

ABS Radio Program

ABS Radio aims to serve the needs of the Arabic speaking community, which is one of the largest Non-English Background (NESB) groups in Australia.

The Arabic speaking community comprises of Australians' from Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, the Gulf States, Palestine, Sudan, Algeria, Morocco as well as other nationals who were born in Arabic States and can read the Arabic language.

It was estimated that in 1996 as many as 177,000 Arabic speaking Australians were living in NSW alone. The Arabic speaking community differs to other language groups in that the group is non-homogeneous. This is due to the fact that the language covers many nationalities and a number of religious groups.

In our commitment to provide the community with the best possible radio program, we have ensured that our programs contain the following:

- ❖ NEWS BULLETINS
- ❖ CURRENT AFFAIRS (CORRESPONDENCE)
- ❖ INFORMATION PROGRAMS DEALING WITH ISSUES SUCH AS TAXATION, CENTRELINK & IMMIGRATION
- ❖ WOMEN'S PROGRAM
- ❖ SOCIAL PROGRAMS
- ❖ YOUTH PROGRAMS
- ❖ TALK BACK
- ❖ HEALTH ISSUES
- ❖ SPORTS, WEATHER, TRAFFIC REPORTS
- ❖ ENTERTAINMENT
- ❖ MUSIC
- ❖ LAW & REGULATIONS
- ❖ ADVERTISING
- ❖ HISTORY
- ❖ PROGRAM FOR THE AGED
- ❖ DAILY COMPETITIONS
- ❖ AND LOTS MORE



HON. PHILIP RUDDOCK,
MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION
AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS
UNVEILS THE
COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE
TO MARK THE OFFICIAL
OPENING OF ARABIC
BROADCASTING SERVICE ON
3 MARCH 2000. LOOKING ON
IS MRS HEATHER RUDDOCK
AND MR KARIM KISRWANI.