

Industry Working Groups finalise LLU standards

InternetNZ extends its congratulations to the industry working groups coordinated by the Telecommunications Carriers' Forum, which have completed work on many of the technical and operational standards required to make Local Loop Unbundling happen.

The working groups have been meeting since February, and under very tight timeframes have managed to agree many of the issues that needed to be resolved before LLU services could be rolled out.

The outputs of this work will be assessed by the Commerce Commission, which is overseeing Telecom's preparation of regulated service "standard terms determinations". These will essentially be ready-for-use contracts, including regulated prices, for LLU rollout later this year.

All parties, and especially Telecom, are to be congratulated for the open and cooperative approach they have taken in these working groups. LLU is likely to be more workable, and rolled out sooner, as a result.

The industry has already turned its attention to developing standards for the other regulated services starting with unbundled bitstream access, and to be followed by work on backhaul services.

Timeline for 2007 AGM

June 17	Proposals for Constitutional Amendments open
July 6	Nominations for Councillors & Officers close
July 13	Constitutional Amendments close
July 13	Online Voting on Constitutional Amendments opens
July 13	Online Election of Officers and Councillors opens
July 27	AGM

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InternetNZ supports Convergence



2 minute challenge winner - Stu Fleming from Dunedin ISP WIC

On May 8 in Wellington InternetNZ continued its involvement at the Oceania/Convergence events hosted by the Wireless and Broadband Forum. This popular and well-organised event has proven very useful at raising our profile in the wireless industry.

As well as InternetNZ sponsoring the breakfast and operating a stand, councillor Jamie Baddeley was a panelist in a discussion on wireless.

At the InternetNZ stand staffers Susi Fookes and Richard Wood sought to increase understanding of the breadth of the organisation's activity. Key to this was a prize draw requiring a self-analysis test of interest in a list of 20 topics that InternetNZ is currently focused on. The winner of an iPod Shuffle was Stu Fleming from Dunedin ISP WIC.

Through the use of the test, and with the second chance to talk to people previously met at the Wireless Forum in October, an additional 10 members signed up, including three small organisations.

Members-discuss list buoyant

Activity on the members-discuss email list has been vibrant this year with subjects ranging from serious issues such as cyberattacks in Estonia, Auckland fibre, net neutrality, rural access, to serious-for-some issues such as whether the Internet should be a capitalised word.

About three quarters of InternetNZ members are on the members-discuss list and it is a great way to be involved, to get to understand each other's viewpoints, and to identify issues that you want to be more deeply involved in. We encourage those that haven't been on the list for a while to rejoin by emailing the office.

The weekly digest of local newslinks, begun late last year, is also sent to the members-discuss list and its introduction received a positive response.

Volume of emails on the members-discuss list has averaged 56 emails a month for the past six months. If email volume is a concern, it should be noted that popular email clients can easily be set up to divert tagged emails such as these into a separate folder.

events

PACNOG 3

June 16-22, Rarotonga, Cook Islands
pacnog.org

TelCon8

June 25-26, Auckland
www.conferenz.co.nz

ICANN Puerto Rico

June 25-29, San Juan, Puerto Rico
icann.org/meetings/sanjuan

Building KAREN Communities for Collaboration

July 2-5, Wellington
karen.net.nz

InternetNZ AGM

July 27, Wellington
Internetnz.net.nz

PacINET 2007

August 15-24, Honiara, Solomon Islands
picisoc.org

If you know of any other events to add to the InternetNZ events list—please email susi@internetnz.net.nz



Hector's animated world

NetSafe subsidiary Hectors's World, headed by ex-NetSafe boss Liz Butterfield, has launched the Hector's World animated episodes on cybersafety for children, featuring dolphin Hector Protector. These have been co-created and produced by Inkspot Digital.

The first episodes have been funded by the Government's Digital Strategy Community Partnership Fund and can be viewed online at www.ectorsworld.com. They will be offered free to broadcasters in New Zealand with the aim of reaching as many families as possible. As well as the four episodes, the funding of \$438,000 includes the creation of colour-in storybooks and lesson plans.

Nominations open for Council elections

Nominations have now opened for President, Vice President and five councillors on the Council of InternetNZ. Nominations close on Friday July 6 2007. Voting will commence, if necessary, on Friday July 13 and close at the AGM on Friday July 27. All terms are for two years concluding at the 2009 AGM.

The President and Vice President are entitled to honoraria and the 2007 AGM will consider a recommendation for honoraria for all Councillors. All meeting and travel expenses are paid for by the Society.

Nominations can be made by e-mail to the Returning Officer at election@internetnz.net.nz using the subject line "NOMINATION". The Returning Officer can also supply a neutral nomination to any member wishing to stand in which case email exe.dir@internetnz.net.nz. A biography or election statement and a photo will be published on the InternetNZ website where provided.

