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

Media Releases

AUSTEL

AUSTEL Disallows Reachout 75 Service 30/8/94

AUSTEL Announces Privacy Committee 23/9/94

Phone Ballot Results for Adelaide 21/9/94

Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA Allocates Pay TV Licences To Visitor Publishing Group Pty Ltd 5/9/94

ABA Allocates Pay TV Licences to Private Cable Network Pty Ltd 7/9/94

Program Standards for Community Broadcasters and Narrowcasters 13/9/94

ABA Chairman Stresses Export Role of Multi-media 23/9/94

Alice Springs, Mt Isa, Longreach and Nhulunbuy to Get Extra TV Service 23/9/94

ABA Allocates Cable Pay TV Licence to Explorer Channel 27/9/94

Creative Infrastructure Required to Deliver Local Content to New Media, Says ABA Chairman 30/9/94

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Independent Complaints Review Panel Finding (*complaint from Courier Mail re Media Watch*) 13/9/94

ABC Television News and Current Affairs (board reaffirms commitment to) 14/9/94

Statement From Chair of the Board (*that the Board has asked George Palmer QC to report on allegations of sponsor influence on ABC programs*) 18/9/94

Statement From Chair of the Board (*inviting staff to come forward with allegations of financial influence on ABC programs*) 19/9/94

Statement Concerning MEAA Resolution (*claim that it contained incorrect statements about ABC management*) 27/9/94

Statement from the Office of David Hill (*further response to MEAA resolution*) 28/9/94

Minister for Arts and Communications

State of the Art Information Service to Link Nation's Libraries 12/9/94

Optus

Optus Signs Wholesale Agreement With Telecommunications Facilities Manager Pacific Star 15/9/94

Optus Says Thanks to Adelaide After More Than 73,000 Say 'Yes' in Phone Ballot 21/9/94

Optus to Pitch in Behind Drought-Affected Farmers 19/9/94

Special Broadcasting Service

The AFC and SBS: A Comedy Double Act (*comedy development joint initiative*) 19/9/94

Telecom /Telstra

Telecom Cuts Price of Trans-Tasman Digital Leased Services 5/9/94

Research Shows Caller ID Trial A Success 7/9/94

Strong Profit Rise by Telstra Corporation Ltd 12/9/94 (*to \$2.528bn before tax, an increase of 27 per cent on 1992-93 result*) 12/9/94

Seminars, Conferences

November

2-4: Screen Producers Association of Australia, *Making the Connection*, 9th Annual Conference, Melbourne (to coincide with the AFI Awards), Southern Cross Hotel. Speakers to include visitors from Miramax, Creative Artists Agency, Goldwyn Co, also from European distributors. Cost starts from \$650 members to \$800 non members. Contact: (02) 262 2277 fax (02) 262 2323.

7: Housley Communications, *Using Mobile Data Networks*, Parkroyal Darling Harbour Sydney. Focus is on the effective use of new mobile networks, with speakers representing network operators, equipment suppliers, service providers, application developers and computer hardware and software vendors. Cost: \$688. Contact: (02) 499 2666 fax (02) 498 7669.

20-24: AE Conventions P/L, *International Symposium on Information Theory and Its Applications 1994*, Sheraton Wentworth Hotel Sydney. Keynote speakers on information theory, multi-user mobile communications and diversity in fading channels. Contact: Suzie Cunningham (06) 270 6549 fax (06) 273 2918.

24-25: IIR Conferences, *Telecommunications - Towards 1997 and Open Competition*, Golden Gate Hotel Sydney. Speakers include Minister Michael Lee, Fels, Alston, O'Connor and representatives of local and overseas telecoms organisations and AUSTEL. Cost: \$1395. Contact: (02) 954 5844 fax (02) 959 4684.

December

2-4: Community Broadcasting Association of Australia, *Celebrating 20 Years*, 22nd National Conference, Manning Clark Centre, ANU, Canberra. Keynote speaker is Kunda Dixit from Inter Press Service, an international press agency

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which focusses on the processes behind the news. Cost: \$150 members, \$300 non-members, \$100 concession. Contact: Melanie Coombs, CBAA, (02) 310 2999 fax (02) 319 4545.

Publications

Australian Press Council, *Aims, Principles, Constitution and Complaints Procedure*, APC Booklet No.5, July 1994. Available free of charge from APC, Suite 103, 149 Castlereagh St, Sydney 2000 phone (02) 261 1930 or 1 800 025712 or fax 267 6826.

Australian Science and Technology Council, *The Networked Nation*, report to the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Science, AGPS Canberra September 1994, 83pp. Contact: ASTEC (06) 271 5111 fax (06) 271 5125.

Bureau of Transport and Communications Economics, *New Forms and New Media: Commercial and Cultural Policy Implications*, Work in Progress Paper No.3, BTCE Canberra August 1994, 156pp. Available free from Manager, Information Services, BTCE, GPO Box 501 ACT 2601.

Commonwealth of Australia, *Report of the Task Force on Regulation of Computer Bulletin Board Systems*, 8 August 1994, 61pp.

Cutler and Company P/L for the Department of Industry, Science and Technology, CSIRO and the Broadband Services Expert Group, *Commerce in Content: Building Australia's Future in Interactive Media Markets*, September 1994, 44pp.

Rodney Tiffen ed., *Mayer on the Media: Issues and Arguments*, AFTRS and Allen and Unwin September 1994, 201pp, \$22.95. A collection of essays by the late, influential media analyst and commentator. Covers basic perspectives and issues such as control, accountability, influence, diversity, dilemmas of freedom and policy, news and news media.

Telecom Australia, Planning for an Information Society Project, *Population Group Discussion Papers and Policy Issue Discussion Papers*, September 1994, 218pp. Groups include Aboriginal people, older and low income people, NESB, people with disabilities, rural and remote people, women and youth.

Task Force on Computer Bulletin Board System, *Report*, 8 August, 1994, 61pp, Department of Attorney-General, Canberra. Contact: Wendy Levy (06) 250 6589.

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