Chief Executive’s Report

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Purpose of paper: Report for the two months to 31 March 2014

Introduction

This report from the Chief Executive conveys critical risks or other risks Council should be aware of, my priorities in the period since the February Council meeting, planned priorities for the period from now until the end of May 2014, staffing and contractor issues, premises matters, and other matters.

Separate papers, which are “For Information” papers, are attached:

- Operations Update to 31 March 2014
- Travel Reports (from APRICOT 2014)

As always, feedback from Councillors or members on the content of this report is very welcome.

1: Critical / Other / Potential Risks

There are no critical risks to advise the Council of at the reporting date.

Other current or potential risks for Councillors to consider:

- Ongoing description of InternetNZ as a lobbying organisation is misleading. Our charitable purpose is clearly set out in the objects and all the work we do is aimed at achieving it. Lobbying is incidental and trivial, but the perception is sometimes otherwise. We manage this as best we can.
- There are still capacity constraints on the Internet issues side of our work programme. Now the Work Programme Director has been appointed, these should ease over coming months.
- The United States Government’s decision to work towards a transition of the DNS responsibilities to the global multistakeholder community presents potential risks if the transition discussion goes awry.
- The launch of the Internet Party continues to see ICT issues in the spotlight, with associated challenges as mentioned in my last report.

2: Recent Priorities
Operating team
The work that has been done by the operating team is summarised in the Operations Update, with progress over the whole year summarised with the traffic-light style indicators. I draw Council's attention in particular to the following:
- Participation in APRICOT 2014, including prep for our hosting of APRICOT 2016 in Auckland.
- Ongoing brand development work and associated kick off of website rebuild.
- Successful re-forming of the Wellington premises following NZRS's move to the fourteenth floor at Grand Arcade Tower.
- Prep for and attendance at ICANN49 in Singapore.
- Conducting the Internet Research Funding round.
- Membership engagement meetings around the country.
- Strategic partnerships framework negotiated.
- Membership renewals for InternetNZ membership.

Chief Executive
Since the February meeting of the Council, and aside from general work, I have been focused on the following issues, generally in descending priority order:
- Attendance at the OECD ITAC meetings (worthwhile but not as a stand-alone attendance)
- Business plan development and refinement following member engagement
- Completing recruitment of the new Work Programme Director
- Internet Governance matters in preparation for NetMundial, including at ICANN 49 in Singapore
- Further progress on internal staff policies – and broader work on governance policies.

It feels like it has been a very busy start to the year.

Planned priorities identified by me for focus in the previous report that have not progressed as expected are as follows:

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<td>Induction of Work Programme Director</td>
<td>WPD comes on board 14 April.</td>
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<td>Identity and Brand</td>
<td>Progressed but not completed.</td>
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<td>Governance policies</td>
<td>CEs availability and focus on more immediate issues has deferred this further.</td>
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3: Priorities for the next three months
For the period April to June 2014, the following focus areas are planned:
**Operating Team**
- Complete development of, and implement, the new Community Funding system.
- Work planning and progression of the new Business Plan.
- NetHui progression and NetHuiSouth planning (now likely in October).
- Policy engagement and PDP refresh commenced and completed.
- Conducting the 2013/14 year financial audit.
- Participation in a range of other IG events (ICANN 50 in London).
- Brand work hopefully brought to a conclusion.
- New website should be developed, including content.
- Assisting government with next steps in the telco policy review.
- Preparing for the 2014 Council elections and AGM.

**Chief Executive**
The following are my planned broad areas of focus in the April-June period.

- **Induction of Work Programme Director:** making this role work is critical to my ability to perform my role. As such I intend to spend the time and effort required to build the right relationship with and structures for the WPD as they come on board.

- **Work Plan 2014/15:** I will be working with all team members to develop individual work plans that deliver the Business Plan’s priorities, and that help people work to their potential.

- **Staff Annual Reviews:** I will be working through Annual Reviews with all staff during April and May.

