



News Update

New appointment for Malcolm Long



The Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp, has announced the appointment of Mr Malcolm Long, ABA member, as the new Director of the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS), taking effect from 3 March.

'Mr Long's business acumen and experience in the film and television industry will ensure AFTRS remains one of Australia's premier training institutions for people with demonstrated creative potential, ability and commitment,' Senator Kemp said.

Malcolm Long said, 'I see it as an exciting opportunity to contribute to the future shape of our media and communications industry — through direct involvement with the next generation of the industry and helping with the further development of the capabilities of current industry professionals'.

Mr Long also said he was delighted to continue as a part time member of the ABA.

The AFTRS is the national centre for professional education and advanced training in film, television and radio. It aims to recognise and develop new and emerging talent, and to provide industry professionals with opportunities to gain additional skills and to assist them in their creative and professional development.

No community radio licence for Cootamundra and Lithgow at this time

The ABA has decided not to allocate new community radio broadcasting licences in Cootamundra or Lithgow, News South Wales at this time.

The ABA sought applications for the Cootamundra licence in August 2002 and for the Lithgow licence in September 2002.

There was one applicant only for each of the licences: Cootamundra Workskills Incorporated which proposed to serve the general community of the Cootamundra licence area, and Lithgow Community Broadcasters Incorporated which proposed to serve the mature and senior citizen community of the Lithgow licence area.

'The ABA has decided that in 12 months it will review the situation, with a view to readvertising the availability of the licences. During the intervening period the ABA encourages the applicants to operate temporary services to develop their capacity,' said Professor Flint.

Until such time as the ABA reviews the temporary licence service and reconsiders a permanent allocation, the channels set aside for the licence in Cootamundra (106.7 MHz) and in Lithgow (90.5 MHz) will be made available for temporary community broadcasting.



Temporary community broadcasting licences

Temporary community broadcasting licences allocated in the period 15 January to 25 February 2003

Area served	Licensee	Frequency (MHz)	Period	Date allocated
New South Wales				
Glen Innes	Deepwater and Districts Community FM Radio Inc.	105.9	17-2-2003 to 16-2-2004	10-2-2003
Kilmore	Mitchell Community Radio Inc.	97.1	13-2-2003 to 12-2-2004	11-2-2003
Sanctuary Point	Bay and Basin Community Resources Inc.	92.7	01-3-2003 to 29-2-2004	19-2-2003
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Christian Broadcasters Inc.	94.1	1-3-2003 to 29-2-2004	20-2-2003
Blacktown	Western Community Radio Association Inc.	99.9	1-3-2003 to 31-5-2003	19-2-2003
Queensland				
Blackwater	Blackwater Community Broadcasters Association Inc.	92.7	1-2-2003 to 31-8-2003	30-1-2003

