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The Internet has grown much since the inception of APANA. Fifteen years ago members may well have been connecting to the Internet via a text-based terminal emulation program using a 1200bps modem. Today, access is a thousand or more times faster and the uses and services available over the Internet have also expanded a thousandfold.

APANA has grown with the Internet. Not a growth measured in membership numbers, but in the expectations and opportunities for members. This will continue in the years to come as new ideas are injected into the organisation.

Ideas, direction and energy are important for an organisation such as ours. APANA exists to cater to the varied needs of its membership, and any way in which our aims can be achieved, no matter how small or large, should be considered rather than let wither on the vine. And although change can be difficult and fraught with challenges, it should be embraced if we are to keep up and remain relevant with the changing world around us.

I thank the regions, their committees and members for the time, work and dedication they have given to APANA. The changes made over the last twelve months have placed the organisation in a position from which to continue well into the second decade of this century.

Marc Walters
President, APANA