- **International:** Ellen and I are focused on building the international plan that sits under the international strategy, to clearly set out what we do and why in each international forum. I will also attend NetMundial in São Paulo as INZ’s rep, and ICANN 50 in London in combination with OECD meetings the week prior.

- **Team resources:** as part of business planning & induction of the WPD, we’ll assess any ongoing gaps in the team and ways to resource these.

- **Governance and internal policy:** there is a period of time in May and June with few travel commitments, that will give me the space to do the writing required to complete this work.

I particularly welcome Council feedback on my priorities, and on any other matters that need to be picked up and advanced.

### 4: Staffing and Contractor matters

**Andrew Cushen** has been appointed to the position of Work Programme Director and starts work on 14 April.

**Mary Tovey** is back at work following her absence for surgery in February.

**Susan Chalmers** has been in New Zealand for parts of March and April, progressing InternetNZ work for some of her time here. She and David represented us well at the select committee hearings on the Harmful Digital Communications Bill.
Colin Jackson has been engaged on a short term basis providing policy support on a range of topics, including the TPP.

Councillors should consider a process to review my Key Performance Areas as CE, in light of the completion of the 2013/14 year.

5: Premises

Level 14 is now occupied by NZRS and the adjustment to internal walls on Level 9 is completed. So the Wellington premises are fine, and the next challenge will be finding a single premises for the whole group to move to when the lease expires in November 2015.

Auckland’s lease has been resolved to our satisfaction, and Council has e-voted its adoption. A welcome function for members and some stakeholders is planned for 3 April.

6: Other matters

- I will attend a telco policy conference in Sydney the week after this Council meeting. In future I expect the WPD will attend conferences on this sort of topic.
- Relationships between the three CEs are cordial and satisfactory from my point of view.
- There are tensions between NZRS and DNCL that are being managed through the .nz framework review process. Clarity in particular regarding branding and marketing will be important in mitigating these.
- The CEs will do the regular review of the Risk Register for the group and bring it to the June meeting of Council for discussion.
- David Cormack and I met with Hon Amy Adams and her officials in March. I will provide a verbal update on that meeting to Councillors on 4 April.

I welcome questions, comments and feedback on the content of this report or on any other matter.

Jordan Carter
Chief Executive

27 March 2014
Operating Report to Council: to 31 March 2014

Introduction
This paper sets out the Goals in the Business Plan, and notes the transformations under each goal. Then a table sets out the key Business Plan activities that apply for each goal, with a column at the end showing progress year-to-date. A final table for each goal notes progress that the team has been making in this goal area in the period 1 February to 31 March 2014.

Status of current activity is marked as follows:

😊 In progress (Good)    😞 In progress (Satisfactory/Issues)    🙁 In progress (Problems)
√ Finished    + Yet to start

Feedback on this layout is very welcome.

Goal 2: Protect and promote the Internet through multistakeholder Internet Governance

| 2.1 | Debate on Internet Governance is largely framed by governments and the ITU | ➔ Debate on Internet Governance is largely framed by Internet stakeholders.
| 2.2 | NZ Government is an ally of the open Internet | ➔ NZ Government is a principled ally of the open Internet
| 2.3 | Shallow multistakeholderism is evident in the Internet Governance world | ➔ Multistakeholderism is firmly embedded in the Internet Governance world

To help bring these transformations about, the following main activities are planned:

