



WISPAU

Wireless Internet
Service Provider
Association of Australia

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2025





SUMMARY

WISPAU has built on the continuing growth in 2024 and focused on key issues in 2025 to support the wireless ISP's in Australia by:

- Assisting with the new Financial Hardship legislation by providing training and templates for WISPs
- Updating compliance documents including policies and templates for WISPs to meet Telecommunications Acts and Code compliance
- Advocating on establishing an Automatic Frequency Co-ordination system in Australia and successfully implementing a trial of AFC with the ACMA
- Assisting WISPs with the SOCI Act and registration of assets as well as organizing CIRMP training
- Representing WISPAU and the WISP community at at Commsday Regional and Remote Forum in Canberra and Comms Connect Melbourne

2025 has been a year that has seen the value of WISPAU to the WISP community through training, compliance assistance and advocating for AFC introduction in Australia.

INTRODUCTION

PRESIDENTS REPORT

2025 has been an interesting year for WISPs with a multitude of challenges.

Starting the year I represented the WISP community at the Regional and Remote Commsday Forum in Canberra, advocating on how WISPs need to be included in the solution for better connectivity to Australians and meeting with consumer groups and government officials and discussed how WISPs can meet the requirements for better services in these areas.

WISPAU also assisted WISPs with the changes to Financial Hardship legislation implemented at the start of the year. This led to further reviews and discussions on how WISPAU can play more of a role in assisting WISPs with all required telecommunications legislative requirements, which led to WISPAU developing templates on policies, documents and training that WISPs are required under telecommunications legislation and are now available online for WISPAU members.

WISPAU also assisted WISPs with the SOCI requirements, organising online updates with Home Affairs and training with Pentagram Advisory (along with the IAA) that will assist WISPs in developing risk management programs and meeting compliance.

WISPAU successfully had a 6Ghz AFC trial approved and has been actively advocating for AFC with the ACMA, and the recent ACMA discussion paper brings AFC one step closer, which will assist WISPs in deploying and delivering faster and more reliable services. Exciting times ahead!

ADRIAN ROBERTSON

WISPAU PRESIDENT





WISPA PRIORITIES

- Continue to increase WISPAU Membership
- Increase Vendor Participation
- Increase Value of WISPAU Membership



ADDED PRIORITIES

- Promote WISPAU to the broader public
- Engage frequently in policy with relevance on behalf of members
- Engage with ACMA on AFC Trial and implementation



WISPAU CONNECTIONS

- Develop opportunities for WISPAU members with other organisations
- WISPAU to work with Comms Connect
- Develop relationship with IAA

STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

MISSION

In 2026, WISPAU will continue to focus on its objectives of providing support and assistance to WISP members and deliver value of WISPAU membership to its members and vendors.

PROMOTE WISPS

In 2026, WISPAU will continue to promote the value of WISP's in Australia and the important part that WISPs play in achieving the vision of connecting Australians.

There are challenges in the years ahead not just with LEO development but also now with telecommunication compliance requirements to legislation. There are opportunities with vendors delivering new equipment that will significantly improve connectivity in Australia by WISPs to deliver faster and more reliable services quicker, with some of this technology hinging on successful AFC trials and implementation of AFC by the ACMA.

WISPAU will continue to also advocate for WISPs with ACMA, Government, and other industry agencies to ensure that WISPs are seen as part of the solution and not just an 'add-on' in delivering better connectivity for all Australians across a diverse landscape.

