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

Media Releases

Australian Broadcasting Authority

PBL Provides Details of Fairfax Acquisitions 15/2/95
ABA Allocates Pay TV Licences to PPV Pty Ltd 16/2/95
ABA Asks Fairfax and PBL for Further Information [about control of Fairfax] 20/2/95
New ABA TV Proposals for Mount Gambier/South East Region 22/2/95
ABA Considers Fairfax Information 23/2/95

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Brian Johns Offered Position as ABC Managing Director 8/2/95
New Appointments to National Advisory Council 10/2/95
The ABC Orchestral Network 23/2/95

Broadband Services Expert Group

Journalists and New Communications - (Brian Johns speaking to the International Federation of Journalists Asia Pacific Regional Meeting in Sydney) 6/2/95

Galaxy

Galaxy TV Welcomes Ten Network Decision to Simultaneously Telecast West Indies Series Live 6/2/95
Community TV Channel Expresses Interest in West Indies Cricket Series 22/2/95
Premier Sports Network Waiting for Serious Offer From Channel 9 And/Or Other Networks 23/2/95
Galaxy TV Welcomes Minister's Call for Nine Network to Agree to Simultaneous Live Telecast of West Indies Series 28/2/95

Minister for Communications and the Arts

New Managing Director of the ABC 8/2/95
Australia/Indonesia Sign Agreement on Telecommunications and Tourism 10/2/95
Children's Television Festival a World First 27/2/95

Minister for Justice

Justice Minister Announces Major Copyright Review 3/2/95

Optus/OptusVision

Optus Vision Announces Multimillion Dollar Plan for Victorian Pay TV and Local Phone Calls 1/2/95
Blacktown (Sydney) First To Receive Optus Vision Cable Network 15/2/95

Telecom/Telstra

Telecom Campaign to Redress Misleading Information [following Sydney Morning Herald article on international call charges] 2/2/95
Telstra Cable Network Streets Ahead 12/2/95
Telecom Customers to Play Role in Environmental Initiative [re: launch of reusable envelope] 13/2/95

Seminars & Conferences

April

6-7: IIR Conferences, *Developing Australia's Telecommunications Infrastructure*, InterContinental Hotel Sydney. Featuring panels of local and international industry leaders. Key issues to be address include the agenda for cable construction and roll-out, Australia's rate of telecommunications infrastructure growth and access and competition to broadband networks and services. Cost: \$1395. Contact: tel (02) 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684

12-13: IBC Conferences, *Screen Entertainment 2000*, The Sydney Boulevard Hotel. Key issues include planning and providing the electronic superhighway, regulating for the communications future and the convergence of communications, computers and entertainment. Cost: \$1395. Contact: tel (02) 319 3755, fax (02) 699 3901.

20-21: ALC Training, *Connecting to the Internet*, Sydney. A 'how to' seminar to harness the full power of the Internet. Topics include: what is the internet, how to connect to the internet, browsing, security, techniques. Cost \$1090. Contact: tel (02) 211 0600, fax (02) 211 0705.

26-27: IBC Conferences, *Digital Publishing - Challenges for the Publishing Industry*, Sheraton on the Park, Sydney. Two day conference examining how to assess the effects of multimedia on traditional publishing, achieve the right rights in copyright and legal issues and assess the future directions and implications for publishers. Cost: \$1395. Contact: tel (02) 319 3755, fax (02) 699 3901.

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May

15-17: AIC Conferences, *Cable and Satellite Television*, Novotel, Sydney. Overseas keynote speakers from US, and UK. Issues covering the market objectives, interactivity and broadband cable, satellite delivery. Cost: \$1495 for two days, \$1995 for three days. Contact: tel (02) 210 5777, fax (02) 221 7773.

22-23: IIR Conferences, *New Opportunities in Broadcasting Programming*, Marriott Hotel, Sydney. Topics include how the Creative Nation Statement will affect Broadcast programming. Panels include speakers from the US, UK and New Zealand. Cost: \$1495 for the 2 days. Contact: tel (020 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684.

Broadband Services Expert Group, Final Report December 1994, *Networking Australia's Future*, 117 pages, free. Copies from: James Barr, Department of Communications and the Arts, GPO Box 2154, Canberra, ACT 2601.

Bureau of Transport and Communications Economics, *Telecommunications in Australia - Report 87*, 171 pages. Free on application to the Bureau or on sale at Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra. Cost \$19.95.

Consumers' Telecommunications Network, *Converging on Telecommunications*, Conference proceedings, February 1995, 140 pages. Copies: CTN, First Floor, 128 Chalmers St, Surry Hills, NSW 2010.

Spectrum Management Agency *Inquiry into the Apparatus Licence System - A New Outlook*, February 1995, 44 pages. Copies from Neil Wynes Morse, Spectrum Management Agency, PO Box 78 Belconnen, ACT 2616.

Publications

Australian Press Council, Conference Papers 1994, *The Role and Responsibility of Country Newspapers.*, 27 pages, \$4 plus postage. Copies from: Australian Press Council, Suite 303, 149 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

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