

# IA brief Activity and informational Report to Members from the Board executive for the 2023 AGM.

The focus of Internet Australia's activities since our last AGM in November 2022, has been on our now foundational platforms as a peak body:-

- **Maintaining status as an active Chapter 'In Good Standing' in the Internet Society**, voting in various leadership appointments ballots, contributing to strategic planning processes, various surveys, and policy development, As well as being engaged in and selecting for special interest and standing working groups, with the Representative to the Chapters Advisory Council (ChAC) serving on the 2023 Steering Committee as an APAC Regional appointment in the role of Chair
- **Policy Advice, Comment and Input into relevant Australian ICT industry and government matters:-**

## [Submission regarding the draft Australian Digital ID Bill 2023.](#)

Submission of papers Oct 10, 2023

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## [Submission to Department of Infrastructure, Transport, 20 August 2023 Regional Development, Communications Communications Legislation Amendment And the Arts on Communications Legislation Amendment \(Combatting Misinformation Disinformation\) Bill 2023](#)

Submission of papers Aug 20, 2023

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## [Co-Authorship of the AUSTRALIAN INTERNET GOVERNANCE COMMUNITY INPUT TO THE GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT](#)

Submission of papers

### **Current:-**

- **Encryption** - working with ISOC Global and Access Now within the global encryption coalition, including the current development of a rebuttal to the Australian e-Safety Commissioners' current position statement, being drafted by our Policy WG.
- **Internet Governance issues, including-**
  - Being the Organisational 'home' of the Australian Internet Governance Forum, NetThing, a recognised National or Regional Initiative (NRI) under the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF) structure Internet Australia forms part of and facilitates the administration and funding of NetThing and serves as an integral part of its Multistakeholder Organising Committee.
    - NetThing23 was held as a Day 0 (28 August) event colocated with the 2023 Asia Pacific Regional IGF (APrIGF) 29- 31 August, the Pacific IGF (28-29 August) and a Parliamentary IGF track (29 Aug - 1 Sept) held in Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Center see <https://netthing.org.au/>

- Contributing to the organisation via being a lead in the Multistakeholder committee of APriGF and contributing to all of its SubCommittees, including a role as coordinator of the Events Committee, as well as being a Silver Sponsor for the event via both In-Kind and Cash contributions. see <https://www.aprifg.au/>
- Contributing to a sharing of ideas group facilitated by auDA, which brings together various Australian multistakeholders considered as 'Significantly Interested Parties', Entities, Individuals or Peak bodies engaged with or interested in Internet Governance, World Summit on Information Society [WSIS](#) (noting that Internet Australia is a long-standing participant in WSIS having sent its then CEO Tony Hill as part of the Australian delegation to the World Summit on Information Society in Tunis in 2005 and has maintained its involvement in this arena ever since) and WSIS+20, the UN Secretary General's [Envoy on Technology's Global Digital Compact](#) the [2024 Summit of the Future](#) and similar matters and fora see also [auDA's Internet Governance Roadmap](#), which Internet Australia wholeheartedly supports and endorses.
  - Outcomes from this discourse include-
    - Assistance with the drafting of and being a signature to an Australian perspective on a call for comments regarding the Global Digital Compact
    - Development and proposals for various sessions at National, Regional and Global IGFs
    - Preparation for and input into ICANN and other I\* meetings such as APRICOT, IETF, APTLD etc.,
- **Functioning as an ICANN At-Large Structure (ALS)**
  - Continued contributions to the Policy Development and other activities within ICANN, including but not limited to contributions to the At Large Advisory Committee's Consolidated Policy and Operations Finance and Budget Working Groups.
  - Continued active engagement in the Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Organisation (APRALO) as an At-Large Structure, including but not limited to engagement in the APAC Space meetings regarding policy development and any APAC-specific views, engagement in the APRALO Policy Forum and APRALO regular meetings and General Assembly, voting as needs be in APRALO ballots when called.

We are aware of an issue with the payment gateway on the Membership system that we trust will be rectified after an extensive update/upgrade Joomla planned for after the AGM and before the end of the calendar year. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this recurring error.

If any member or interested party wishes to join the Policy Working group for 2024 or has suggestions for any other Special Interest Grouping that we might consider, please let us know by emailing [membership@internet.org.au](mailto:membership@internet.org.au)

The ISOC Membership management portal will be porting to a new system during December. The following is the latest update regarding this transition-

[AMS Transition Update - 01 Nov 2023](#)

Hello colleagues,

I'm excited to announce that we are launching the new AMS, Fonteva, on December 11, 2023. The Internet Society teams have worked hard to

mitigate the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) and data migration issues previously identified. Now, we're confident to be able to deliver a new, state-of-the-art AMS for our chapters, community, and staff.

The new system has undergone accessibility, security, and regression testing. And we've completed the initial data migration load. We've worked with our community engagement managers to obtain a group of Chapter Leaders ready to conduct UAT - slated to occur the week of November 13. I want to thank those leaders in advance for their commitments.

With the launch slated to occur on December 11, we are planning the "system shutdown" to occur on Friday, December 1 at 20:00 UTC. Previously, I put a hold for the shutdown to occur Monday, December 4. However, in reviewing the shutdown timeline, shutting down at COB that Friday will afford us the opportunity to migrate all data, perform all system checks, and roll-out a new system for everyone with confidence.

As a reminder, during the shutdown you will not have access to Membernova, Connect, or Fluxx (the Internet Society Foundation's grant management system - as a Chapter Leader). We are also anticipating a temporary interruption in access to Docebo (the Internet Society's learning management platform) as we switch the Identity and Access Management (IAM) path. However, Docebo's access is expected to be restored within a couple hours of the shutdown.

We will be providing training "how to" videos and tech manuals after UAT is completed and all issue(s) are remediated, if necessary.

Respectfully,

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If you are not receiving messages directly from ISOC or the ISOC APAC Region, please let us know with an email to [membership@internet.org.au](mailto:membership@internet.org.au), as we will rectify this once the new AMS is up and running.

**IETF is coming to Australia in 2024;** IETF 119 is to be held from 16 to 22 March 2024 in Brisbane at the BCEC see [IETF 119](#)

**Invitation to all IA Members:**

**Join a Special Session on Internet Society Pulse on 16 November 2023 at 08:30am UTC - [Register now!](#)** All APAC members have been sent an invitation.