

**Internet Society of Australia**  
**A Chapter of the Internet Society**  
**ACN 076 406 801**

**Directors' Report – as at 30 June 2020**

The Board provides the following report to the members in respect of the financial year 2019-20.

**Overview**

The Board worked within resource limitations again this year, including both funding and the time available from Board, Committee and IA members more generally. The last quarter of the financial year was also impacted by constraints associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Policy Activities**

This, the primary area of IA's activities, was dominated by efforts in relation to the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Act 2018 (referred to variously as A&A and TOLA), seeking to get it rescinded or wound back. Written and verbal evidence were provided to the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (INSLM) review, and reflected in the INSLM's Report.

A submission was made to the Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications regarding the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019 (RBS Bill), and we supported a move encouraging Facebook to increase end-to-end security across its messaging services.

**Events**

IA has played a major role in the rejuvenation of the Australian IGF, now called NetThing. Keith Besgrove, Paul Brooks and Cheryl Langdon-Orr were very active in the program preparation and delivery. In addition, IA, through Treasurer Cheryl Langdon-Orr, provides financial services for the event.

The first NetThing event was held at UTS on 28 October 2019. The next is being planned as a virtual event on 1-2 October 2020.

**Financial and Membership Aspects**

The Board continues to work on recovering previous membership and sponsorship levels. Limited progress has been achieved to date, however, and hence expenditure remains tightly constrained.

**Governance Aspects**

Governance was appropriately sustained, including activities in preparation for and consequent on the AGM; ASIC registration matters; Board calendar, agendas and minutes; and management of members' list traffic.

In accordance with the Corporations Act requirement, the Directors declare that, in their opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

During March 2020, Peter Tonoli, a member of the Board since 2017, passed away. The Directors greatly valued his contributions to the Internet Australia Board and to many other civil society organisations and issues he was involved in, across the Internet freedoms and privacy space.

The numbers of Directors Meetings and the numbers of them attended by each of the Directors of the company during the financial year in question were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Eligible</u>	
Greg <b>Adamson</b>	5	6	Retiring
Keith <b>Besgrove</b>	6	6	Continuing
Paul <b>Brooks</b>	6	6	Continuing
Roger <b>Clarke</b>	5	6	Retiring
Sae Ra <b>Germaine</b>	3	6	Continuing
James <b>Horton</b>	3	6	Retiring
Geoff <b>Huston</b>	3	6	Continuing
Cheryl <b>Langdon-Orr</b>	5	6	Continuing
Holly <b>Raiche</b>	5	6	Continuing
Peter <b>Tonoli</b>	3	5	Passed away in March 2020



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Roger Clarke, Secretary, for the Board of the Internet Society of Australia