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<td>Gain and maintain representation on the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group and participate in global, regional and trans-Tasman Internet Governance Fora.</td>
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<td>Maintain appropriate involvement within the ICANN At Large constituency</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Promote best practice across all Internet Governance institutions InternetNZ participates in</td>
<td>2.1-2.3</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Map the Internet Governance ecosystem and understand clearly InternetNZ’s role in it</td>
<td>2.3</td>
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<td>2E</td>
<td>Complete review of International Strategy and develop principles for international engagement</td>
<td>2.1-2.3</td>
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<td>2F</td>
<td>Develop relationships across NZ Govt to impart the importance of the Open Internet and thereby contribute to NZ’s official position on Internet Governance issues in international fora, such as the World Telecommunication Policy Forum and other International Telecommunication Union meetings.</td>
<td>2.2</td>
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<td>2G</td>
<td>Assess InternetNZ’s own use of “multistakeholder” approaches and develop these further</td>
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<td>3H</td>
<td>Parliamentary Internet Forum – continue to develop and grow this new institution</td>
<td>2.1, 2.2, 3.3</td>
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<td>2I</td>
<td>Consider joining W3C to participate in web standards debates e.g. DRM in HTML5</td>
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<td>Create a New Zealand working group to contribute to the Internet and Jurisdiction project.</td>
<td>2.1, 2.3</td>
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<td>2K</td>
<td>Develop an easily understood explanation of what “multistakeholderism” means</td>
<td>2.1-2.3</td>
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**Goal 2 Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:**
- PCO company Orange Productions have been engaged to assist with logistics of NetHui (KW)
- NetHui 2014 Programme work and engagement process started (ES)
- NetHui website put up and announced via media release and continual social media campaign (DC,ES)
- Community engagement on NetHui South in Canterbury, decision on Oct/Nov event (ES)
- Looking into alternative venues for NetHui South (KW)
- Registration system for NetHui being drafted (KW)
- On-going participation in MBIE’s Radio Sector workgroup - which feeds into ITU (RH).
- Engage with ongoing Internet Governance discussions through APNIC meetings (DP)
- ‘Multistakeholderism’ definition drafted (CJ,ES)
- Serving on ICANN At Large Capacity Building Working Group for ATLASII (ES)
- Engagement within ICANN and other IG spaces on IANA transition to promote best practice and multistakeholderism (JC,ES)
Goal 3: Drive universal access to the Internet

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<td>Contribute to solving any barriers to UFB and RBI uptake</td>
<td>3.1, 3.2</td>
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<td>Use the review of the TSO to generate debate on what level of broadband Universal Service might be needed</td>
<td>3.1, 3.2</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>😞, Govt side delays</td>
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<td>Develop a map or analysis of drivers of / evidence of digital exclusion and options for solving this, perhaps in partnership with the 20/20 Trust</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>20/20</td>
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<td>Develop working groups and input as needed to help respond to new legislative proposals</td>
<td>3.3, 3.4</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>Shape the review of the Telecommunications Act so it supports the spread of affordable high speed broadband</td>
<td>3.3, 3.4</td>
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Goal 3 Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:

- Submissions to Commerce Commission in respect of the UCLL/UBA Final Pricing Principle Determination (RH)
- Development of “solutions” to Copper Tax issue for input into anticipated future Telco Act Review Discussions (RH, JC)
- Follow up on submission to the Productivity Commission review of regulatory institutions and practices (RH)
- Continued discussion with Commerce Commission / MBIE on competition issues in regard to second allocation of the 700 MHz spectrum (RH)
- Discussion of options for future TSO - may well be minimum change before election. (RH)
- 2020 digital exclusion report work being finalised (ES)
- Keeping a watching brief on the “copper tax” campaign, in relation to the Government’s review of the Telecommunications Act in conjunction with other affected parties. (RH, JC, DC, MW - others)
- Meeting with Hon Amy Adams to discuss a range of issues (JC, DC)

Goal 4: Catalyse gains from the Internet

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<th>NZ is missing out on prospective gains from widespread Internet use</th>
<th>NZ is benefiting from more gains from widespread Internet use</th>
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<td>4.1</td>
<td>Public services: use of the Internet is variable</td>
<td>Public services: use of the Internet is high and rising</td>
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<td>4.2</td>
<td>Economic benefits of Internet use are unclear</td>
<td>Economic benefits of Internet use are widely understood</td>
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<td>4.3</td>
<td>No particular sectoral focus in benefits analysis</td>
<td>Choose some relevant sectors for focus of benefits analysis</td>
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<th>Complete review of Community Investment to include some focus on shared gains of the Internet.</th>
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<td>4.1-4.3</td>
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### 4B
Seek to understand and share emblematic stories of gains available

