

From the WIA Board Table

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Editorial

The Board had lengthy discussions at this month's meeting relating to the 2m and 70cm Bandplans, Both at our on line meeting and subsequently by Email. The discussions were related to the various submissions received. The Board very much appreciates the time and effort clubs and individuals have put into the Bandplan revision in order to make it more appropriate to all amateur radio users. The final bandplan has now been approved by the Board and has been placed on the WIA Website. The WIA Board wish to thank all those who worked to produce this plan and those who contributed through the consultation process.

This news letter will provide a brief overview of the WIA Board's 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.

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1 Primary Schools and Amateur Radio

A request was received for the WIA Board to clarify the situation relating to operation of an Amateur Radio station by a Foundation Licence holder. The Board has sought advice on this issue as there is some ambiguity which the Board will seek to clarify in the remake of the LCD.

The outcome of these discussions are that, provided there is absolute supervision of a non licence person speaking into the microphone, a Foundation Licence holder can supervise such a session.

2. Concessional Membership

The Board has had discussions relating to concessional membership of the WIA. It has been resolved that a definition of a concessional member is required. This will be developed and published in AR. After consultation a final definition will be proposed at the 2016 AGM as this definition will require inclusion into the WIA constitution.

3. Norfolk Island AGM and for 2016

The 2016 AGM open forum and presentation is planned to be held on Norfolk Island. Registrations are very strong with 50 registered to attend with paid deposits. The Board resolved to further publicise the event through the WIA Membership Network. Arrangements are being made to live stream the event with opportunity for members to make contribution at the open forum.

4. WIA Web Site

A strategy document has been produced for the future development of the WIA web site. This document provided a process for progressive development of the WIA web site and provides the steps to achieve an upgraded web service for Amateur Radio.

The strategy activities will be implemented offline and progressively introduced after testing and validation.

5. Membership Plan

A membership plan is being developed. Two activities will commence immediately. These are:

1. A digital version of AR will be provided to each new Foundation Licence Holder with the view to encourage membership of the WIA

2. A telephone call will be made to members who have not renewed their membership in 2015, to identify the reason (s) why membership has not been renewed and as a reminder that their membership renewal is due.

6. Grants Program

Special projects grants will be made available by the WIA. The WIA will be calling for suggestions and ideas in the near future. Please note any suggestions and ideas will require a formal proposal including how the project will be managed and outcomes achieved. These Grants will be quite different from those of the the previous WIA Clubs Grants scheme.

7. Reciprocal Licence Review – Progress

Please note that reciprocal licence applications will be held over until this review is completed. Advice of this review has been made available in AR on the WIA web site and in previous newsletters. <http://www.wia.org.au/newsevents/news/2015/20150528-1/index.php>

We are expecting to see some changes to reciprocal licensing that are being driven by changes to overseas standards of Amateur Licence levels. There will also be additions to the non- acceptable for amateur qualifications for the MROCP and the VHF MROCP. We are waiting for ACMA advice.

8. Negotiation with Antarctic Division to Activate VIOANZAC

The WIA is currently negotiating with Antarctic Division to take our ANZAC commemoration to the Antarctic. Notice will be provided as soon as we have confirmation of the event.

Notice will be short and so will activation time due to Station activities, and weather may also impact on operations. Doug VK0DMV is the operator.