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President's Report to Annual General Meeting 2013

It has been a very full year for ISOC-AU.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

In October we ran a business event subsequent to the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) drawing participants across the industry to hear of the wheelings and dealings regarding the telecommunications treaty. This event was as a follow up to the one held in the May prior, demonstrating we follow through on issues of importance. We also ran three more casual events in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra and contributed strongly to the first Australian Internet Governance Forum where last year's AGM was held. The most recent Sydney event was held in conjunction with ISOC and addressed the priorities in the lead up to the election. This has been a great help in our discussions with the media.

In October 2012 we ran another successful IPv6 Summit in conjunction with the Australian Industry (AI) group with over 100 delegates and a full program. Whilst this has shown itself to be a critical event in keeping people abreast of IPv6 adoption within Australia and more broadly, a lower attendance than previous years, and a changeover of event management means that we will put this event on hold for the time being.

With the depletion of IPv4 addresses in 2011, we again coordinated Australia's contribution to the highly successful ISOC World IPv6 Day in June (see www.ipv6.org.au for our contribution to World IPv6 Day). This year's emphasis was on progress, and we were pleased to note progress particularly from government agencies, however Australia's privileged position as an early IPv4 adopter means we continue to lag IPv6 migration.

The coming year promises to be as active. We have started planning a series of seminars on a range of Internet issues to be held in both Sydney and Melbourne, and hopefully webcast to our other members. Some of the topics will include Internet security, the 'cloud', NBN in regional Australia and copyright. We will also continue our involvement on cyber-security issues through participation in Government cyber-security awareness activities and in the discussion on the NBN as it evolves. We will probably continue the series of casual events and we continue to seek inexpensive venues and collaborations.

SUBMISSIONS

We remain active through submissions to government and industry working groups. This last year we made submissions to the auDA Industry Advisory Panel, the ALRC Reference Panel on Copyright, on disability standards, to both the Internet Industry Association and DBCDE on the iCode Review, and to the Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security both in writing and appearing before the committee. This

has been challenging to resource, but assistance from the Policy Committee has enabled a high standard of quality.

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Ausregistry and Google have also very generously continued their support of ISOC-AU as Silver sponsors. Our Enterprise and Foundation members are also valued supporters of ISOC-AU. We also very much appreciate the important in-kind support from Maddocks, Lateral Plains, Optus, and PPS.

ISOC-AU has been steadily growing its Foundation member class through continuing to reach out to online businesses.

ADMINISTRATION

The Directors would like to formally record their gratitude for the work of the Honorary President Narelle Clark, the Honorary Vice President George Fong, the Honorary Treasurer Paul Brooks and the Honorary Secretary Roger Clarke.

This year has been challenging as it is the first full year in some time that we have operated without an Executive Director. The success of the program based approach has been mixed, with some committees stronger than others. We would welcome further member involvement in this in order to strengthen the effectiveness. Committees include: Policy, Events, Governance Task Force, Marketing and Promotion (FUMP) as well as Special Interest Groups.

DIRECTORS' ACTIVITIES

Your Board remains active, giving a range of presentations in many forums on topics from Copyright through to the Internet Standards process and how to participate in it. Indeed, many of these presentations can be delivered for your own organisation or affiliated group – let me, or one of the other Directors, know and we'll arrange it.

Our other areas of focus are on cyber security and domain name issues. We are fortunate to have strong communications with other relevant organisations, including through common Directorships with the Board and policy panels of auDA, as well as ACCAN, EFA and APF.

We are also involved in international forums through our participation in the United Nations Internet Governance Forum, ICANN's APRALO meetings and many ISOC activities. I also continue to serve as a member of the ISOC Board of Trustees and sit on its Executive, Bylaws, and Audit Committees.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support,

Narelle Clark
President
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