| 4.1 B | 😊 |

### 4C
Work with central Government agencies to create an Unconference focused on helping the public sector develop better use of the Internet (could focus on best practice sharing, or IPv6 diffusion)

| 4.2 B | + Not done. |

### 4D
Develop the 2012 studies on the economic impact of the Internet and follow up with further research

| 4.3 C | 😞 |

### 4E
Partner with other interested organisations to share stories and conduct analysis

| 4.1, 4.3, 4.4 C | 😊 |

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**Goal 4 Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:**

- On-going contribution towards Productivity Commission investigation into economic benefits of the Internet/ICT sector - initial report released 28 January. (RH)
- Joint contract with Google to review of the economic impact of the internet in four key sectors - draft report reviewed (JC, RH)
- Liaised with SenateSHJ to co-ordinate launch of Google Research (DC)

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**Goal 5: Better adoption of new Internet technologies & best practice**

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<th>5.1 IPv6 adoption satisfactory in New Zealand</th>
<th>IPv6 adoption good in New Zealand</th>
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<td>5.2 Best practices shared in a patchy way</td>
<td>Best practices widely shared</td>
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<td>5.3 UFB / RBI architecture telecommunications-led</td>
<td>UFB / RBI architecture Internet-led</td>
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<td>5.4 Technical ecosystem partly developed</td>
<td>Technical ecosystem well-supported</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Continue supporting the IPv6 Task Force</td>
<td>5.1</td>
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<td>5B</td>
<td>Explore possibility of a new whole-of-government policy re IPv6 use</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Conduct an assessment of operator-focused best practice use and diffusion in the New Zealand Internet</td>
<td>5.2</td>
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<td>5D</td>
<td>Continue supporting NZNOG as a community, and expand relationships with other technical bodies as appropriate</td>
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<td>5E</td>
<td>Run INTAC (Internet Technical Architecture Conference)</td>
<td>5.2, 5.3</td>
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<td>5F</td>
<td>Identify and resolve any gaps in Internet focused architecture or standards in RBI/UFB environment</td>
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<td>5G</td>
<td>Continue developing InternetNZ's understanding of the technical ecosystem in New Zealand and how it can contribute to supporting its growth and depth.</td>
<td>5.4</td>
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**Goal 5 Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:**
- Broad attendance and participation at APRICOT 2014 in Kuala Lumpur (JC, DP, KW, KD)
- Initiate contact with ISOC BCOP team to determine how New Zealand can contribute and benefit from their work around technical Best Current Operational Practice documentation (DP)
- Supported the NZNOG conference and presented InternetNZ's draft technical strategy (DP)
**Goal 6: Greater sharing of information about the Internet**

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<td>6.1</td>
<td>Information about the NZ Internet is dispersed and hard to find</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>+ 2014/15</td>
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<td>6.2</td>
<td>InternetNZ stances on issues internally available</td>
<td>6.2</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>6.3</td>
<td>Information we provide is sometimes audience-specific</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Develop and seek sector support for an annual “State of the Internet” report</td>
<td>6.1</td>
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<td>6B</td>
<td>Prepare an FAQ for the InternetNZ website that answers common queries and points to commonly requested sources of information, and additional info on our views and on the sector.</td>
<td>6.1, 6.3</td>
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<td>6C</td>
<td>Use the opportunity provided by the website information architecture review to develop new content that helps achieve the transformation</td>
<td>6.1-6.3</td>
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<td>6D</td>
<td>Develop a new Policy Development Process that includes how we share and advance information and ideas as part of the broader work we do</td>
<td>6.2, 6.3</td>
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<td>6E</td>
<td>Broaden the general communications effort to include more audience-specific or audience-friendly versions of, for example, policy submissions</td>
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**Goal 6 Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:**
- Internet Research Funding Round decision with Assessment Committee and Council supported (ES,MR)
- Communications work on Policy and Legal Research Funding Round (DC, ES)
- Blog posts written setting out new way of proving InternetNZ’s value to members (JC, DC)
Goal 7: A recognised high-performing organisation

