

Changes take 2RPH to Newcastle and Wollongong

The special nature of the community service provided by radio station 2RPH to people who cannot access printed material makes it different to geographically-based community radio services. ACMA has made channel capacity available to improve reception and extend the licence area of 2RPH Sydney and make channel capacity available for translators to extend coverage of the service to the regional centres of Newcastle and Wollongong.

ACMA considered submissions received to the draft licence area plan released in August 2006, as well as the possibility of making the unallocated spectrum available for an additional community radio service in either Newcastle or Sydney.

The expansion of the 2RPH radio service will not only add to the

diversity of services in the Newcastle and Wollongong regions, but is the most economic and efficient use of the spectrum.

The changes to the NSW community radio licence area plan will rectify deficiencies in reception for 2RPH in the eastern suburbs of Sydney and make 2RPH available to a new and larger licence area that includes the cities of Newcastle and Wollongong. The plan contains:

- technical specifications for additional transmitters for the community radio broadcasting service 2RPH Sydney, to serve the areas of Kings Cross, Wollongong and Newcastle, and
- a non-contiguous licence area for 2RPH, to incorporate Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. Two medium power FM

frequencies will be made available for 2RPH, one each at Newcastle and Wollongong, plus an additional FM low power in-fill frequency at Kings Cross in Sydney. 2RPH already broadcasts on a high power AM frequency in Sydney (1224 kHz). While 1224 kHz will be transferred from the Sydney radio licence area plan to the new NSW community radio licence area plan, this AM frequency will still be assigned to 2RPH for the purpose of providing a community radio service in Sydney.

The FM channel capacity for Kings Cross and Newcastle, 100.5 MHz, has not been made available previously. The FM frequency 93.3 MHz, to be used for the translator for 2RPH in Wollongong, was made available in 1999 for a community radio service. No service is being provided on the

frequency and it has been removed from the Wollongong licence area plan.

The permanent use of 100.5 MHz for community radio will further limit the opportunity for special event groups to provide a service in the Sydney market, leaving only 89.5 MHz and 90.9 MHz available to provide limited coverage services and only in certain locations. The actual locations where these frequencies can be used can only be identified on a case-by-case basis. However, a preliminary investigation shows that 90.9 MHz is suitable for use at most of the locations within the Sydney market that accommodate the major special events, such as the Royal Easter Show and Ramadan.

The licence area plans are on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au.

CHILDREN'S AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Programs granted classification, December 2006–January 2007

Program title	Series	Episode description	Program style	Program type	Country of origin	New/renewal	Class	Decision date	Applicant
<i>Animalia</i>	1	1,4,5,6,8,10,11,12,14,15	Animation	Drama – Series	AUSTRALIA	New	CD	12/12/06	Animalia Productions Pty Limited
<i>Blue Water High</i>	2	1–26	Live Action	Drama – Series	AUSTRALIA	New	CD	5/12/06	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
<i>Camelot</i>	n/a		Animation	Drama – Other	AUSTRALIA	Renewal	CD	18/01/07	Burbank Animation Studios Pty Limited
<i>Elephant Tales</i>	n/a	n/a	Live Action	Drama – Feature Film (TV)	AUSTRALIA	New	CD	18/12/06	Adelaide Motion Picture Company Pty Ltd
<i>Erky Perky</i>	2	1–26	Animation	Drama – Series	AUSTRALIA	New	PRC	22/12/06	Erky Perky Pty Ltd
<i>H2O – Just Add Water</i>	2	14–26	Live Action	Drama – Series	AUSTRALIA	New	CD	22/12/06	Jonathan M Shiff Productions Pty Ltd
<i>Hansel & Gretel</i>	n/a		Animation	Drama – Other	AUSTRALIA	Renewal	CD	18/1/07	Burbank Animation Studios Pty Limited
<i>Hercules</i>	n/a		Animation	Drama – Other	AUSTRALIA	Renewal	CD	18/1/07	Burbank Animation Studios Pty Limited
<i>Master Raindrop</i>	1	101–126	Animation	Drama – Series	AUSTRALIA	New	PRC	12/12/06	Flying Bark Productions Pty Ltd
<i>Mulan</i>	n/a		Animation	Drama – Other	AUSTRALIA	Renewal	CD	18/1/07	Burbank Animation Studios Pty Limited
<i>Prince of the Nile – The Story of Moses</i>	n/a		Animation	Drama – Other	AUSTRALIA	Renewal	CD	18/1/07	Burbank Animation Studios Pty Limited
<i>Puzzle Play</i>	1	PPlay/001–PPlay/180	Live Action /Animation	Light Entertainment – Variety	AUSTRALIA	New	P	12/12/06	Network TEN Pty Ltd
<i>Sharky's Friends</i>	1	SF1/001–SF1/065	Live Action /Puppetry	Light Entertainment – Competition /Game Show	AUSTRALIA	New	C	18/12/06	Ambience Entertainment Pty Ltd
<i>Snuggle Farm</i>	1	1–78	Live Action	Drama – Series	AUSTRALIA	New	PRP	11/1/07	Kirkland-Morris Management Pty Ltd
<i>The Fairies</i>	2	1–52	Live Action /Animation	Other Program	AUSTRALIA	New	P	18/12/06	The Fairies Development Pty Ltd
<i>The Little Mermaid</i>	n/a		Animation	Drama – Other	AUSTRALIA	Renewal	CD	18/1/07	Burbank Animation Studios Pty Limited
<i>The Shak</i>	3	SHAKO 131–195	Live Action	Light Entertainment – Magazine	AUSTRALIA	New	C	6/12/06	Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd
<i>The Three Little Pigs</i>	n/a		Animation	Drama – Other	AUSTRALIA	Renewal	CD	18/1/07	Burbank Animation Studios Pty Limited
<i>g2g</i>	1	1–13	Animation	Drama – Series	AUSTRALIA	New	PRC	7/12/06	g2g Productions Pty Ltd

Class – Classification, C – C Classification, CD – C Drama, P – P Classification, PRC – Provisional C, PRP – Provisional P
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