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## Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Standing Committee (TASC)

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<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	Tuesday, 21 July 2020 12:30pm AEST
<b>LOCATION:</b>	By video conference
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Scott Wilkie (Chair, exited 1.24pm), John Graham, Zach de Koning, Jonathan Gleeson, Geoff Huston AM (entered 12.37pm), Bec Martin (entered 12.50pm), David Keegel (entered 12.59pm), Rosemary Sinclair AM (exited 1.10pm), Bruce Tonkin (auDA, entered 12.42pm), Clayton Ford (auDA), Kat Vrkcic (auDA)
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Sae Ra Germaine
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alexey Chernyak

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### 1. Welcome

Scott Wilkie opened the meeting at 12:36pm noting that despite the ongoing challenges with COVID-19, the Committee to meet three times annually.

Rosemary Sinclair, CEO from auDA introduced herself and shared the smooth transition for auDA staff to work from home since mid-March. The new Board was appointed in November 2019, followed by her commencement in March 2020. This Committee is important and valued in the auDA structure by the Board. With the new Registrar Agreement, Licensing Rules and new Registrar Rules in the implementation phase, there is a lot of work to do to provide a safe and trusted .au TLD.

The Chair indicated he needed to leave by 1.30pm, and Bruce Tonkin agreed to act as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### 2. Declarations of interests

Zach de Koning declared that he was employed by a Registrar. There were no other declarations of interest.

### 3. Prior minutes & matters arising

Minutes of the TASC meeting of 25 February 2020 were approved.

Tony Smales of Forticode (<https://www.forticode.com/about-us/>) was not able to attend. His invitation is left open to attend a future TASC meeting.

Bruce Tonkin gave an overview on the DNS security, a diversity of nodes with multiple providers in multiple locations. There have been no issues for the .au zone with continuous monitoring and taking action when issues arise, and a reporting process for any unusual activity.

Second level domains are set to launch mid-2021 and auDA welcomes feedback on any reserved names in .au.

When COVID-19 travel restrictions are lifted, auDA will consider future TASC meetings in different cities that align with member events to enable Committee members in those cities to come together for the meeting.

#### **4. Current issues**

auDA had an external security audit review conducted by Mike Burgess in 2016, a summary will be provided, and the report will be shared to the Committee. Bruce shared the news that auDA achieved ISO 27001 certification in March 2020 – a global standard for an information security management system. To achieve this, auDA had to look at a range of different areas, identify potential information risks and develop processes and policies to manage them.

Bec Martin raised the issue of seeing an increase in domain renewal scams for SMEs and shared the opportunity to educate SME operators on what auDA does and how to spot scams.

Clayton Ford announced the .com.au campaign launching end of July 2020 is focused on SMEs with key messaging that the domain is local, verified and trusted. The proposal was given to the Board in February 2020 at a time when the overall market was flat. The campaign will run across social and digital media, Registrars will be provided a promotional toolkit and a public relations component will help build presence in the community. The new auDA website launching later this year will provide a regular communication channel and content in our monthly member communications have had good open rates. These are the first steps in auDA's long-term plan to build channels and educate stakeholders about the .au TLD.

Bruce discussed the driving uptake of validating DNSSEC in DNS resolvers in Australia. Geoff Huston gave an overview of the current status of DNS resolvers in major ISPs in Australia.

Geoff Huston suggested it was worth exploring getting digital certificates directly from auDA

auDA is undergoing a refresh of its strategy for 2021-2025 and would like the Committee to provide feedback on any key issues to take into consideration on where auDA needs to focus its efforts.

#### **5. Other business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **6. Meeting close**

The proposed next meeting will be scheduled for 11am, Wednesday 21 October 2020.

The meeting was closed at 1.51pm.

**Action items**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Name</b>
1.	Produce summary and share internal security audit report	AK
2.	Discuss opportunity about online trust with Michelle, AustCyber	SW
3.	Provide sneak peek of the .com.au campaign	CF
4.	Share .com.au campaign with your networks	TASC
5.	Provide stakeholder map for the next meeting	CF
6.	Address key issues for auDA Strategy at next meeting	TASC