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<td>7A</td>
<td>Improved internal organisation &amp; culture to deliver outward focus</td>
<td>7.1, 7.2</td>
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<td>7B</td>
<td>Review InternetNZ’s identity, purpose and brand to bring clarity</td>
<td>7.3-7.5</td>
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<td>7C</td>
<td>Develop internal systems and processes, implement these and review mid 2014</td>
<td>7.6</td>
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<td>7D</td>
<td>Stakeholder analysis and research to improve understanding of perceptions</td>
<td>7.3</td>
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<td>7E</td>
<td>Proactive outreach to key stakeholders about InternetNZ role</td>
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<td>7F</td>
<td>Operations team training &amp; discussion on respective roles of operations and governance</td>
<td>7.7</td>
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<td>7G</td>
<td>Ongoing governance training for Council and relevant staff</td>
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Goal 7 Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:
- Continued work with design company on new look and feel (DC)
- Liaison with web company and beginning of process to migrate copy from old website to new (DC)
- Began implementation of communications strategy (DC)
- Worked with entire InternetNZ team on what InternetNZ’s core story is (DC)

Goal 8: Members

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<td>8.1</td>
<td>Unclear reasons to join</td>
<td>Clear reasons to join</td>
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<td>8.2</td>
<td>Some understanding of member needs</td>
<td>Good understanding of member needs</td>
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<td>8.3</td>
<td>Limited involvement with work</td>
<td>Wide involvement with work</td>
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<td>Initiate discussion with Council about membership model into the future</td>
<td>8.1-8.3</td>
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<td>8B</td>
<td>Clarify and improve explanation of what people want to join InternetNZ for</td>
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<td>8C</td>
<td>Conduct revised version of annual Membership survey</td>
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<td>8D</td>
<td>Develop and implement a new Policy Development Process, which will include setting out involvement of members in policy work</td>
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Goal 8 Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:
- Members engagement meetings conducted in Dunedin, Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington to discuss strategy. Fair attendance at most of meetings
and good discussions were held. (KW,JC,ES, DP)
- Membership renewals are in progress (MR)

Goal 9: Stronger relationships with key partners

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<td>9A</td>
<td>Map InternetNZ stakeholders and develop a strategic framework for our relationships with them</td>
<td>9.1 A</td>
<td>😊 Under way</td>
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<td>9B</td>
<td>Develop better systems to maintain information about stakeholders and contacts</td>
<td>9.2 A</td>
<td>😊 Under way</td>
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<td>9C</td>
<td>Ensure all key stakeholder relationships are with multiple people in each organisation</td>
<td>9.2 B</td>
<td>😊</td>
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<td>9D</td>
<td>Effective management of all key relationships – more planning, more reflection</td>
<td>9.3 B</td>
<td>😊</td>
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<td>9E</td>
<td>Make individuals responsible for management of relationships with named key stakeholders</td>
<td>9.3 B</td>
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Goal 9 Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:
- Strategic Partnerships for 2014/15/16 proposals finalised for Council (ES)
- Sponsorship opportunities for 2014-15 being explored (ES)
New CRM system testing expanded (ES, MR, CJ)

Other Matters not covered by the Business Plan

Matters to report 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2014:

