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

Media Releases

AAP Telecommunications

AAPT launches its frame relay service 15/11/95 AAPT and NetComm forge powerful Internet alliance and equity deal 30/11/95

AUSTEL

Defective electrical wiring could cause safety hazard 21/11/95 AUSTEL enhances quality of service reporting 30/11/95

Australian Broadcasting Authority

New Mildura/Sunraysia commercial TV licence to be auctioned 3/11/95 New ABA International Research Forum newsletter 8/11/95 ABA findings on Might Morphin Power Rangers 10/11/95 New Criffith (MIA T) (license to be sustiaged 12 (11 (05

New Griffith/MIA TV licence to be auctioned 13/11/95 ABA finds Canwest is not in control of Ten 30/11/95

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

ABC must reflect Australia's cultural diversity, says Johns 5/11/95 media releases

Australian Film Commission

National survey of feature film and independent TV drama production released 2/11/95

Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union (CEPU)

Coalition communications policy a fraud, claims union 26/11/95

Galaxy

Galaxy adds BBC World to its channel line-up 9/11/95 World Movies now on Galaxy 13/11/95

Minister for Communications and the Arts Australia has visual art attack! 6/11/95

Optus

InfoAccess 1900 - another informative first from Optus 10/11/95 Optus forecasts 200,000 Mobile Digital customers 15/11/95 Qld state government says yes to Optus 16/11/95 Optus and Queensland's Voxson - developing Australia's first mobile digital phone 16/11/95 Optus announces tariff changes 24/11/95

Senator Richard Alston

Howard puts Australia online 21/11/95 Bill Gates backs Coalition on telecommunications reform 28/11/95 Government strings community radio along 28/11/95

Telstra

Telstra to provide bilingual White Pages/Gold Pages directories in Laos 14/11/95

Telstra invests billions to advance Australia 20/11/95 Telstra to be Asia-Pacific link to Global 95 27/11/95 Telstra and partners put working from home to the test 27/11/95

Conferences & Seminars

February

4-9: International Symposium on Subscriber Loops & Services - ISSLS 96, World Congress Centre, Melbourne. Keynote speakers include: Mr Frank Blount, chief executive, Telstra; Dr Richard Green, president, CableLabs; Dr Sydney O'Hara, director, Cable & Wireless Federal Development. Cost: Delegates: \$1,100, non-members: \$1,200. Contact: tel (02) 9929 0099, fax (02) 9929 0587. Email: issls96@trl.oz.au

6-8: AIC Conference: Australian Cable & Satellite Television, Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. A three-day conference examining all aspects of the Australian pay TV industry and future directions in broadband interactive services. Speakers from: Sega Channel International; Home Box Office, USA; Discovery Channel; BBC Worldwide Services; Turner International. Cost: \$1,595 for two days, \$2,095 for three days. Contact: tel (02) 210 5777, fax (02) 221 7773.

19-20: IIR Conferences, Rural and Remote Communications, Sheraton Brisbane Hotel (Parmelia Hilton Perth, 27-27 Feb). Speakers from: AUSTEL, CIRCIT, ABC Radio, SBS, Telstra and Optus. Cost: \$1,195. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844 fax (02) 9959 4684. Email: iir@ozemail.com.au **19-20:** IBC Conferences: Privacy in Practice, Boulevard Hotel, Sydney. Discussion on what business and government can expect from a broader privacy law net. Speakers include: Kevin O'Connor, Federal Privacy Commissioner; Bruce Slane, NZ Privacy Commissioner; Lynn Ralph, Deputy Chair, Australian Securities Commission. Cost: \$1,495. Contact: tel (02) 319 3755, fax (02) 699 3901.

20-21: AIC Conferences: Telecomms Strategic Planning - Surviving in a changing telecommunications environment, Gazebo Hotel, Sydney. Cost: \$1,595. Contact: tel (02) 210 5777, fax (02) 221 7773.

26-27: IIR Conferences: Interactive Multimedia 96, The Landmark Hotel, Sydney. Speakers from: Australian Multimedia Enterprise; Telstra Multimedia; Apple Australia; OnAustralia; George Patterson Bates, etc. Cost: \$1,565 for two days, \$1,995 for three days. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684.

28-29: IIR Conferences: Implementing Competition Reform - Turning Policy into Practice, Sebel Townhouse, Sydney. Keynote address: the Hon George Gear, assistant federal treasurer. Cost: \$1,495. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684. Email: iir@ozemail.com.au

Publications

Australian Film Commission, *Screen Culture in the Digital Age - Multimedia for Filmmakers, Artists and the Community,* September 1995. Available from the Australian Film Commission, Level 4, 150 William Street, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011. Phone: (02) 321 6411, fax: (02) 357 3714.

Australian Science and Technology Council (ASTEC), Surf's Up: Alternative Futures for Full Service Networks in Australia . Available from Australian Government Publishing Service, GPO Box 84, Canberra ACT 2601.

Cutler & Company Pty Ltd, *The Online Economy - Maximising Australia's Opportunities from Networked Commerce*, October 1995, by Roger Buckeridge and Terry Cutler. Available from Cutler & Co, 7 Leveson Street, North Melbourne Vic 3051. Phone: (03) 9329 8411, fax: (03) 9329 9939.



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