

# Temporary community broadcasting licences

Temporary community broadcasting licences (TCBLs) foster the development of community radio by allowing aspirant broadcasters to develop their operational and programming skills. They also help to build community support for a long-term community broadcasting service.

TCBLs also provide aspirant community broadcaster access to available spectrum ahead of, but without prejudice to, the planning and allocation of long-term broadcasting service licences.

Licencees are subject to the same licence conditions, codes of practice and enforcement

provisions that apply to community broadcasting licencees. The licence conditions are set out in the Broadcasting Services Act at Schedule 2, Part 5 – Standard Conditions.

## TCBLs ALLOCATED, 9 JUNE-29 JULY 2005

STATE	LICENCE AREA	LICENSEE	FREQUENCY	START	FINISH	ALLOCATED
NSW	Young RA1	Lambing Flat Community Broadcasting Inc.	92.3 MHz	01/07/05	31/10/05	23/06/05
Vic	Geelong RA1	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council Inc.	94.7 MHz	26/06/05	25/09/05	23/06/05
WA	Pilbara RA1	Gumala Aboriginal Corporation	102.1 MHz, 104.9 MHz, 101.7 MHz, 102.7 MHz, 102.9 MHz, & 106.5 MHz	26/07/05	25/07/06	24/06/05

# DVB-H launch

(L-R) HOLLY KRAMER, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WIRELESS AND MOBILITY PRODUCTS, TELSTRA; LYN MADDOCK, ACTING ACMA CHAIR AND DANIEL KIRSOP-PEARSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR, THE BRIDGE NETWORKS.



Australia's first trial of DVB-H (digital video broadcasting – handheld) was launched by Lyn Maddock, Acting ACMA Chair, at the SMPTE (Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers) conference, Darling Harbour, Sydney on 19 July 2005.

'It is appropriate, so early in the life of ACMA – our new converged regulator, to help launch a product which epitomises the changes taking place – changes which are so profoundly linking the worlds of broadcasting and telecommunications,' Ms Maddock said.

The trial, facilitated by ACMA making UHF channel 29 available in Sydney for 12 months, uses DVB-H technology to converge existing mobile telephony with multimedia/TV content. Participants in the trial receive a Nokia DVB-H capable handset with an initial choice of 15 channels, including Nine Network Australia, ABC2, SBS, CNNi, Fox Footy, Fox Sport News, Sky News, Sky Business News, the Weather Channel, the Lifestyle Channel, E-entertainment, Channel V, the History Channel and Nickelodeon.

'Trials provide an opportunity for the regulator to get a "look and feel" for the technology in a market context,' Ms Maddock said. 'The challenge for us in this changing environment is to manage compliance in a way that is outcome-oriented, encourages efficiency, allows innovation and is fair and consistent. Allowing and encouraging trials of new technology is an integral part of our regulatory approach and I welcome today's launch for that reason as well.'