- NZNOG planning underway for 2015 (KW)
- Monthly Financial reports for DNCL (MT)
- Provide secretariat support for NZNOG, IPv6, NZITF (MT)
- Liaise with lawyers lease for Auckland office (MT)
- Recast budget for presentation to Council (MT)
- Prepare paper for Council from Investment Committee (MT)
- Attend Investment Committee meeting (MT)
- Provide support monthly support to DNCL, payment, invoices etc (MT)
- Provide Fund Managers reports to Investment Committee (MT)
- Follow-up NZITF’s Annual review, and re-produce report (MT).
- Liaise with Peter Shand from Curtis McLean whilst on sick leave for end of Feb, and beg of March (MT)
- Follow-up with Curtis Mclean on the quarterly reviews (MT)
- Liaise with Crombie Lockwood, regarding insurance renewal, for INZ and DNCL (MT)
- Balance Sheet rec’s and financial accounts for INZ Jan & Feb WIP (MT)
- Start preparing accounts for year-end WIP (MT)
- Re-calculate all wages, and redo AP’s for reduction in ACC levies, for INZ and DNCL (MT)
- Working with NZ operators to understand and deploy RPKI (DP)
- Maintaining and enhancing relationship with APNIC (DP)
- Conducting ‘Awareness’ phase of work around enhancing Internet Authentication (DP)
- Grants Committee’s recommendations for the Internet Research Funding Round have been approved by Council. INZ staff to contact applicants to provide feedback (ES, MR)

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TRIP REPORT: 2014 Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies Summit

The purpose of this document is to provide a report on InternetNZ activities at the 2014 Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) summit.

Executive Summary

- InternetNZ resources made a welcomed and meaningful contribution to the organisation and smooth running of the APRICOT 2014 Summit. This level of commitment was appropriate to raise the level of experience in the run up to hosting the APRICOT 2016 Summit in Auckland.
- The APIA Board has voiced their pleasure with the level of planning InternetNZ has undertaken thus far for the APRICOT 2016 Summit in Auckland
- Dean Pemberton was elected to a position on the APIA board for directors.
- prop-110: Designate 1.2.3.0/24 as Anycast to support DNS Infrastructure, did not retain community consensus at the APNIC members meeting and was returned to the mailing list for further discussion.
- InternetNZ should assess the level of historical resource holders within New Zealand in order to understand the exposure of the decision by the APNIC EC to disallow this class of member access to APNIC RPKI services.
- InternetNZ should keep a watching brief on the Internet Governance discussions within the APNIC community.

Background Information

Throughout Asia Pacific Region, Internet service providers, backbone and regional networks, web hosting facilities, firewalls, and Intranets are being created, deployed, and installed at a staggering pace. The technicians, managers, entrepreneurs and decision-makers responsible are under tremendous pressure to master the skills necessary to build and operate these increasingly complex systems.
The mission of the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) is to provide a forum for those key Internet builders in the region to learn from their peers and other leaders in the Internet community from around the world.

Held annually, the ten day long summit consists of seminars, workshops, tutorials, conference sessions, birds-of-a-feather (BOFs), and other forums all with the goal of spreading and sharing the knowledge required to operate the Internet within the Asia Pacific region.

In an attempt to ease the travel burden on attendees, APRICOT is held in conjunction with one of the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre's (APNIC) two annual meetings, and meetings of other Asia Pacific Internet organisations.

- APRICOT's mission is to develop and advance the skills and understanding necessary to grow a robust Internet infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region. APRICOT is about bringing the world's top Internet experts together with those who can most benefit from their knowledge.
- APRICOT attendees are the key builders of Asia's Internet. Many of the world's best Internet engineers attend APRICOT either to teach, present or do their own human networking.
- APRICOT provides its sponsors the chance to participate in a quality, content-rich event with excellent opportunities to target their products and services at the decision-makers in the Asia Pacific Internet community.
- APRICOT's primary goal is to provide a vehicle for the transfer of technology and techniques to the Asia Pacific Region. As such, our attendance fees are set well below those of the more promotionally orientated conferences.
- APRICOT is an activity supported by various Asia Pacific Internet organisations as well as numerous individuals who give freely of their time and talent, and is not a commercial profit making venture. Any surplus funds are used to support outreach activities in the less developed areas of the Asia Pacific region.

