

From the WIA Board Table

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Editorial

As most of you are aware it has been a difficult year, and one I hope won't be repeated in a hurry.

The business of the WIA will continue. On behalf of all Board members I wish you and yours the complements of the season and hope the New Year meets all your expectations, and for the DX'ers, lots of good activity.

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 General Meeting Called By Members

Based on advice sought from a Barrister the general meeting called by members could not proceed. The full content of the Barrister's advice was been circulated and available on the WIA web site.

2. Resignation of Directors and Treasurer

Directors Paul Simmonds and Andrew Smith tendered their resignations. The Board accepted them and noted appreciation for their contribution to the WIA. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer also resigned. Chris Hendry as our Treasurer, made a major contribution to the WIA and his assistance is appreciated.

The WIA will be appointing an external accountant to finalise the 2016 accounts and assist with the preparation for the WIA annual financial Audit.

3.Change to Audit Schedule

The WIA Board have adopted a Treasurer recommendation that the annual WIA Audit Review be upgraded to a Financial Audit. Although at additional cost, an Audit will give members confidence that reporting of the 2016 finances is thorough and will be correct.

4. WIA Volunteer Charter

The WIA Board is very keen to increase the volunteer participation in a wide range of activities. To assist with the volunteer structure, a Volunteer Charter has been developed and has been circulated for comment from our volunteers. This charter will become the cornerstone of the WIA committee structure. The charter will be released to the Amateur Radio community for final consultation and then implementation.

5. Strategy Review

A strategy review document has been produced by Peter Young, VK3MV. This document will be circulated to Board members for consideration and initial feedback. Further consultation will take place and the Board is considering the implementation of an independent Strategy Committee to continue this work.

6. Consultation Policy

A Consultation Policy has been developed based on Federal and State Government best practice. This policy has been in draft for some months, will be further developed in the New Year. It will now be trialled before being put to the incoming Board for its further consideration.

7. ANZAC Publication

There have been 90 pre-sales of the WIA ANZAC Publication "Men and Women at War."

The benefit of a discount price is offered for early bird orders.

As printing will not occur over the break, the WIA Board have extended the early bird offer to the January 23, 2017. Orders are on line at the WIA website bookshop.

8. WIA Merit Awards Open

The WIA seeks nominations for its Merit Awards. These will be presented at the WIA AGM in South Australia, May 2017. The criteria plus a Nomination Form will be on the WIA web site. Nominations close March 31.

9. WIA Constitution Review Committee

The draft recommendations will be sent back to the Constitution Review Committee for further consideration. It was hoped that an updated constitution would be presented at the 2017 AGM, but that has now been changed to the 2018 AGM, to give sufficient time for further recommendations and member consultation.

10. Archive Collection Policy

A review of this long standing policy has now been completed. It began three years ago and was due to review in December. There have been a few minor changes and it will be updated shortly.

11. ACMA Reporting

The end of calendar year ACMA report is well under way and will be completed in January 2017. This is well ahead of schedule and will be provided to ACMA by the required date.

12. WIA Office Closure

The WIA office closed from the 22 December to the 23rd January. Many thanks to Bruce and Petra for the great work they have carried out this year.

