcased on the Insafe web site (www.saferinternet.org) include a study of chat room and instant messaging usage by children in Denmark, a new Internet safety pack for use in Icelandic schools, and the relaunch of Childnet International's Chatdanger web site (www.chatdanger.com).

Insafe's focus will be projects that are funded by the European Commission under its Safer Internet Action Plan. The Insafe web site also links to the ABA's hotline for reporting illegal and offensive Internet content (www.aba.gov.au/hotline). Insafe co-ordinated the Internet safety day 8 February 2005, when the ABA released its new mobile phone safety brochure to mark the event.

International story-telling competition

Insafe's current projects include an international story-telling competition, in which children are invited to submit stories about adventures in cyberspace, promoting key Internet safety messages. Stories must feature one or more of the 'cyber helper' characters, Alpha Dog, Detective SAFT and Mata the Cyber Surfer. The best entries from each country will be selected to participate in the grand final to be held in Europe in October 2005. Australian entries can be sent to SI-stories@netalert.net.au and more information about the competition is available at www.netalert.net.au/attachments/story_telling_guidelines.pdf.

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 19 February and 30 March 2005. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA on (02) 9334 7700.

Program	Series / episodes	Program style	Program type	Country of origin	New/ renewal	Class.	Decision date	Applicant
Flipper and Lopaka	3 / 301-326	Animation	Drama - Series	Australia	New	CD	10.3.05	Yoram Gross EM TV Pty Ltd
Faireez	1 / 1-13	Animation	Drama - Series	Australia	New	CD	21.3.05	Moody Street Kids Pty Ltd
Faireez	1 / 14-26	Animation	Drama - Series	Australia	New	CD	21.3.05	Moody Street Kids Pty Ltd
Streetsmartz	1 / 1-13	Live Action	Drama - Series	Australia	New	CD	3.3.05	Great Western Entertainment Pty Ltd

C - children's program, CD - C drama, Class. - Classification