

# From the WIA Board Table

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## Editorial

Our second WIA Board meeting for 2015 was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February.

At this Board meeting there was a lot of discussion around the Annual General Meeting to be held in Canberra on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2015. Preparations for the AGM are well underway and registrations will be on the WIA web site shortly. We have a great range of speakers and at this AGM we will acknowledge the Amateur Radio Assessors and Trainers and the work they do to bring new entrants into Amateur Radio

This news letter will provide a brief overview of each of the identified WIA Boards priority areas.

For more information on any of these issues check the WIA web site [www.wia.org.au](http://www.wia.org.au) or email the WIA Office.

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## 1. WAC Activities

Dale Hughes has been busy with meetings that relate to the Worlds Radiocommunications Conference -- ITU 2015 meeting. Dale tabled a report for the Board on the 4th

meeting of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity WRC-15 Preparatory Group (APG15-4) dated 14 February 2015. As would be expected there are differences of opinion. Australia and New Zealand congruent on most matters and, although there are difficulties in finding common ground between ITU member countries, we do hope to have some good news to tell later this year.

## 2. ANZAC Centenary

The WIA Board have resolved that the cut-off date for receipt and acceptance of applications for ANZAC related call signs is 31 March 2015.

ANZAC callsign bookings have been good and where overlaps in proposed dates have occurred the majority of groups have shown consideration and been flexible enough to adapt..

## 4. Review Club Insurance

A Club insurance review has taken place and Club renewals have been sent to clubs. Watch for Ted Thrift's email relating to insurance and clubs are reminded that the payment date is 23<sup>rd</sup> March. For further information contact the WIA Office.

## 5. Band plan review

The band plan review is continuing and an updated

plan for 630, 40 and 6 metres has now been placed on the WIA website. The 2 metre and 70cm bandplans are still under discussion and it is hoped a consolidated position can be found quickly so that this complex issue can move toward completion.

## 6. Website and WIA IT Requirements

The Board has commenced examination of WIA Business IT related issues. The first step will be to look at the business case for any changes and then cost. This is likely to be a long term project and will involve extensive consultation. The Board are adamant that the current level of service will be maintained while any changes are being developed.

## 7. VHF/UHF Field Days

Roger Harrison has been looking at the results of the VHF/UHF field days and has received indication that both the distance and grid square aspects of the activity are equally accepted. The Board have resolved that the 2015 VHF/UHF Field days shall continue using Division 1 and Division 2 scoring rules and further development of rules and scoring systems shall be considered at the end of 2015.

