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REPORT ON LIAISON WITH THE CLUBS

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The WIA has made a lot of progress with developing the clubs relationship through affiliation. Of the near 140 clubs known at 16 May 2004, over 100 have formalised affiliation. For this report I will use a list of WIA – Club services, as the clubs can only benefit if they know about them and know how to use them.

Conference of Clubs

During 2006 it is proposed to hold Club Conferences in at least four states, possibly more. Participation in these one-day conferences allows the WIA to hear about clubs needs and ideas. It also an opportunity for clubs to gain a more detailed understanding of WIA policy and issues.

Club details and Communication

Keeping track of 140 clubs is no small task but a number of available tools make it possible.

- Web page Clubs List

This is more than a list of names and addresses, it is also our prime record of clubs. Via this list your club is advertised and current addresses make it possible for the WIA and prospective members, to contact you. Your cooperation is essential. By ensuring that your information is complete, including your meeting and activity dates, locations, you make the list viable. Please use the UPDATE form on the clubs page to maintain your data.

- WIA – Clubs Mailing List

This is a list of club nominated email addresses, which makes it possible for the WIA to reach every club with a single email message. Clubs too may use the list for brief messages to all other clubs. No attachments please and maximum message size is about two pages. The address is clubs@lists.wia.org.au. It works well if the addresses are current and read regularly. To change the address for your club, use the clubs update form.

- Clubs listed in the Call Book

The information comes from the Clubs list on the web page, whatever is there at 30th June is what will go into the Call Book. Please check early in June and use the Update form to correct it.

- Clubs offering Licence courses and exams

These are listed in the Education section and updated on direct advice to me at vk2ara@wia.org.au. Depending on available space, this list should be published in the next Call Book.

- WIA Events Calendar

This facility was set up on the WIA web page to allow clubs to give advance notice to all other clubs, of their planned events. It does not mean that your event date is “Reserved” but at least there is a chance of avoiding conflicting dates. The calendar is intended for events of Regional, State or National interest. It is not meant to be used to schedule regular monthly “club” events. Special occasions at club level are welcome but routine and recurring meetings or activities should be shown in the Clubs List, via the Update form.

Other WIA – Club Services

- Examination Service

The WIA Examination Service operates under conditions agreed with ACMA. The WIA is responsible for the registration and accreditation of WIA Assessors, and it is important that the WIA’s public liability insurance covers the Assessors. To this end all Assessors must be WIA members and all sponsoring clubs must be affiliated clubs.

- Club publicity

Affiliated clubs are welcome to send club news articles to AR magazine. Affiliated clubs can also arrange for paid advertisements by contacting Newsletters Unlimited, see page one of AR magazine.

- Liability Insurance

Affiliated clubs are welcome to join the WIA/QBE Liability insurance package. Note that as the WIA already pays premium for all WIA members, clubs pay only their club premium and a charge per head for non-WIA members. There are now 80 clubs covered in this package. The current cover runs until 1 April 2007 but clubs may apply to join at any time. Costs will be advised after referral to the broker. For details about the policy, see Broadform Policy in the right hand side of the clubs page.

- Promotional Material and Banners

The WIA has a number of promotional posters for use at field days. Affiliated clubs may borrow or buy posters by contacting the national office.

- Club copy of AR Magazine

Affiliated clubs are invited to subscribe to AR magazine to receive one copy of each AR magazine, for the special annual subscription of \$ 45-00.

- Club fund raising

The WIA provides an opportunity for clubs to benefit from sales of items such as, Call book sales, Foundation Licence Manuals, Bookshop and Image wear.

- WIA – Clubs Grants Scheme

The WIA has resolved to offer a Grants scheme to affiliated clubs, along similar lines as previously operated in VK4 Division. More detailed information about this will be available very soon.