

Community broadcasting licence for 2HHH Hornsby renewed

ACMA has renewed the licence for New South Wales community broadcasting service 2HHH Hornsby after the station was able to satisfy ACMA's concerns. In the course of the licence renewal process, ACMA raised several issues with 2HHH FM Ltd, the licensee of 2HHH, about its operations and management. These included concerns about constitutional provisions relating to membership at the station and aspects of 2HHH's financial management processes.

After several months of discussion, 2HHH was able to satisfy ACMA's concerns over these issues, either by resolving them directly, or by providing clear undertakings to ACMA that it would do so. ACMA will continue to monitor the operations of the station to ensure that these undertakings are met, and it reserves the power to take further action if this does not occur.

It is ACMA's responsibility to promote the availability of a diverse range of radio services throughout Australia, as well as ensuring that broadcasters meet all of the requirements of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

COMMUNITY BROADCASTING LICENCE RENEWALS

Community broadcasting licences are issued for a five-year period. ACMA writes to a community licensee 58 weeks before the licence expires, requesting that it submits an application to renew its licence no later than 52 weeks before the expiry of the current licence.

The procedures for renewing a community broadcasting licence are set out in section 90 and section 91 of the Broadcasting Services Act, which was amended in December 2002 to give ACMA more discretion to review a community broadcasting licence at the time it is due for renewal. According to section 91(2A) of the

Broadcasting Services Act, when renewing a community broadcasting licence, ACMA is able to take into account the same criteria that it considers when allocating new community broadcasting licences under section 84(2). The criteria are:

- the extent to which the proposed service would meet the existing and perceived future needs of the community within the licence area of the proposed service;
- the nature and diversity of the interests of that community;
- the nature and diversity of other broadcasting services (including national broadcasting services) available within that licence area;
- the capacity of the applicant to

provide the proposed service;

- the undesirability of one person being in a position to exercise control of more than one community broadcasting licence that is a broadcasting services bands licence in the same licence area; and
- the undesirability of the Commonwealth, a state or territory or a political party being in a position to exercise control of a community broadcasting licence.

Where the applicant no longer meets one or more of these criteria, ACMA may refuse to renew a community broadcasting licence. ACMA has discretion as to whether it conducts a renewal inquiry, the form it should take and what it considers in an inquiry.

CHILDREN'S AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Programs granted classification, July 2006

Program title	Series	Episode description	Program style	Program type	Country of origin	New/ renewal	Class	Decision date	Applicant
<i>Alien Ark</i>	1	1 - 13	Live action/ animation	Drama - series	Australia	New	PRC	12/7/06	Rosenbaum Whitbread Film & Television Productions
<i>Animalia</i>	1	1 - 26	Animation	Drama - series	Australia	New	PRC	28/7/06	Burberry Productions Pty Ltd
<i>FARMkids</i>	2	14 -26	Animation	Drama - Series	Australia	New	CD	10/7/06	FARMkids Pty Ltd
<i>Pixel Pinkie</i>	1	1 - 52	Animation	Drama - series	Australia	New	PRC	26/7/06	Blue Rocket Productions Pty Ltd
<i>Rock It</i>	1	1 - 26	Live action/animation/ puppetry	Light entertainment - variety	Australia	New	P	10/7/06	Galaxy Pop Pty Ltd
<i>Timeblazers</i>	1	1 - 26	Live action	Information - magazine	Canada	New	C	17/7/06	Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd

Class - Classification, C - C Classification, CD - C Drama, P - P Classification, PRC - Provisional C
A classification expires five years after the date it was granted or renewed.