

Temporary community broadcasting licences allocated, March 2008

| State | Licence area | Licensee | Community served | Frequency | Start | Finish | Allocated |
|-------|--------------|---|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| NSW | Taree RA3 | Manning Great Lakes Christian Broadcasters Inc. | Christian | 106.5 MHz | 16/3/08 | 15/3/09 | 10/3/08 |
| NSW | Armidale RA2 | Armidale Community Radio Cooperative Ltd | General | 92.1 MHz | 4/4/08 | 3/10/08 | 27/3/08 |

Children's and preschool programs granted classification, March 2008

| Program title | Series | Episode description | Program style | Program type | Country of origin | New/renewal | Class | Decision date | Applicant |
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| <i>The Shak</i> | 6 | SHAK 0331-0395 | Live action | Light entertainment – magazine | Australia | New | C | 10/3/08 | Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd |

Class – Classification, C – C Classification, CD – C Drama, P – P Classification, PRC – Provisional C, PRP – Provisional P. A classification expires five years after the date it was granted or renewed.

MATTERS for comment

Proposed changes to community radio services in Maryborough and Kyneton

ACMA has sought public comment on its proposal to make available a new community radio service for the Maryborough area of Victoria.

Since January 2007, Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio (SGCR) has been operating on a temporary community broadcasting licence using the frequency 99.1 MHz. SGCR has expressed interest in obtaining a permanent community broadcasting radio licence to serve the town of Maryborough.

ACMA is also proposing to move the transmitter of community radio service 3CH Kyneton to a new site at Mt Macedon and to extend the licence area of the service using 2001 census boundaries. As a result, the licence area would encompass the entire Macedon Ranges Shire to include the townships of

Woodend, Macedon, Romsey and Gisborne.

ACMA's proposal follows consideration of a request from the licensee of 3CH and will result in the Kyneton community radio licence area overlapping with part of the Melbourne commercial and community radio licence areas. However, no community radio services specifically target the outer north-west part of the Melbourne licence area that 3CH is seeking to incorporate.

Licence area plans determine the number and characteristics, including technical specifications, of broadcasting services that are to be available in particular areas of Australia with the use of

broadcasting services bands.

ACMA prepares licence area plans under Section 26(1) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* and may vary them under Section 26(2) of the Act.

The explanatory paper and draft variation to the Bendigo licence area plan are available on the ACMA website at <www.acma.gov.au> (go to For licensees & industry: Service & technical requirements > Broadcasting: Analog planning > Licence areas > Licence Area Plans > Draft Licence Area Plans) or on telephone 1300 850 115. Comments closed on 4 April 2008.