Cybersmart information pack distributed to public libraries

An ACMA-developed information pack designed to help library staff promote safe internet use in libraries, particularly by children, has been delivered to every public library in Australia.

Produced in collaboration with the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), the materials are designed to complement existing policies in libraries and provide additional resources and support to library staff.

The information pack comprises a *Cybersmart Guide for Library Staff* and a cyber rules poster for young internet users.

A series of four web-based internet safety information videos is also available for library staff to access and download.

These materials are complemented by the *Cybersmart Guide for Families—Safe Internet Use in the Library and at Home,* which provides parents with practical advice and information on safe internet use.

'With 12 million users across Australia, public libraries are a key partner for ACMA in spreading the message about cybersafety,' said ACMA Chairman Chris Chapman.

'ACMA has worked closely with ALIA to ensure that the materials will support library staff in implementing policies and procedures for safe internet use in the library environment.'

Raising awareness of online safety is critical if children are to enjoy safe and positive internet experiences, and learn how to protect themselves from risks. ACMA's cybersafety program for public libraries is a key part of its broad cybersafety agenda, which provides education resources, advice and support for young people, teachers, families and library staff throughout Australia.

For more information on specific internet safety issues, visit the following websites— <www.netalert.gov.au> and <www.cybersmartkids.com.au>—or contact the National Internet Safety Helpline on 1800 880 176.

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Guidelines released for trials of new radiocommunications technologies

ACMA has released guidelines on how it will handle applications for licences to trial new technologies that make use of radiocommunications spectrum, such as digital broadcasting or wireless internet technologies.

The guidelines specify the process by which ACMA will issue temporary radiofrequency apparatus licences to applicants seeking to use both broadcasting and non-broadcasting frequencies, where available, for technical tests of new technology.

The new process replaces previous ACMA procedures for the issue of licences for this purpose, including the *Digital Radio Trials Using the Broadcasting Services Bands Policy Guidelines,* released by ACMA in 2006.

The new guidelines cover the application evaluation process for apparatus licences for both broadcasting frequencies—such as radio—and other, non-broadcasting radiofrequencies, where such frequencies are available.

Previous technical tests using temporary licences have included digital radio, unmanned aerial vehicles, WiMAX, mobile television and radar technologies.

The guidelines take immediate effect and are available on the ACMA website at <www.acma.gov.au> (go to For licensees & industry: Licensing & regulation > Radiofrequency spectrum: Radiocommunications licensing > Apparatus licensing > Types of licences > Scientific).