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### Editorial

This is the first of the newsletters that will be published by the WIA Board of Directors following the monthly board meetings.

This is as a result of the survey conducted by the WIA earlier this year where it was indicated that there was an expectation of members to have a better awareness of WIA Board activities.

The Board is addressing this requirement by making this newsletter available to all affiliated and non affiliated radio orientated clubs and groups.

At this point in time there are about 30 issues being addressed, far too much for a one page newsletter, so this newsletter will address the “hot” items on the Board agenda.

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. [nationaloffice@wia.org.au](mailto:nationaloffice@wia.org.au)

**Phil Wait WIA President**



### LCD Remake

ACMA have advised that the sunset clause for the current Amateur Radio LCD will come into effect in October 2015. The WIA Board, after consultation with

members, has lodged a preliminary submission with ACMA recommending changes to the LCD.

The main thrust of the WIA recommendation is to ensure that future technology changes do not inhibit radio amateurs from making maximum use of our spectrum allocation.

Given the current Dpt of Comms. Spectrum Review process is ongoing (see below), and the fact that many of the WIA's LCD recommendations would need to go through a full public consultation process, and the limited time now available, we expect ACMA will renew the current LCD to allow the continuation of the amateur service, and then embark on a more major and lengthy review process in line with the WIA's request.



### Spectrum Review

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull announced a review of all spectrum allocations. WIA Board members subsequently attended a meeting with the Department of Comms. and ACMA executives who are responsible for the review.

The WIA was invited to lodge a formal submission to the Departments Review, and a submission was prepared and lodged. The WIA Board adopted the approach that the public benefit of the amateur service is our most important aspect and amateur regulation should allow for future development of the hobby. We also argued that our

spectrum allocation should be maintained.

The Department has recently released a Potential Directions paper and further consultation is expected.



### ANZAC Commemoration 2015

The WIA board has developed a plan for the 2015 ANZAC commemoration.

This plan involves New Zealand and Turkey. The Department of Veteran Affairs has provided approval for the use of the word ANZAC in our callsigns during a specified period.

The primary callsign will be VK100ANZAC and there will be a callsign for each State and Territory using the prefix VI.

The ANZAC event has already commenced with the First Shot Fired commemoration by Australia in WWI and the next event will be the embarkation date for troops from WA in WW1 where VI6ANZAC will be used.

The ANZAC event will be officially opened on 25 April 2015 and State and Territory callsigns will be available for clubs and groups until the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The full plan for this commemorative event is on the WIA web site along with the requirements for the ANZAC callsign use.

To participate, apply for a callsign on line at the WIA web site.

