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

Media Releases (Dec/Jan)

AUSTEL

AUSTEL Announces Geelong/Mornington Phone Ballot Results 4/1/93

Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA to Visit the South East, Spencer Gulf and Eyre Peninsula 3/12/93

Three Day Ad Blackout for SA State Election 7/12/93

ABA Refers Pay TV Licence A to TPC 8/12/93

ABA to Close State Office in Victoria 9/12/93

ABA Notifies New World About Pay TV Licence B (*licence will be allocated on payment of balance*) 16/12/93

ABA Releases Draft Frequency Allotment Plan 17/12/93

First Broadband Group Meeting 22/12/93

ABA Extends Time for Planning Submissions 24/12/93

ABA to Close State Offices in Qld and Vic 5/1/94

ABA to Hold Planning Meetings (*in WA*) 7/1/94, (*in Queensland*) 14/1/94

ABA to Visit (*Far West of NSW*) 24/1/94

ABA to Close State Offices (*broadcast engineers*) in NSW 27/1/94

ABA to Close State Office in WA 28/1/94

ABA Notifies UCOM About Pay TV Licence A 28/1/94

Low Power Information Services Extended to 1997 31/1/94

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Agreement Between ABC and NSW Rugby League (*to televise Saturday league live for next three years*) 1/12/93

Broadband Expert Group (*ABC renews offer to participate*) 8/12/93

ABC Radio Joins University In Tertiary Training 9/12/93

ABC AIDAB Training Project Gets Underway 14/12/93

ABC Rushed By Public for Advisory Posts (*1000 applications*) 16/12/93

(Joint release with FACTS) Combined Host Broadcaster for 2000 Olympics (*ABC plus three networks*) 16/12/93

Kerry Stokes to Deliver ABC Boyer Lectures 16/12/93

Litigation Between Pamela Bornhorst and ABC Settled 20/12/93

(Australia TV International) ABC Australia Television-China: Television Deal (*for domestic transmission in China*) 7/1/94

Minister for Communications

\$3.85m Deposit Paid for Satellite Subscription TV Licence A (*by UCOM*) 4/12/93

SBS Television Launched in Cairns and Townsville 20/12/93

Balance Paid for Subscription TV Licence B (*by New World Communications*) 17/12/93

SBS Radio Network Goes National 26/1/94

Optus

250,000th Optus Mobile Customer Goes On Air In Queensland 23/12/93.

SBS

SBS Radio to Open National FM Network 5/12/93

Telecom /Telstra

New Global Network for the Financial Community 10/12/93

Telstra Chooses Alcatel for International Switches 22/12/93

Conferences & Seminars

March

9: Communications Law Centre, *Consumer Perspectives on New Media*, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney. What do new services offer the consumer and at what cost? Speakers from the industry, consumer organisations, media commentators. Cost: \$200 full, \$120 concession, \$80 student/pensioner. Contact: (02) 663 0551 fax (02) 662 6839.

17-18: Trade Practices Commission, *Consumers and the Reform of Australia's Utilities*, Sebel Town House Sydney. Anne Davies on telecommunications reform and other sessions of interest with speakers including people on the UK and NZ experience as well as Jeanette McHugh, Asher, Disney et al. Cost: \$490. Contact: TPC GPO Box 2200 Canberra 2601 or fax (06) 257 3256.

22-24: AIC Conferences, *Satellite and Cable Television: conference and exhibition*, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Markets, Asian satellite development, regulation and policy, roundup from around the region, interactive, DVC etc. Cost: \$US1795. Contact: HK 852 520 1481 or fax 852 866 7340.

28-29: Australian Film Commission, *Doing Business with New Zealand*, seminars for Australian Film & TV Program Makers & Buyers. In association with SPAA. 28/3 AFC Offices, South Melb, 29/3 ABC Theatre, Ultimo. Contact: Selena Crowley 260 4900.

30: UTS, Centre for Sound & Image, NZ & Australia Screen Cultures, Screen Industries. Contact: Jock Given, AFC (02) 951 6444.

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April

13-15:IIR Conferences, National Convergence Symposium '94, Intercontinental Sydney. Emphasis on business opportunities. Speakers from US, HK and Asia-Pacific region, as well as Dept. Communications, Telecom, Apple, Allens, Nortel etc. Cost: \$1895. Contact IIR (02) 954 5844 fax (02) 959 4684.

Publications

Australian Broadcasting Authority Annual Report (Oct 1992- June 1993), ABA Sydney 1993, 150pp indexed. Free on request from fax (02) 334 7799 phone (02) 334 7700.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Annual Report 1992- 1993, ABC Sydney 1993, 120pp indexed. Contact: Manager Corporate Relations, ABC GPO Box 9994 in your capital city.

Australian Film Commission, Annual Report 1992- 1993, AFC Sydney 1993, 110pp. Inquiries: 008 226 615 or (02) 951 6444.

Mary Anne Reid, Long Shots to Favourites, Australian Film Commission Sydney 1993, \$17.95 incl postage from AFC, GPO Box 3984, Sydney 2001. A detailed analysis of the making, marketing and performance of three recent Australian film successes: Proof, Romper Stomper and Strictly Ballroom.

Inquiries, Public Consultations

Australian Broadcasting Authority, investigation into events of national importance/cultural significance which should remain available on free-to-air TV after the advent of pay TV, to report by 26 April. Written submissions invited from the public and interested organisations by 25 march, extensions of time unlikely. Submissions will be placed on a public file in Sydney and Canberra. Contact (02) 3347874 or 334 7851. Address for subs: ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 2000, fax: (02) 334 7799.

Broadband Services Group, call for submissions from public and industry on delivery of new communications services. No closing date given but interim report is due out mid year. Discussion paper available, copies and information from Donald Robertson (02) 334 7874.

Spectrum Management Agency, public inquiry into the licensing system for CB radio and two-way taxi radios, to report in May. Submissions invited from interested parties, discussion paper from SMA (06) 256 5555.

Senate Standing Committee on Community Standards Relevant to the Supply of Services Utilising Electronic Technologies, inquiry Into 'R' Classification Issues. Submissions invited (by end Feb but later will be accepted). Contact: (06) 277 3545/47 or fax (06) 277 5719.

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