

From the WIA Board Table

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This Information is for Dissemination to all Radio Amateurs

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Editorial

This Board meeting was held on the Sunday after the Annual General Meeting while all the Board members were together in Canberra. This was the Board's only face to face meeting for the year as monthly meetings are held over "Go to Meeting" teleconferencing, a substantial saving for the WIA..

The meeting provided an opportunity to set the operational priorities for the 2015-2016 year.

The first item on the agenda was the election of the Office Bearers, President and Vice President. Phil Wait, was re-elected as president and Fred Swainston was elected as Vice President. Secretary, David Williams and Treasurer John Longayroux will continue for another year. Bob Bristow from Western Australia will continue attending Board Meetings as an observer.

The second item was a review of the AGM and associated activities in order to identify areas where the AGM and Open Forum can be improved.

Then on with general business.

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 Communications with Members and Radio Amateurs

The events of the weekend were discussed and it was agreed that several key issues emerged:

- A review of and improvement in communications with members and Clubs was required;
- Improvement in WIA Office communications was also required; and
- A media schedule would be beneficial to promote AR events.

Improvements in communications with affiliated clubs, individual members, and functional committees was identified as a high priority area.

2. ACMA to Introduce Project HELM

The Board are enthusiastic to improve the WIA's "on line" presence. However the ACMA's introduction of Project HELM is likely to delay any IT changes until there is certainty about the functionality of ACMA's new IT system. We will have to wait! In the meantime a process review of WIA Office activities will take place in preparation for Project Helm introduction.

3. Proposal for Norfolk Island AGM for 2016

The Board proposed that the next (2016) AGM be held on Norfolk Island. At the meeting 66 people expressed interest in attending and at the time of this newsletter 117 expressions of interest have been received.

Although not yet finalised as our 2016 AGM destination, it appears that the members are sufficiently interested to go to

this beautiful VK9 island for the 2016 AGM.

If you wish to express interest you can do so by filling in the form on the WIA web site. The WIA will negotiate packages at very reasonable prices.

4. ANZAC Commemoration

ANZAC commemorations continue. So far there have been about 10,000 contacts made using the ANZAC callsigns. If you would like to activate an ANZAC callsign please contact Fred VK3DAC via email trainsafe@silvertrain.com.au

5. Consolidation of Functional Advisory Committees

During 2015/16 the Board will be consolidating the functional and advisory committees with the view to improve representation and focus on strategic activities. There will be changes as these plans are rolled out and for those who are active or wish to be active on committees there will be plenty of opportunities.

6. Exam Officer Dianne Ashton Retirement

Dianne our Examinations Officer has resigned. Dianne will be missed at the WIA Office and by our members, in particular members who are involved in assessment. The Board thanked Dianne for her services over 9 years and wishes her well in her retirement.

The Examination Officer role will be filled and the WIA Board have taken this opportunity to reorganise the work required at the WIA Office.