**APRICOT 2014 Summit Statistics**

**APNIC Conference Statistics**

- Total number of on-site delegates: 466
- Economies represented: 53
- APNIC Member organizations represented: 95
- AMM delegates: 102
- Total Remote Participants: 262

Note: APTLD, AP*, APCERT attendees are not included in these figure. A final number for the Summit will be made available at a later date.
Activities Undertaken

- Assisting APRICOT Summit Team [KW, DP]
- APTLD [DP – Speaker; JC – speaker, KD attended, provided ccNSO update, Framework of Interpretation update and Chaired the special Internet Governance panel discussion];
- Meeting with APIA Board re APRICOT 2016 [JC, KD, DP, KW]
- APIA AGM [DP, JC, KD]
- APNIC Policy SIG [DP]
- APNIC Members Meeting [DP]
- APStar Meeting [KD]
- APrIGF Meeting [KD]
- ISOC Advisory Council informal meeting [KD]
- ISOC Chapter meeting [KD]

Besides the formal programme, the usual range of informal contacts were made and maintained. Jordan and Keith had discussions as part of the preparation for NetMundial.

Assisting APRICOT team.

As part of the preparations for hosting APRICOT 2016, Dean Pemberton and Krystal Waine played different roles in assisting the onsite APRICOT team to run the summit.

Dean’s duties were:

- Member of the APRICOT Management Committee
  - Contribute to managerial decisions regarding the conference
- Member of the APRICOT Technical Committee
  - Deploying and maintaining the conference network
- Co-Chair of the APRICOT Programme Committee
  - Assistance in selection of programme material

Krystal’s duties were:

- Manage registrations and enquiries during the workshop week
- Manage daily attendance list
- Co-ordinate certificates for workshop close
- Main point of contact for tutors, attendees and venue staff during workshop
- Emcee for the opening and closing plenaries for APRICOT
- Assist Molly with reconciliations and general duties during workshop week
- Observe the work and communication styles of APNIC staff

APTLD

Dean Pemberton presented on Software Defined Networking for ccTLDs to the APTLD attendees. Jordan Carter presented on InternetNZ’s new vision and mission.

Meeting with APIA Board re APRICOT 2016.

Jordan Carter, Keith Davidson, Dean Pemberton and Krystal Waine met with the APIA board to discuss the progress for APRICOT 2016. The APIA board was pleased with the progress made thus far and with the suggested future direction.

APIA AGM

APIA has decided to move its parent company from the Seychelles to Australia. The new company will be called Asia Pacific Internet Association Pty Ltd.

The terms of four board members came to an end at the AGM. Two of these members (Gaurab Raj Upadhaya and Paul Wilson) choose not to re-stand and as such two new board members were elected.

The current APIA Board of Directors, as from the February 2014 AGM, are:

- Philip Smith - Chair
- Matsuzaki Yoshinobu - Vice-Chair
- Ole Jacobsen - Secretary
- Jian Zhang - Treasurer
- Mark Tinka
- Dean Pemberton
- Raphael Ho

APNIC EC Election

Three positions on the APNIC EC were up for election. The three nominations received were:
Ma Yan
Che-Hoo Cheng
Maemura Akinori

As there were only three nominations, there was no need for the election to be held. The three nominees will assume their places on the APNIC EC, which they previously held.

Policy SIG

- **prop-109**: Allocate 1.0.0.0/24 and 1.1.1.0/24 to APNIC Labs as Research Prefixes

This proposal reached consensus at the APNIC 37 Policy SIG and again at the APNIC Member Meeting. It will be sent to the APNIC Policy SIG mailing list for a four-week comment period.

- **prop-110**: Designate 1.2.3.0/24 as Anycast to support DNS Infrastructure

This proposal reached consensus at the APNIC 37 Policy SIG. It then failed to reach consensus at the APNIC Member Meeting. It was returned to the APNIC Policy SIG mailing list for further consideration.

- **prop-111**: Request-based expansion of IPv6 default allocation size

This proposal did not reach consensus at the APNIC 37 Policy SIG and was returned to the author for further development.