InternetNZ addresses Telecom proposal

Last month's issue noted our submission to the Government's operational separation plan. Telecom made a different proposal, which it indicated was an "all or nothing" offer. The company proposed a new regulatory framework combined with structural, instead of operational, separation.

InternetNZ lodged a further submission in response to the Telecom proposal in mid-May, arguing that it didn't provide a basis for further consideration. We recommended the Government continue with its existing operational separation plan. Telecom's submission didn't provide evidence for why the Government's approach was wrong, and its proposals to change the regulatory framework would have been a step backward, harming future competition in the access network.

The issues were canvassed in some detail at the 2007 TUANZ Telecommunications Day on May 31, which saw several announcements affecting this area of work including naming the new Telecommunications Commissioner, Government signals that operational separation will proceed, and so on.

InternetNZ maintains that a clean separation as proposed by the Government is vital to future competition in the telecommunications industry. International experience shows that more competition will drive more investment, notwithstanding statements to the contrary by incumbents.



Keith Davidson re-appointed to ICT-NZ board

InternetNZ Executive Director Keith Davidson was re-appointed to the Board of ICT-NZ at its Annual General Meeting in May. InternetNZ's approach to ICT-NZ is primarily to continue to monitor progress and examine any opportunities for greater engagement between the parties as they might arise.

ITANZ and the Software Association of New Zealand have already fully merged into ICT-NZ. The NZ Computer Society, like InternetNZ, is examining the possibilities of engagement. Of course, InternetNZ cannot fully merge with ICT-NZ as our organisation must remain intact whilst it maintains the delegation for the .nz domain name.

But as ICT-NZ membership grows, it is possibly a useful conduit through which InternetNZ could possibly seek to consult with on a broad range of ICT / Internet policy issues. ICT-NZ is currently poised to launch itself as an organisation, and members will be advised when the new website goes live.

ISP Spam Code released for comment

The ISP Spam Code of Practice has been released for public consultation. The Code has been prepared by a working group comprising representatives of the Telecommunications Carriers' Forum, the Marketing Association and InternetNZ.

Four weeks have been allowed for comment, with a deadline of 9am, Monday June 18. The ISP Spam Code of Practice is complementary to the Government's Unsolicited Electronic Messages Act in that it outlines the responsibilities of ISPs under a self-regulatory model. It is planned to go live on the same date as the Act on September 5.

The Code is also complementary to the Marketing Association's Code of Practice for Direct Marketing, the TCF's SMS Anti-Spam Code and the TCF's Customer Complaints Code.

The ISP Spam Code of Practice is available for download on the InternetNZ website at www.internetnz.net.nz

Karen adds through aggregation

Getting access to REANNZ' KAREN network (Kiwi Advanced Research and Education Network) is being made easier through the launch of a service standard that allows smaller organisations' connections to be aggregated.

REANNZ chief executive Donald Clark says the challenges of managing the complex router configurations required for a core KAREN connection can be overwhelming for some.

"Accredited Network Aggregator services will allow more people the chance to experience KAREN as an essential enabler of their research, education and innovation activities."

FX Networks has become the first Accredited Network Aggregator. "FX has already proven itself in providing connectivity services for our larger Members. We are excited to see them investing in becoming an Accredited Network Aggregator and sharing our vision of bringing a quality KAREN experience to as many people as possible", says Clark.

.nz domain name statistics

In April, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 272,752 to 276,273, a net increase of 3,521.

Figures as at 30 April 2007:

	Active names as at 1 April	Active names as at end 30 April	New registrations April	Renewals April	Net Growth
.ac	1291	1304	31	287	13
.co	233233	236362	6209	50552	3129
.cri	18	17	0	3	-1
.geek	754	759	16	195	5
.gen	1088	1100	24	305	12
.govt	887	881	4	694	-6
.iwi	59	59	0	11	0
.maori	468	473	15	82	5
.mil	18	18	0	9	0
.net	16370	16554	429	3398	184
.org	15952	16115	363	3265	163
.parliament	2	3	1	2	1
.school	2612	2628	19	1098	16
TOTAL	272752	276273	7111	59901	3521

Note: these figures do not include names in the 'pending release' status. They incorporate all active domain names in the .nz register. For more statistics, see www.dnc.org.nz/statistics

If you wish to receive monthly newsletters from the Domain Name Commission, you can do so by subscribing at www.dnc.org.nz

Registering Managing and Cancelling Domain Names policy review

Operational changes to this policy have been made, and NZOC have approved the revised policy. Registrars will be notified of the changes, and they will come into effect one month after the notification. The revised policy, version 1.6, will be available on the website at www.dnc.org.nz/policies.

A third round of consultation on the proposals to change registration policy principles is intended. Once complete, a consultation paper will be posted for comment in the usual manner.