



# News Update

When there is more than one applicant, the ABA may also have to choose on the basis of comparative merit. Alternatively, applicants can combine to present a unified application.

'Allocation of new community broadcasting licences has begun in Mildura and Darwin because the ABA's public planning process, which is complete for both areas, identified demand for new community services,' said Mr Webb.

## Copies of applications

Copies of the applications are available in local libraries: Darwin (Northern Territory Library, Parliament House, Darwin; Batchelor College Library, Batchelor) and Mildura/Sunraysia (Carnegie Library, Mildura; Dareton Library, Dareton; and Robinvale Resource Centre, Robinvale).

Applications for the Darwin licences were received from: Darwin Christian Broadcasters Association Inc., Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (Aboriginal Corporation) (TEABBA), and Larrakia Association Inc. All three groups have applied for both licences.

Applications for the Mildura/Sunraysia licences were received from: Association for the Blind Ltd, and CARNMA Trading (Aboriginal Corporation). Both groups have applied for both licences.

## Community TV trial for Bendigo?

SYDNEY: The ABA is proposing to make a television channel temporarily available for a trial of community and educational television in Bendigo.

This follows a licence application from the non-profit community broadcasting organisation, Bendigo Community Television Inc. (BCTV).

'Because the ABA can make only one channel available for temporary community television purposes in each area, the licensee must be set up and governed as a representative organisation committed to providing access to the whole community,' said Mr Nick Herd, ABA Program Services Director.

'In this way, the wider community can gain access to the management and operation of the station, and become involved in the provision of programming.'

The ABA will consider making channel UHF 41 in the Bendigo area temporarily available until the end of June 1997, on the condition the service provided is for community and educational, non-profit purposes only.

## New commercial radio licences

SYDNEY: The ABA granted a second commercial radio licence to broadcasters in Mudgee, Parkes, Griffith and Dubbo (NSW) and Wangaratta (Vic).

The five licensees are:

- Western Broadcasters Pty Limited, owner of 2DU, which will broadcast its new service 2ZOO on FM 92.7 MHz in Dubbo and FM 103.7 MHz in Cobar;
- Radio 2RG Pty Limited, owner of 2RG, which will broadcast its new service 2RGF on FM 99.7 MHz;
- Mudgee Broadcasting Company Pty Ltd, owner of 2MG, which will broadcast its new service 2GEE on FM 93.1 MHz in Mudgee;
- Parkes Broadcasting Company Pty Ltd, owner of 2PK in Parkes, which will broadcast its new service 2ROK on FM 95.5 MHz in Parkes and FM 90.5 MHz in Condobolin;
- North East Broadcasters Ltd, owner of 3NE, which will broadcast its new service 3NNN on FM 102.1 MHz in Wangaratta.

'These new FM licences should result in a distinctly different service in each market. The services will cover the same area as the existing

## Programs granted C or P classification

*Programs granted C or P classification between 11 March 1996 and 31 March 1996. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Liz Gilchrist on (02) 334 7840.*

Title	Origin	Clas.	New/renewal	Decision date	Applicant
JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (Series 2)	USA	C	new	28.3.96	Effie Holdings Pty Ltd
THE ADVENTURES OF THE BUSH PATROL	Australia	PRC	new	29.3.96	RosenbaumWhitbread Film and Television Productions Pty Ltd
THE SILVER BRUMBY	Australia	CAD	new	11.3.96	Media World Features Pty Ltd

C - children's program      CAD - C Australian drama      P - preschool program