

From the WIA Board Table

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Editorial

I wish all Radio Amateurs, their friends and family all the very best for 2015 and hope this year brings health and happiness to all.

Our first WIA Board meeting for 2015 was held on the 20th January.

At this meeting the Board members looked at all the items to be addressed and selected the priority areas to be focussed on during 2015.

This requires careful consideration and although the priority areas are identified the Board must not lose track of all the other issues to be addressed.

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

For more information on any of these issues check the WIA web site www.wia.org.au or email the WIA Office. nationaloffice@wia.org.au

Phil Wait WIA President



1. ACMA and Department of Communications activities

The discussions with ACMA relating to the LCD remake will continue.

The first meeting with the Department of Communications relating to Spectrum will occur early this month or early next month.

2. ANZAC Centenary

The ANZAC commemoration will officially commence over the ANZAC weekend in April 2015 and will continue by commemorating major events until 2017. The major commemoration activities will be from 25th April until 20th December 2015.

Bookings for ANZAC callsign use are now on line at the WIA web site. The bookings for callsign use are on a first in, first allocated basis.

3. AGM and Conference

The AGM this year will be held in Canberra on the 8th 9th and 10th of May 2015.

This year the AGM will have an AR educational theme as this is the 10th year since the introduction of the new LCD and the Foundation Licence. Recognition for assessors who have provided 10 years of assessment service will take place.

4. Review Club Insurance

A Club insurance review will take place this year to make sure the WIA has best value for members.

5. Band plan review

The band plan review will continue this year. There is further consultation planned, and the WIA Board will seek input from various committees and members to canvas the widest possible views before making a decision on very complex issues relating to band planning.

6. Increasing on-line presence of AR magazine

The Board will continue to promote Amateur Radio through a strong on line presence by promoting the on line version of Amateur Radio Magazine.

7. Committee system

Fine tuning of the committee system will take place during the year. Some committees are working well and other are struggling. Further effort and emphasis will be placed on the committees to get things done and make representative presentations to the Board.

8. Improving club liaison and local representation

Dissemination of information to members is a key issue. This newsletter is one initiative. Other initiatives to better communication are under consideration

9. Office Structure and Future Directions

A review of the WIA Office activities will take place, looking for greater efficiencies and better member service provision. This will continue the good work already carried out during 2014.

10. Website

The Board will look at the WIA web site with the view to seeking a way to even further improve the way information is presented to Australian Radio Amateurs.