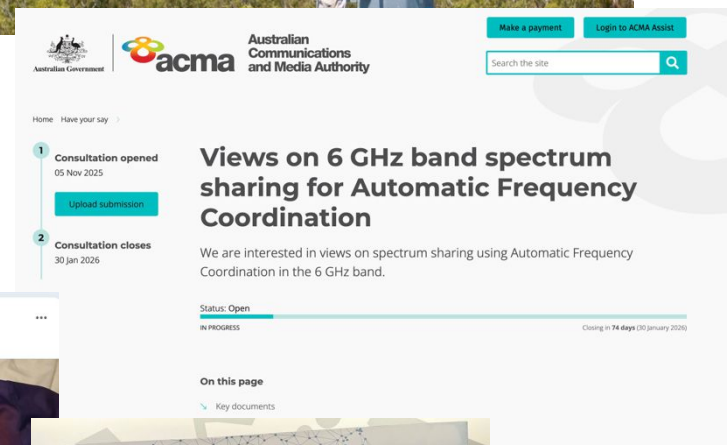
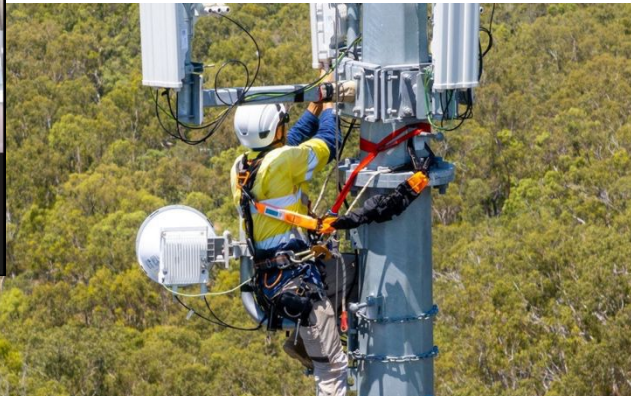
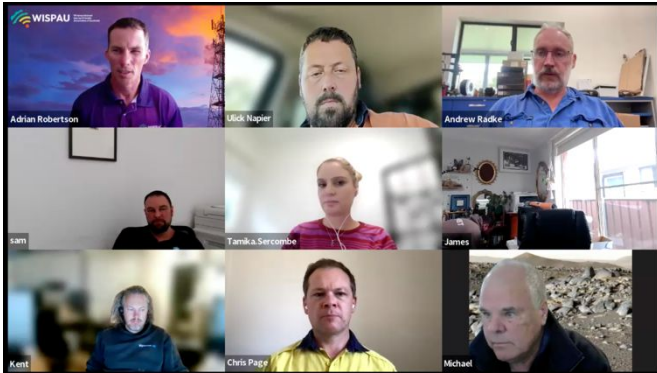
WISPAU CONNECTIONS

WISPAU will continue to develop relationships with other organisations to strengthen WISPAU.

WISPAU has seen benefits of working with the Internet Association of Australia and the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) and will continue to develop a relationship with these organisations. WISPAU is also working with Australia's Radio and Critical Communications Association (ARCIA) with discussions on how both organisations can work closely together and mutual benefits.

WISPAU also works with vendors and training organisations in an effort to deliver training and updates to WISP members and will continue to deepen these relationships for the benefit of the WISP community.

HIGHLIGHTS 2025





WISPAU has a mission in 2026 to further develop the organisation to benefit both WISP Members and Vendors

WHAT'S NEXT

2026 will be another exciting year for WISPAU and WISP's in Australia.

As well as regular meeting updates monthly online, and new vendor presentations online, WISPAU is progressing work on -

- Online Coverage Map on WISPAU website – work has begun on the coverage map with further work to be completed in 2026
- Assist WISPs with SOCI Compliance and Cybersecurity maturity level requirements in 2026
- Attendance at events to promote WISPAU and the importance of WISPs in Australia in 2026 including presenting as a keynote speaker at the Commsday Regional and Policy Forum 2026: Connectivity, Competition and the Next Tech Wave in Canberra, Comms Connect and other related events.
- Continue work with ACMA on the AFC trial and involvement in the 6Ghz AFC discussion paper and outcomes from this paper in 2026
- Opportunities for training from vendors to members, either online or in person
- Continue to provide and update policies, templates and training that will assist WISPs meet the increasing legislative compliance issues faced by telecommunication providers in Australia
- Further develop a working relationship with ARCIA, ACCAN and IAA and investigate further opportunities with other organisations that complement WISPAU and its objectives.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

There have been no membership fees applied during 2025 as WISPAU continues to develop as an organisation. During late 2026, membership fees will be discussed and determined to allow WISPAU to continue to grow and develop for its members further.

In November 2024, the WISPAU balance was \$928.92 with \$56 spent on the annual return fee for the WISPAU organisation.

Sponsorship of items such as WISPAU logo rebranding, web and email hosting, and merchandise (WISPAU hats, shirts and coffee cups) occurred from Queensland WISP – Dreamtilt (owned and operated by Adrian Robertson).

AFC Trial costs covered by WISP's participating in the trials.

Sponsorships will be discussed in 2026 with other WISPs and Vendors to improve the financial position of WISPAU going forward.

2025

Current Assets	
Cash at Bank	\$872.92
Accounts receivable	-
Total	\$872.92
Fixed Assets	-
Total Assets	\$872.92
Current / Short Term Liabilities	-
Accounts Payable	-
Total	-
Long Term Liabilities	
NET ASSETS (NET WORTH)	\$872.92
WORKING CAPITAL	\$872.92

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