APNIC Members Meeting (AMM)

There were two areas of interest in the AMM. First was that after an earlier approach (made by Dean Pemberton) the APNIC EC has decided not to offer RPKI services to non-members of APNIC. This effectively means that those members who hold historical IP address allocations (of which New Zealand has a number) are unable to access the benefits of the RPKI system without paying (in some cases a substantial amount of money) to become full APNIC members.

This is in contrast to the RIPE NCC (Europe RIR) who has decided to offer RPKI services to all classes of entities who have entries in their database.

Andy Linton gave the example of Victoria University of Wellington who are currently considering moving their legacy IP address resources to the RIPE NCC region for this very reason.
There are a number of New Zealand based RIPE NCC members at present, of which NZRS is one.

The second point of interest came after a presentation by Paul Wilson, APNIC Director General (DG), talking about the extensive work that APNIC has done in the Internet Governance sphere in the past year.

While a transcript of this session is not yet available, some twitter posts from APNIC HR staff member Louise Tromp (https://twitter.com/louise_tromp) include:

DG: everything we are doing is Internet Governance - outreach and communications have always been critical.
Paul Wilson: ITU is an expensive process to follow but is an important part of the environment
Paul Wilson: there has been less Asia Pac participation in the IGF than there should be.
DG: APNIC's community owns the registry - who is there to protect it against potential threats? Question is of risk.
DG: the tech community are increasingly trying to understand what the wider community needs - "Internet co-operation"

This caused Masato Yaminishi, APNIC Policy-SIG Co-Chair and SoftBank employee, to give a spirited response from the floor highlighting that in his opinion, and the opinion of others he had spoken with that the level of resource in this area was unbalanced and disproportionate to the benefits for the APNIC community. He also claimed he had examples where the IG work undertaken by APNIC resources was to the material detriment of APNICs core functions.

Yamanishi: many operators have no interest in governance discussions

Yamanishi-san claimed that the IG work was not being performed with the full support of the technical APNIC community.

Other community members including Andy Linton supported this position:

Linton: Is there an aristocracy who are flying the governance flag and not hearing those they serve?

Contributions by other community members included those who through that Internet Governance issues were badly communicated to those outside (and at times within) the IG community. It was felt that some better communication might help to solve some but not all of the issues being expressed

There were also a number of other community members who felt that a re-balancing of resource in this area was required. James Spencley, APNIC EC member, offered to place a question in the June/July members survey to assess if this feeling was widespread. This caused a level of consternation that it would result in months of unnecessary expenditure. Dean Pemberton suggested that in light of the negative feedback from membership, a possible middle-ground solution might be to place a moratorium on any new IG related resources until the results of the membership survey could be assessed. This was rejected,
although the EC did undertake to request a detailed breakdown of IG resource allocation thus far.

Paul Wilson reiterated the IG work was of paramount importance.

There has been a subsequent discussion among InternetNZ members on similar issues. Jordan’s view is that the IG work is important, and is even more so with subsequent announcements regarding the transfer of US Government responsibilities to the Internet community as announced post-APRICOT. Clarity of purpose in the work is essential to being able to communicate it, and being able to get buy-in for it.

**APTLD Members and Annual General Meetings**

Main points APTLD are addressing for the future are ongoing issues for its future strategy, including whether or not to allow new gTLDs as full members, the role of Internet Governance for ccTLDs and the regional TLD organisations, and with the entry of APTLD and the other rTLD organisations to the Istar group, what role they should play in that forum. The new board and chairman were elected at the AGM, as follows:

- Lim Choon Sai (.sg) Chair
- Ting Chen (.cn) Vice Chair
- Jeongjun (June) Seo (.cc & .tv) Secretary
- Hirofumi Hotta (.jp) Treasurer
- Ghalib Ali Mohammed Kharabsheh (.jo)
- Kelly Hyeyoung Kang (.kr)
- Stafford Guest (.nu)
- Ai-chin Lu (.tw)

**Upcoming Conferences**

**APNIC 38**  
Brisbane, Australia  
9 - 19 September 2014

**APRICOT 2015**  
Fukuoka, Japan  
24 February - 6 March 2015