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Linux Australia Updates



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New Committee!

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Linux Australia Committee

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Current (2004)

Linux Australia held its **Annual General Meeting** on Thursday 15th January 2004 at 5:45pm, in Adelaide at Linux.conf.au.

The current committee was voted in, and the positions are as follows:

President
Pia Smith of NSW

Vice President
Stewart Smith of VIC

Secretary
Andrew Cowie of NSW

Treasurer
Mark Tearle of WA

Ordinary Members
Michael Davies of SA
Michael Still of ACT
Paul 'Rusty' Russell of ACT

Many thanks to our previous Committee members!

Media Team

- Getting Increasing interest from media
 - Linux, Linux Australia, User Groups
- Needed to co-ordinate timely press releases.
- February 2004
 - Decided to create a media team
- Single point of contact
 - press@linux.org.au

Media Training

- May 2004
 - Brought people from the community to Sydney for Media Training
 - Pia Smith, Stewart Smith, Michael Davies, Jeff Waugh, Arjen Lentz, Marco Ostini, Leon Brooks, Steven Hanley, Jason King
 - The Editor Group, <http://www.editor.com>

Media Coverage

- On our press page:
 - <http://www.linux.org.au/press>
- This year: 14 Press articles related to Linux Australia
- So pretty successful!

ACS

- Helped the Australian Computer Society form a policy on Open Source
- Was a collective effort – not just Linux Australia

Free Trade Agreement

- February
 - Rusty Russell and Dan Shearer met with Kate Lundy and others. (over time, met with other representatives)
 - Raised two main points
 - Why Anti-Circumvention legislation is bad.
 - Why Patent legislation is bad.
 - We felt this was a pretty safe bet.
 - Thoughts? Comments?

FTA Website

- <http://www.linux.org.au/fta/>
- Analysis of Laws
 - http://linux.org.au/papers/fta_comparison_table_040321.pdf
 - http://linux.org.au/papers/fta_advice_040322.pdf
- Published whitepapers
 - <http://www.linux.org.au/papers/no-dmca.html>
 - <http://www.linux.org.au/papers/no-patents.html>

FTA cont.

- Position Paper
 - <http://www.linux.org.au/papers/fta-paper.html>
- Testimony to Senate committee
 - <http://www.linux.org.au/fta/testimony/>
- All of these issues were discussed on linux-aus
 - <http://lists.linux.org.au/listinfo/linux-aus>
 - We feel the community agrees with our position.

The logo for Linux Australia features the word "Linux" in a bold, black, sans-serif font above the word "Australia" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The text is set against a stylized, abstract map of Australia in shades of yellow and orange.

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linux.conf.au 2004

- Great Success!
- The CDs and DVDs are finally out!
- <http://www.linux.org.au/conf/2004/eventrecord/>

linux.conf.au 2005

- <http://conf.linux.org.au/>
- Canberra
- Monday April 18 to Saturday April 23, 2005.
- There are only 31 weeks until linux.conf.au 2005 and 4 weeks until paper abstracts are due!
- To hear about LCA news, subscribe to the lca-announce mailing list.

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linux.conf.au 2006

- Location undecided yet.
- A bit of competition....
- So.... Ideas, volunteers and action!

New Website

- On the agenda since early 2003
- Finally “any day now”
- <http://www.linux.org.au/~stewart/website/>
 - Comments (and bug reports) welcome!

AGM

- First mass online LA AGM
- Scheduled end of January
- Online voting!
 - This is now possible due to the constitution changes made at this years AGM (LCA04)
 - Code yet to be written
 - Likely a preferential system

Other items to note

- LCA “Ghosts” meeting went well
- “Boozy lunch” for LA committee meeting went well.
- Continued relationship with LPI
- A few extra grant proposals



Join Us!

- Membership is free
- <http://www.linux.org.au/membership/>
- Membership system is also Open Source
 - <http://www.flamingspork.com/projects/memberdb/>

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