



# ABA radio auctions raise \$1 377 000

On 20 May the ABA conducted auctions for three commercial radio broadcasting licences and fifteen transmitter licences to provide open narrowcasting services to serve radio markets in regional New South Wales and Queensland. A total of \$1 377 000 was bid at the auctions.

'The ABA is very pleased with the results of the auction,' said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman. 'When these new services go to air they will add to the diversity of radio services for listeners in their respective radio markets.'

## Commercial services

Location	frequency MHz	highest bidder	amount bid \$
Coffs Harbour SL1150055	106.3	Commercial Radio Coffs Harbour P/L	100 000
Kempsey/ Port Macquarie SL1150051	106.7/ 100.7	Mid-Coast Broadcasters P/L	220 000
Toowoomba/ Warwick SL1150094	100.7/ 91.9	Gold Radio Service P/L	800 000

## Commercial

Full payment for the commercial radio licences must be made from 5 to 7 July 1999. The ABA will allocate the licences as soon as possible after full payment is received.

Commercial broadcasting licensees must begin a service within one year of being allocated the licence (or within a longer period with the ABA's permission).

## Open narrowcasting

All successful applicants had made full payment for the open narrowcasting licences by the required date, 21 May.

The ABA allocates the licences as soon as possible after full payment is received.

If a successful applicant fails to meet any of the requirements of the price-based allocation systems or relevant legislation, the licence will not be issued to the applicant. The ABA may then re-offer the licence for allocation.

The holder of an apparatus licence for open narrowcasting services must commence within six months of the licence being issued (or within a longer period with the ABA's permission).

## Open narrowcasting services

### Uncontested licences:

Area	frequency	successful applicant	amount (\$)
<b>NSW</b>			
Barham TS10007975	94.9 MHz	NSW Race Narrowcast P/L	4 000
Gloucester TS10008591	99.3 MHz	NSW Race Narrowcast P/L	4 000
Walcha TS10007763	90.9 MHz	NSW Race Narrowcast P/L	4 000
<b>Queensland</b>			
Dalby TS10008592	94.3 MHz	TAB Queensland	4 000
Innisfail TS10007592	873 kHz	Coastal Broadcasters P/L	4 000
Kingaroy TS10008594	93.1 MHz	TAB Queensland	4 000
Kingaroy TS10008602	96.3 MHz	Barry John Dixon	4 000
Stanthorpe TS10008593	93.1 MHz	TAB Queensland	4 000

### Auction results

Location	frequency MHz	highest bidder	amount bid \$
Cairns TS10007456	104.3	FNQ Broadcasters Cairns P/L	115 000
Grafton TS10008041	101.5	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	8 000
Taree TS10007773	105.7	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	8 000
Port Macquarie TS10008376	92.7	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	4 000
Coffs Harbour TS10005047	107.1	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	32 000
Tamworth TS10007943	90.5	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	4 000
Toowoomba TS10008610	91.5	Gold Radio Service P/L	34 000
Toowoomba TS10008608	93.7	Gold Radio Service P/L	10 000
Toowoomba TS10008607	99.1	Gold Radio Service P/L	10 000
Warwick TS10008601	95.1	TAB Queensland	12 000
Gunnedah TS10008271	95.9	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	4 000
Murrurundi TS10008589	98.5	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	4 000
Kempsey TS10008042	101.5	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	4 000
Muswellbrook TS10005071	103.3	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	4 000
Armidale TS10007760	104.3	NSW Race Narrowcasts P/L	4 000