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ABC and SBS launch digital radio (DAB+) services in Hobart

ABC and SBS today announced that audiences in Hobart will now have access to a range of new radio stations with the launch of digital radio (DAB+) services from today, Monday 19 March.

Listeners will be able to enjoy the full range of ABC Radio services including Double J, ABC Jazz, ABC Country, ABC Extra, ABC Grandstand, Unearthed and ABC KIDS listen.

Additionally, they will be able to tune in to SBS Radio services including SBS Radio1, SBS Radio2, SBS Radio3, SBS Arabic24 and music stations – SBS Chill, SBS PopDesi and SBS PopAsia.

Director of ABC Regional & Local, Michael Mason, said, “The introduction of digital radio in Hobart is an important milestone for the ABC as it coincides with the launch of the latest addition to our digital-only channels, ABC KIDS listen. We are sure that the pre-school audience in Hobart will enjoy this new channel as much as children have in other parts of the country since its launch several weeks ago.”

SBS (Acting) Director of Audio and Language Content, Pip Spilsbury said, “We are thrilled to be launching permanent digital services in Hobart and extending SBS’s reach to more audiences. With the permanent installation, our audiences will now be able to enjoy the complete range of services provided by SBS Radio.”

The benefits of DAB+ services include:

- Tuning by station name
- Pause, rewind and record options
- Exceptional sound quality compared to AM/FM analogue services
- Additional text information on songs and artists as well as news and weather updates

There are more than 230 DAB+ digital receivers available in the market in all shapes and sizes with an array of functions. Some receivers are DAB+ only and some have FM services included.

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