

From the WIA Board Table

Official News from the WIA Board of Directors.

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This Information is for Dissemination to all Radio Amateurs

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Editorial

The Board has been very busy at year's end as 2016 approaches. As you will read in this newsletter the main activities of the WIA have been consideration of all applicants for the role of Executive Administrator for the WIA Office in Bayswater, Melbourne, the resignation of Chris Platt VK5CP as a WIA Director after good work and is now at the Fair Work Commission, the annual Board elections, the WIA AGM on Norfolk Island, and distribution of the Callbook 2016.

If fact over 12 months there have been many good changes, and more are planned.

On behalf of all Directors, may I wish you a Happy New Year 2016.

For more information on any of these issues check the WIA web site www.wia.org.au

Phil Wait WIA President



1 New band at WRC-15 through WIA & IARU representation

A new allocation of 5351.5 – 5366.5 kHz was approved at the World Radiocommunications Conference held November 2-27.

It will take time and effort by the WIA, working with the ACMA to see how it can work in the Australian context with many incumbents already given 5 MHz.

But the outcome of WRC-15 and the new band have in no small part been the work of a team.

Enormous thanks to Dale Hughes VK1DSH for being at Geneva, and taking part in lead-up events.

If and when Australia gets the new secondary allocation at 60 m remains unknown as there will be discussions with the ACMA to address local issues.

2. ANZAC 100 closure

The ANZAC 100 program entered its "last hurrah" phase on December 12-20. There have been 50 events in the past eight months, joined by commemorative callsigns in Turkey and Belgium.

ANZAC-suffixed callsigns commemorated the departure from Gallipoli on December 20, 1915.

On the last day, WIA President Phil Wait VK2ASD gave a closing address that was broadcast.

3. New WIA office position

A short-list of candidates for the role of Executive Administrator was finalised and interviews to be held.

The new advertised position at the WIA office in Bayswater, Melbourne, will respond better to meet the needs of the Board and the membership.

4. WIA Board nominations

WIA members were sent a notice of the election of Directors for the WIA Board. Three Director positions, which run for two years, take effect from 28 May 2016, after the AGM on Norfolk Island. Nominations close January 31.

5. Callbook 2016 available

This must-have annual publication and in-shack resource is now available.

Order a copy from radio clubs and on the WIA website.

The WIA member price is \$25, while non-members can purchase the callbook for \$30.

6. Office holidays closure

The WIA office is closed for the until Monday January 11, 2016, when all normal functions including the WIA Exam Service resume.

7. WIA AGM on Norfolk Island

The package offer to attend the WIA Annual General Meeting in May 2016 on Norfolk Island is now closed.

Anyone wishing to attend the AGM can still do so, but now need to make their own travel arrangements.

About 90 have taken up the WIA flight and accommodation deal. The WIA AGM at Norfolk Island is on May 27, 28, & 29. More details will be put on the WIA website.

8. VIOANZAC at Casey Station

After duties involved with the landing of the giant RAAF C17 Globemaster supply aircraft, VIOANZAC was activated on Sunday November 22.

At the microphone was Doug VK0DMV putting VIOANZAC on air for the second time - his earlier WIA ANZAC 100 program session was in August.

This time he worked 68 stations. eQSL and QSL cards via the Bureau will be sent for all contacts made.

Doug VK0DMV, who is holidaying with his family has agreed to be one of the guest speakers at the WIA 2016 AGM on Norfolk Island.

His presentation that includes pictures and first-hand accounts of his Antarctic exploits, will be very memorable.