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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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Presidents Report 2015
Jeffrey Toll

2015 has been a relative quiet year for APANA without any major incidents or issues arising. Membership has stabilised at around 60 APANA members, which is only slightly less than last year.

Regionally, South Australia and Hunter still continue to be the most active APANA regions with all other regions either very quiet or virtually inactive.

Many thanks to the core group of volunteers who keep APANA running from day to day, whether it be the technical aspects of networking or it be administrative and management.

May APANA prosper for the next year.

Jeffrey Toll
APANA President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Matthew Brady

Region	Members October 2015	Members October 2014	Change
SA	24	24	-
Hunter	10	11	Down 1
Melbourne	6	7	Down 1
Brisbane	5	5	-
ICR	5	5	-
Perth	4	4	-
Sydney	3	3	-
ACT	3	6	Down 3
TOTAL	**60**	**65**	**Down 5**

The 2014/15 year has been a relatively quiet year for APANA, however there was been a gradual contraction in membership across the country. ACT have joined Sydney and Perth to be below 5 members.

Despite that, the overall future outlook for APANA looks to be good with a continual running of operations and services.

Matthew Brady
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT:
John Childs

Although elected to position of Treasurer at the APANA 2014 AGM I was unable to carry out duties until June 2015. I thank Carolyn Baird for the manner which she willingly continued "keeping all up-to-date" for the year and since June for the willing manner in which she has assisted me, answering many questions and providing explanations on how the financial records hang together.

A thank you to Mirko Fluhrer for his assistance in my obtaining in access to the membership Database, collection/forwarding mail and depositing of mailed payments.

Similarly, as Carolyn reported in 2014, again (primarily due to her financial stewardship) APANA's financial position continued to improve.

Active regions, namely Adelaide and Hunter, are managing their finances and should remain viable throughout the balance of this financial year. Other Regions finances appear that they will stay much as they are with no further impact on APANA's financial position.

John Childs
Treasurer

REGION REPORTS:

ACT:
Edwin Gibbons

We are have enjoyed socialising occasionally getting to meet other linux / PC user groups in Canberra.

We are in the process of changing the main feed from vDSL to (old fashioned?) ADSL due to recent changes in iiNet's offering.

Over the last few months we have:
- been experimenting with improving our firewalls after noticing the increased probes and scans over the last few months.
- virtualized some of the previously physical machines in efforts to reduce power usage and heat protudion.
- installed. used and un-installed and variety of 'buntu distributions in search of the "best one".
- started looking at whether the use of VPN for local links might "a good idea" ...

Had a good time ...

Edwin Gibbons
ACT "Hub minder"

Brisbane:
Pauline Sheppard

HUNTER Region:
Carolyn Baird:

Another quiet year for the region.

In the past year Hunter lost 1 member. The region currently has 10 members made up of 2 uucp, 1 domain, 4 mail-news, 1 ethernet, 1 organisation & 1 APANA member only.

Our System Administrator still maintains the network remotely but lives locally so is able to make regular visits for the purpose of performing backups and/or attending to any problems that arise. A few weather related power disruptions occurred during the year that required Giles to be manually rebooted each time. It is the only machine that can't be set to automatically reboot.

The network continues to function remarkably well considering the age of the equipment it relies on and there are no plans to upgrade any of the hardware at this stage.

The Treasurer has raised the question of Hunter upgrading its internet connection to a more economically viable plan. Our system administrator is looking into that.

Carolyn Baird
Regional Co-ordinator
Hunter APANA
9/10/15

Perth Region:
Jeffrey Toll

** 2015 REPORT PENDING **

ICR:
Management Committee

Melbourne:
John Newnham

South Australia Region:
Simon Roberts

The monthly RC meetings have continued and have been well attended.

We continue to support national and other regions in hosting VMs, email and web. We have started our migration to our new VM server running Ubuntu 14.04 LTS using KVM and virt manager.

New SA VM server status:
-migration of web services complete;
-dynamic DNS services in progress;
-firewall migration in progress to supported O/S on separate hardware.
-email migration TBD.
-national DNS server TBD.

There has been a huge effort by Mike Judd to both propose and implement most of this migration effort with the support of Steve and Tony. There has been many technical details debated and resolved but there is still quite a bit of work still to go. Thanks to you all for that dedicated effort.

Simon Roberts
SA RC/MC rep and hub minder

Sydney Region:
Craig Dewick