

# President's Report for WAIA AGM

## 24 September 2013

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## What has WAIA done in the 12 months since last year's AGM?

### 1. Launched IX Australia

- WAIA is an incorporated association, runs on a not for profit basis and is operated for the benefit of its members.
- IX Australia is a registered business name of the Western Australian Internet Association (Inc.)
- WAIA delivers products and services under the IX Australia brand.

***"IX Australia is the independent not-for-profit Internet Peering Exchange service operated for members across Australia by the WA Internet Association. It is commercially-neutral, carrier-neutral and ISP independent."***

- WAIA launched new logo for IX Australia in July 13. Exec still determining brand usage & marketing collateral including IX Australia website badges.
- Launched new IX Australia website - [ix.asn.au](http://ix.asn.au)
- Twitter: IXAustralia Facebook.com/IXAustralia

### 2. Increased and Improved Peering Services

- WAIA started the year with WAIX, VICIX and QLDIX
- We have 6 POPs in Perth at the moment, 2 in Melbourne, 3 in Brisbane, 2 in Sydney and 2 POP locations in Adelaide. Also looking at additional locations for other POPs in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne.
- Current Number of active Peers
  - WA-IX 86
  - VIC-IX 37
  - QLD-IX 33
  - SA-IX 14
  - NSW-IX 34

### Started Peering in SA: SA-IX

- Launched SA-IX in Feb 13. Located in two sites in central Adelaide: Mile End South and Franklin St. Initial peers Adam Internet, Hostexpress, Cinenet, Hostworks
- SA-IX: 14 active, 1 in provisioning. Currently still in trial mode

### Started Peering in NSW: NSW-IX

- Launched in early July 2013. Also launched use of IX-Australia in Sydney. Had launch event in Sydney on 10 July 2013
- Main NSW-IX POP located at Equinix SY1/SY2 in Mascot
  - Foundation peers: AARNet, Anticlockwise, Cine.net, Cloudflare, Highwinds, RWTS, Simtronic, Virtutel, Vocus, Yahoo, and Zettanet
  - Provisioning peers Akamai, Ultraserve, Pacnet, Exetel, Skymesh and Service Elements.
  - **Large content providers peering in NSW-IX include Highwinds, Edgecast, Google, Yahoo, Microsoft, Primus/M2, iiNet, Amazon Web Services**
- IX Australia launched NSW-IX second POP at Global Switch Ultimo in August 2013, we already have NetRegistry, Ultraserve & Anchor peering and more in the pipeline.
- NSW-IX: 34 active, 6 in provisioning.

### Set Price Parity

- Introduced Price Parity in August (for September services). IX Australia now has same consistent Peering prices for all IXs across Australia.

### 3. Launched WA Data Centre for Members

- Storeroom 2 in QV1 Basement, Perth is now fitted out as data centre. Limited rackspace is now available for Colo services. Joe will advise more details and pricing in his report.

#### 4. Undertaken Constitution Review

- Conducted extensive review of the WAIA Constitution. Exec has proposed series of suggested amendments.

#### 5. Improved Membership Information

- WAIA needed a more accurate mailing list. Primary activity was to contact all members to update Contact details and improve mailing system.
- Number of members is currently.
  - Professional 99
  - Corporate 93
  - Affiliates 1

#### 6. Improved our Websites

- Commissioned the professional development of a new Member Portal for WAIA members. To be launched soon.
- Also launched the IX Australia site at [ix.asn.au](http://ix.asn.au)

#### 7. Run Events

- 2012 Members River Cruise
  - Held on Thursday 6th December
  - Attended by approx. 80 members
  - Aboard The Odyssey, Exclusive Charters
- WAIA SGM & Juniper Presentation
  - Held on Wed 17th April, The Hyatt
  - SGM vote resulted in the first drawn ballot in WAIA history, twice.
  - Welcomed Joe Wooller to the WAIA Exec in Prof class
  - Mark Dignam and Simon Dixon joined the Exec as co-opted Corporate class members
  - Juniper presented "Let's Build the Best" helping members prepare for the NBN.
- WA-IX 16th Birthday Party
  - WAIX Launched 24 June 1997. It's 16th Birthday was on Monday 24th June 2013.
  - Held at Etro Bar in Perth
  - Celebrated by approx. 25 members

- NSW-IX Launch
  - Wednesday 10th July
  - Black Penny in Surry Hills, Sydney
  - Attended by about 60 guests

#### 8. Continued our Community Involvement

- WAIA sent a team from the Executive to attend AusNOG 2013 in Sydney in September 2013.
- WAIA made donation of \$2000 to Electronic Frontiers Australia for "Citizens Not Suspects"
- WAIA made donation of \$1,000 to PLUG (Perth Linux Users Group) to assist their work in web streaming of events for Not For Profit groups.
- WAIA was Foundation Supporter of the Smarter Digital RoadMaps for Retailers pilot program, part of the WA Government's WA Business Online initiative.
- WAIA Exec Committee members Richard Keeves & Pawel Mrugalski were judges of the WA Information Technology and Telecommunications Awards (WAiTTA).
- Richard Keeves moderated the Tweetwall at the WAiTTA dinner.

#### 9. Increased our International Memberships

- WAIA became a member of Euro-IX, May 2013

#### 10. Improved our Accounting systems

- Migrated accounting system from MYOB to Xero.

#### 11. Been served well by WAIA Staff & Exec

- Special thanks to
  - Joe Wooller, WAIA's Technical Manager
  - Kellie Ireland, WAIA's Executive Officer
  - Our external bookkeeper Jane, accountant Craig and auditor Leon for valuable ongoing assistance.

**And many thanks to the various Exec Committee members and co-opted Exec members. We're very grateful for the contribution of these willing and capable volunteers.**