# .nz NEWSLETTER – August 2005

## :: DNC OFFICE ::

In July the number of active .nz domain names increased from 191,971 to 193,989, a net increase of 2,018. This is the lowest monthly growth since January 2004. There were 5,009 new domain names registered over the month but a large number of cancellations meant that the net growth was relatively low in comparison.

### NZOC Meeting

The NZOC held a meeting on Friday 29th of July. A copy of the minutes from this meeting can be read at http://dnc.org.nz/content//minutes_NZOC_29_July_05.pdf. Two points to note from the NZOC meeting were the discussions on the proposed change to the .iwi moderation policy and the .parliament.nz 2LD application.

- *Proposed change to .iwi Moderation Policy*

Consultation on the proposed change with .iwi.nz registrants failed to produce sufficient responses. Only 45% of registrants responded to the correspondence from the DNC Office, short of the 75% sought by NZOC. At their meeting on 29 July, NZOC formally declined the application to amend the .iwi.nz moderation policy and the moderator has been informed of that decision.

- *.parliament.nz Application*

Additional documents pertaining to the application for the new 2ld .parliament.nz arrived the night before the NZOC meeting. Therefore the NZOC members did not have time to review this new material before they met. The NZOC agreed to review the papers and that discussion on the documents and the application would take place via email over the next few weeks.

### Revised Policy: Roles and Responsibilities

As of 1 August 2005 the revised roles and responsibilities policy has come into affect. This can be seen at http://dnc.org.nz/content/roles_and_responsibilities.pdf.

### Communications

The first two brochures produced by the DNC Office are now available online at http://dnc.org.nz/brochures.

'Making a name for yourself' is a brochure aimed at registrants with information on how to register a domain name and why you may wish to do this, this can be found at http://dnc.org.nz/content/making_a_name_for_yourself.pdf . 'A ready reference for Registrants' can be viewed at http://dnc.org.nz/content/a_ready_reference_for_registrants.pdf. This for those who may have already registered a domain within the .nz space; it contains information such as responsibilities of registrars and so on.

A third brochure is currently under development which is aimed at resellers.

**DNC Office**
Hannah Seeley who served as the Support Analyst for the DNC office resigned as of 22 July. Hannah has taken up a position within the communications industry.

Adam Griffiths has replaced Hannah and started with the DNC office on the 25th of July.

**Statistics**

Figures as at 30 July 2005:

| | Active names as at 1 July | Active names as at end 30 July | New registrations July | Renewals July | Change over month |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| .ac | 1012 | 1025 | 24 | 247 | 13 |
| .co | 163128 | 165197 | 4259 | 44698 | 2069 |
| .cri | 25 | 25 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| .geek | 696 | 717 | 21 | 193 | 21 |
| .gen | 962 | 938 | 17 | 267 | -24 |
| .govt | 769 | 785 | 17 | 243 | 16 |
| .iwi | 53 | 54 | 1 | 13 | 1 |
| .maori | 382 | 377 | 6 | 63 | 1-5 |
| .mil | 17 | 17 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| .net | 11312 | 11065 | 348 | 2707 | -247 |
| .org | 11210 | 11379 | 302 | 2879 | 169 |
| .school | 2405 | 2410 | 14 | 1066 | 5 |
| | | | | | |
| *TOTAL* | *191971* | *193989* | *5009* | *52392* | *2018* |

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 http://dnc.org.nz/statistics

## :: .nz REGISTRY SERVICES ::

### SRS Availability

System availability for July was 99.99%, against the SLA standard of 99.90%

| SRS Availability | May | June | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| % | 99.84 | 99.97 | 99.99 |

### SRS Response Times

Response time performance figures on the production environment for the previous three months were:

| Avg Response time (in seconds) | May | June | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| Domain Details Query | 0.64 | 0.47 | 0.57 |
| Domain Update | 0.45 | 0.56 | 0.54 |
| Domain Create | 0.39 | 0.50 | 0.62 |
| GetMessage performance | 0.44 | 0.36 | 0.42 |
| GetMessage (volume 000's) | 45 | 38 | 43 |
| Whois | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.21 |
| Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's) | 1693 | 1657 | 1762 |
| Whois Server Queries (volume 000's) | 386 | 346 | 380 |
| UDAI Valid Query | 0.28 | 0.24 | 0.29 |

### DNS Availability

| DNS Availability | May | June | July |
|---|---|---|---|
| % | 100 | 100 | 100 |

### Unscheduled Outages

There were six unscheduled outages during July, the majority micro outages, totalling 6 minutes and 12 seconds.

| Date | Duration | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Jul 18 15:21 – 18:07 | 3 minutes 57 seconds | Read Only Outages / Network Latency Issue |
| July | 2 minutes 15 seconds | Off line micro outages |

**Scheduled Outages and Updates**

The maintenance window for July was utilised. There were two scheduled outages during July, each of two hours duration.

| Date | Duration | Description |
|---|---|---|
| 17 July 7:00 | 2 hours | Scheduled Maintenance Window |
| 31 July 07:00 | 2 hours | Scheduled Maintenance Window |

**Any Comments?**

If you have any questions or concerns about the SRS, please don't hesitate to contact us. For registry or technical matters, contact Nick Griffin at support@nzrs.net.nz.  For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at info@dnc.org.nz.

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