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### Media Releases

#### **Australian Broadcasting Authority**

New radio services proposed for Cairns, Atherton and Innisfail, 6/8/97

ABC welcomes court decision on CanWest, 8/8/97

New community radio broadcasting licence for Broome, 13/8/97

Digital TV essential for long-term FTA viability, 13/8/97

New radio services for Ballarat, 14/8/97

New radio services for Bendigo, 14/8/97

ABA seeks comment on proposed licence condition for new TV licence in remote and regional WA, 14/8/97

New community radio licences for Halls Creek WA and Torres Strait Qld, 29/8/97

Australis providing 'Super League' pay TV service without a licence, 29/8/97

Major rollout of temporary community radio stations, 1/9/97

ABA invites comment on Albany community radio applicants, 1/9/97

#### **Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

Former ABA Director Colin Knowles appointed Head of Technology Strategy and Development, 12/8/97

Jean-Gabriel Manguy appointed Network Manager of Radio Australia, 13/8/97

## **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission**

ACCC 'light-handed' not 'hands-off' telecoms regulator, 2/9/97

#### **Australian Computer Society**

ACS cautiously welcomes APAC report, 27/8/97

#### Australian Democrats - Senator Lyn Allison

Free 013 calls only to December 1998, 26/8/97

## Minister for Communications and the Arts – Senator Alston

Telstra's billing practices re service providers to be investigated, 15/8/97

Government rejects Telstra's application to charge for 013 services, 26/8/97

#### **Optus Communications**

Mobile digital customers offered Calling Number Display facility, 25/8/97

Chris Anderson appointed CEO, Rod Olsen to relocate from England to Sydney (joint announcement with Cable & Wireless), 29/8/97

1996/7 financial results released, 28/8/97

#### **Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman**

Internet users may file complaints online, 18/8/97 TIO grows to over 200 companies, 18/8/97

#### Telstra

Telstra pleased with response to draft USO plan, 22/8/97

Telstra to move into smart cards, 26/8/97

Ziggy Switkowski appointed Group Managing Director, Business and International, 21/8/97

1996/7 financial results announced, 29/8/97

### Conferences & Seminars

#### September

**29 & 30**: IIR Conferences, *telecoms@internet*, Hilton Hotel, Sydney. A conference assessing the impact of the Internet on the telecommunications industry. Speakers include John Matthews, Ovum; Paul Brooks, Global One; Michael Ward, Ozemail; Tony Richardson, Telstra Big Pond. Cost: \$1795. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684.

#### **October**

**15**: Communications Law Centre, Clayton Utz and CAMLA, *Five years of the* 

Broadcasting Services Act: time for reform?, offices of Clayton Utz, Level 34, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney. See advertisement in this issue. Cost: \$325/\$295 (CAMLA members)/\$100 (students and community organisations). Contact: Renata Waters, tel (02) 9663 0551, fax (02) 9662 6839, email: comslaw@ozemail.com.au

#### **November**

**24, 25 & 26**: Australian Key Centre for Cultural and Media Policy, *Cultural Crossroads: Ownership, Access, Identity,* ANA Hotel, Sydney. Speakers include Robyn Archer, Adelaide Festival; Janet Holmes a Court; Brian Kennedy,

Director, National Gallery of Australia; Richard Collins, UK Institute for Public Policy Research; Penelope Cottier, National Film and Sound Archive; Anne Cheung, University of Hong Kong. Contact: Karen Perkins, tel (07) 3875 5350, fax (07) 3875 5511, email CMP@hum.gu.edu.au. Website: http://www.gu.edu.au/gwis/akccmp/crossroads conf.html

#### **December**

**4 & 5**: Australian Institute of Criminology and Office of Film and Literature Classification, Violence, Crime and the Entertainment Media, Swiss Grand Hotel, Bondi. Speakers include Prof Richard Heffner and Prof Donald Roberts (USA), John Dickie, Prof Peter Sheehan, Dr Adam Graycar. Contact: tel (06) 292 9000 fax (06) 292 9002. Cost: \$495 (both days)/\$250 (one day), discount for early full registration.

### **Publications**

Communications Law Centre, Australian Telecommunications Regulation - the Communications Law Centre Guide, July 1997. Edited by Alasdair Grant. Written by Holly Raiche, Alasdair Grant, Thomas Jones, Bronwyn James and Jock Given. A comprehensive guide to the new telecommunications regime. Available from the Centre, tel (02) 9663 0551 fax (02) 9662 6839 email comslaw@ozemail.com.au. Cost \$45.

Communications Law Centre, *Crossing the digital threshold*, July 1997. Written by Scott McQuire. Published by the Australian Key Centre for Cultural and Media Policy. Available from the Centre, tel (02) 9663 0551. Cost \$10.

La Trobe University Media Online Program, *Making Money From the Web? Business models for online news*, June 1997. Written by Susan Mings and Peter White. Available from the Online Media Program, tel (03) 9479 2785, fax (03) 9479 3638, email pbwhite@latrobe.edu.au. Website: http://teloz.latrobe.edu.au/omp/briefs. Cost: \$150.

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