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

Media Releases

Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA to visit Northern NSW for radio meetings, 11/5/95
ABA fosters Asia Pacific regulatory network, 15/5/95
ABA to release report on Audience Complaints, 17/5/95
Broadcasting Codes of Practice Working Well, says ABA, 18/5/95
ABA Allocates Pay TV Licences to Cosmovision Cable Television Pty Ltd, 23/5/95
ABA to Visit Newcastle and Muswellbrook for Radio Meetings, 30/5/95

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Statement from the Director of Radio, Peter Loxton, re ABC youth network, Triple J, 1/5/95
Response to Conditions set by Mr Justice Teague of the Victorian Supreme Court for Televising his Judgment in the Avenet Case, 18/5/95
ABC Coverage of matters of Public Interest, 26/5/95
Australia Television - A review of the operations of the ABC's international television service, 31/5/95

Australian Film Finance Corporation

Producer becomes first recipient of FFC Scheme, Bob Weis, 1/5/95

Minister for Communications and the Arts

Publishers 'On-Line' to Asia, 1/5/95
Cross Media Ownership Rules, 3/5/95
Appointment of Chairman to the Foundation for Cultural Development, Mr Richard Pratt, 4/5/95
Volunteer, Non-Profit, Emergency Organisations Exempt from Radio Licence Fees, 7/5/95
Budget Delivers on Creative Nation, 9/5/95
A Bright Future for Australian Films, 9/5/95
Spectrum Licensing - Australia Leads the World, 9/5/95
Government support for Remote Commercial TV, 9/5/95
Compensation increase for Australian Book Creators and Publishers, 18/5/95
Major Australian Producer Jill Robb joins AFFCBoard, 22/5/95

Optus

Customers Automatically Roam Further with Optus Mobile Digital, 1/5/95
\$105 million Optus fibre optic cable to link Adelaide,

Perth, Asia, 2/5/95

World First MobileSat Launches Fax & Data Transmission 10/5/95

Optus and Telstra settle over pricing plans, 15/5/95
Optus refutes Union claims, 30/5/95

Senator Richard Alston

The Get Packer Amendments, 3/5/95
Labor's Massive Telecom Budget Rip-off means even Higher Phone Prices, 4/5/95

Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

The Ombudsman's Year in Review, 1/5/95
Communicator award for TIO Office, 5/5/95
Appointment of new Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman, 24/5/95

Telstra

Telstra Declares China Strategy with Beijing Office opening, 26/5/95

Conferences & Seminars

July

1: Department of Communications and the Arts, *Multimedia Forum Three - Export and Investment*, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide. It will feature international and national experts in investment and distribution, and representatives from the Australian Multimedia Enterprise, Austrade, and AFC. Cost: \$250. Contact: tel (06) 421 1325, fax (06) 241 1975.

12: Arts Law Centre of Australia, *Forming Non-Profit Business Structures in the Arts*, The Gunner, 43 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo, Sydney. Cost: Students \$25; Individuals artists \$40; Non-profit organisations \$80; Commercial organisations \$150. Contact: tel (02) 356 2566, fax (02) 358 6474.

24 & 25: IIR Conferences, *New Directions in Trade Practices: Implications for Industry*. Featuring key contributions from TPC, Coles Myer, Freehill Hollingdale & Page. Cost: \$1495. Contact: tel (02) 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684.

25 & 26: Synergy Conventions, *Business and Marketing Opportunities on the Internet and the World Wide Web*. A two day conference with practical workshops - Getting started on the Internet, Building a secure Internet environment, Designing and creating a Web site. Cost: \$795. Contact: tel (008) 644 845, fax (02) 387 5482, email: conventions@world.net.

27: BLEC, Multimedia and Copyright in Business. Savoy Park Plaza, Sydney. Issues ranging from new developments in copyright, protecting your copyright, outsourcing difficulties, copyright and new technology, damages. Cost: \$595. Contact: tel (03) 9699 5400, fax (03) 9696 4414.

August

9: Arts Law Centre of Australia, Writing for Film, The Gunner, 43 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo, Sydney. Cost: Students \$25; Individuals artists \$40; Non-profit organisations \$80; Commercial organisations \$150. Contact: tel (02) 356 2566, fax (02) 358 6474.

10: IIR Conferences, Protecting your rights in Computer Technology, Sebel Town House, Sydney. Cost \$895. Contact: tel (02) 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684.

11: IIR Conferences, Copyright, Convergence & Multimedia, Sebel Town House, Sydney. Cost \$895. Contact: tel (02) 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684.

12 & 19: The New Community Arts Association, ARTS that UNIFY, Dance Studio, Casula Powerhouse, 1 Casula Road, Casula. One day training course to provide the necessary skills to artists from non-English speaking backgrounds to work in the community arts and cultural development area. Cost \$180 members, \$200 non-members. Contact: tel (02) 821 2210.

Publications

Austel, *Quality of Service Bulletin - December Quarter 1994.* Available from Austel tel (03) 9828 7439. Also located electronically on the Austel Bulletin Board tel (03) 9828 7495, 12 pages.

Bureau of Transport and Communications Economics, *Communications Futures - Final Report.* Available from BTCE, GPO Box 501, Canberra ACT, 2601, tel (06) 284 6772, 157 pages.

Bureau of Transport and Communications Economics, *Working Paper 16 - Evaluation of the transitional period in Australian telecommunications.* Available from BTCE, GPO Box 501, Canberra ACT, 2601, tel (06) 284 6772, 51 pages.

Communications Law Centre, *Media Rights- Consumer Action.* Available from Choice Books, ACA, 57 Carrington Road, Marrickville, NSW, 2204 and all book stores and newsagents. 168 pages, cost \$20.

Consumers' Telecommunications Network, *For whom the phone rings,* April 1994 - cost \$35 + \$5 postage & *Converging on telecommunications - conference proceedings of the Consumers' Telecommunications Network,* cost \$35 + \$2.50 postage, Available from CTN, 1st floor, 128 Chalmers St, Surry Hills, NSW, 2010, tel (02) 318 2026.

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