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..... A Monthly Round-Up of Press Releases, Reports, Publications and Conferences

Media Releases

AUSTEL

Optus's Network Roll-Out (*has met its licence condition*) 17/3/93

Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABC and CBC Form Strategic Alliance 2/4/93

ABA Grants First Nhulunby FM Radio Service 5/4/93

Community TV on the Way 6/4/93

ABA Endorses Radio Codes 7/4/93

5AD to Cease Simulcasting 7/4/93

New Aboriginal Radio Service for Porty Augusta 15/4/93

ABC Codes on Discriminatory Broadcasts 27/4/93

ABA Considers TV Codes of Practice 29/4/93

ABA Licenses Community TV in Adelaide and Lismore 29/4/93

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

AWA Ltd to Manufacture ABC's D-Cart 19/4/93

The Jailing of Journalist Chris Nicholls for Contempt (*ABC to meet legal costs*) 20/4/93

Minister for Communications

(Beddall)

Basis Laid for New Broadcasting Technology 19/4/93

Government Announces Winning Pay TV Bids 30/4/93

OTC

OTC Initiative for South Asian Optical Fibre Cable System 8/4/93

Telecom

Telecom Australia Announces Further STD Savings 1/4/93

Telecom's Cable Project a Boost to Pakistan's Economic Development 16/4/93

Greater Access to Call Plan 23/4/93

Telecom Mobilenet Digital: a New Era in Australian Telecommunications 26/4/93

Treasurer

Foreign Investment Policy: Mass Circulation Newspapers (*permitted foreign shareholding increased to 25%*)

Conferences, Seminars

June

7-8: AIC Conferences, *The Australian Publishing Conference 1993*, Sydney Marriott. Participants include Richard Walsh, Matt Handbury, Lesley Wild. Topics include the future of publishing; distribution methods; advertising; identifying niche markets. \$1095 plus \$695 for an optional one day workshop. Contact: (02) 235 1700; fax (02) 223 8216.

16: Australian Press Council, *Privacy and the Press*, 3rd Floor, 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, 5pm. This public meeting will raise issues of the public interest concerning the press and individuals rights of privacy and protection. Speakers include Paul Chadwick, CLC (Victorian Co-ordinator); Alan Kohler, Editor of *The Age*; Prof. David Flint, Chair, Australian Press Council. Cost: Free. Contact: (02) 261 1930 or 008 025712.

24-25: IIR Conferences, *Fleet Mobile Communications: new applications and the latest technologies*, Hotel Intercontinental Sydney. Key international speaker is US lawyer Russell Fox, former president of American Mobile Telecommunications Association; also five case study presentations from local and state governments. Cost: \$1295. Contact: (02) 954 5844; fax (02) 959 4684.

25-27: Asian Mass Communication and Research Centre, *Communication, Technology and Development: Alternatives for Asia*, Ming Court Hotel Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. Cost \$US200. Contact the Centre, 39 Newton Rd, Singapore 1130 (065) 251 5106; fax (065) 4535.

28-30: Pan Asian Telecommunications Task Force, *Privatising and Financing Telecommunications: 1993 Pan-Asian Summit*, Hotel Kowloon Shangri La, Hong Kong. Strategies for accelerating telecommunications restructuring, development and growth, with over 30 participating organisations.

28-1 July: AIC Conferences, *1993 Pan Asia Television and Radio Industry Conference*, Marina Mandarin Singapore. TV (28-29 June) topics include global TV trends, the Asian market and radio (30 June - 1 July) focuses also on formats, syndication and other radio-specific issues. \$US Cost: \$1595 for each conference. Contact: Singapore (645) 222 8550 fax (65) 226 3264.

July

7-9: Australian Communication Association National Conference, *Communication and Identity: Local, Regional and Global*, Victoria Uni of Technology, Melbourne. Sessions to include public relations, journalism, telecommunications and writing. Contact: Helen Borland, 1993 ACA Conference Convenor, Department of Communication and Language Studies, VUT, St Albans Campus, PO Box 14428 Melbourne 3000 (03) 365 2191 fax (03) 365 2242.

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Publications

AUSTEL, *Australia's Telephone Number Plan: the national numbering plan*, AUSTEL Melbourne 1993, 108pp, FREE, Available from: AUSTEL, 5 Queens Road, Melbourne VIC 3000, Ph: (03) 8287300.

Robin Mansell, Sam Paltridge and Richard Hawkins, *Satellite Remote Sensing: Industrial Dynamics and Pricing Policies*, CIRCIT Research Report No.4, CIRCIT Melbourne April 1993. Concerns the relationship between the industrial dynamics of the remote sensing or earth observation industry and the impact of alternative data pricing policies for the development of earth observation markets. 75pp, \$35.00, available from CIRCIT, 4 Riverside Quay, Sth Melbourne, 3205, ph: (03) 616 8888.

Metro Television, *Community and Independent Television*, a summary of views about community broadcasting synthesised from a series of seminar held in Sydney 1991-2, 233pp, \$9.95 from Metro, PO Box 299 Paddington 2021 fax (02) 361 5320.

SA Acts on Sexist Mags

South Australia has enacted legislative measures to ban the display by newsagents and street vendors of magazines such as *People* and *Picture*.

Amendments to the Classification of Publications Act add 'demeaning images' to the 'matters of sex' which, when they are depicted in a publication, are prescribed matter and bring it within the act's reach.

The publication may then be classified so that it must not be displayed in a place to which the public has access (not being a restricted publications area) unless the publication is in opaque material or, sealed and placed in a clear package, so as not to display the prescribed matter.

The amendments were proposed by Liberal MLC Dr Bernice Pfitzner as a Private Member's Bill, which unusually for such bills, attracted the support of all parties.

Legislation was promised after *People* magazine published on 4 March 1992 a cover photo of a naked woman on all fours in a dog collar and leash and captioned 'Woof! More Wild Animals Inside.' The Office of Film and Literature Classification ordered its withdrawal from display and from sale to people under 18.

(The Press Council's decision not to uphold complaints about that issue of *People* is reported in *CU* 82. The council's defence of its decision, and an attack on it by Dr Marlene Goldsmith MLC, are published in *Press Council News*, November 1992 and February 1993) Paul Chadwick. □

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