



# .nz Newsletter – September 2013



## ANZIA Awards Announced

On September 17, the winners of the 2013 Australia and New Zealand Internet Awards (ANZIAS) were announced at a ceremony at Te Papa.

The event celebrated the successes of those that have made significant contributions to the development and use of the Internet in Australia and New Zealand.



The ANZIAS are a collaboration between the .au Domain Administration (auDA) and InternetNZ and have run every year since 2009.

Keynote speaker at the event was media commentator Russell Brown (pictured left).

Awards were handed out for excellence in the following categories: Information, Innovation, Security, Privacy, Internet Access & Digital Skills, and Diversity.

The winners of the six categories were:

1. Information Award: Wiki New Zealand (<http://wikinewzealand.org>)
2. Innovation Award: CSIRO and the National Museum of Australia (<http://tourbot.nma.gov.au/index/overview>)
3. Security Award: Vodafone Hutchinson Australia (<http://www.vodafone.com.au/personal/android/home/apps/guardian-app>)
4. Privacy Award: Mega Ltd (<https://mega.co.nz/>)
5. Internet Access and Digital Skills Award: Work Ventures Ltd (<http://www.workventures.com.au/>)
6. Diversity Award: Central Australia Aboriginal Media Association (<http://www.caama.com.au>)

## Register now for the .nz Registrar Conference

.nz Registrars are now invited to register their attendance at the .nz Registrar Conference, which will take place on November 14.

The agenda will likely include content on the following topics:

- Technical (DDoS, Security, DNSSEC)
- Business/Marketing (new gTLDs, Marketing Plans, Research, Products and Services)
- Policy (The year to date, Looking to the future)

The conference will take place at the Amora Hotel, Wellington, and will run from 9am to 6pm. After the conference's presentations, dinner and drinks will be served from 7pm to 10pm.

To register your interest visit: <http://dotnz.eventbrite.co.nz>

## One Year On, .kiwi.nz going strong

One year after its launch, .kiwi.nz is the top performing second level domain in terms of newly created domain name percentages.

Recent figures from the .nz domain name space show that from October 2012 to August 2013, .kiwi.nz experienced a 35.65% growth in new registrations and, as of August 31 this year, there were a total of 9,078 .kiwi.nz registrations.

Spokesperson for the .nz domain name space Patrick Watson says, even though .kiwi.nz represents only a small share of the approximate 540,000 active .nz domain names, statistics at its first year anniversary show it is proving popular.

"Last year the Domain Name Commission's decision to allow the registration of .kiwi.nz domain names expanded the range of choice in the market," he said.

"It seems the market has responded to this decision."



## .au Domain Administration (auDA) representatives visit DNC office in Wellington

Representatives of auDA, the body that regulates Australia's .au domain name space, this month visited the Domain Name Commission's offices.

Domain Name Commissioner Debbie Monahan says that it was a great opportunity for her staff in Wellington to meet their Australian counterparts and discuss each other's policies and processes.

"While we regularly talk to auDA staff remotely, and see them at international conferences and events, nothing can really replace meeting people on a face-to-face level," she says.

"Obviously some of our policies and procedures are different, as are the issues we have to deal with. However, both .nz and .au share some of the same Registrars and being able to freely discuss issues, trends and developments brings out all sorts of dialogue and allows us to see each other's approaches and perspectives."

## Statistics

In August, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 538,019 to 540,050, a net increase of 2,031. Figures as of 31 August, 2013:

	31 July 13	31 Aug 13	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.ac	2,038	2,025	21	379	-13
.co	461,045	462,946	9,625	72,239	1,901
.cri	12	12	0	1	0
.geek	1,237	1,227	14	361	-10
.gen	1,376	1,372	13	369	-4
.govt	1,127	1,129	2	1,097	2
.health	172	179	7	149	7
.iwi	82	82	0	13	0
.kiwi	9061	9,078	199	1,479	17
.maori	1122	1,119	25	127	-3
.mil	35	36	1	10	1
.net	29,385	29,431	571	4,463	46
.org	27,959	28,050	435	4,335	91
.parliament	10	10	0	10	0
.school	3,358	3,354	18	1,186	-4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>538,019</b>	<b>540,050</b>	<b>10,931</b>	<b>86,218</b>	<b>2,031</b>

Note: the above 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>

### Availability

Availability %	SLA	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13
SRS	99.9	100	100	100
Whois	99.9	100	100	100
DNS	100	100	100	100

### SRS Response times

Performance figures on the production environment for the previous three months:

Avg Response time (in seconds)	SLA Target	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.03	0.03	0.04
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.20	0.20	0.17
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.24	0.17	0.21
Get Message	≤0.5	0.04	0.05	0.05
Whois	≤0.5	0.08	0.08	0.08
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	8712	10902	12465
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	1275	1343	1556
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.10	0.10	0.10

## Server DNS % Availability

	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13
NS1	100	100	100
NS2	100	100	100
NS3	100	100	100
NS4	100	100	100
NS5	100	100	100
NS6	100	100	100
NS7	100	100	100

## Unscheduled Outages during August 2013

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages
WHOIS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages
DNS	0

## Scheduled Outages during August 2013

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	3.5 hours
SRS Emergency Scheduled	0
Whois Scheduled	3.5 hours

## Planned Scheduled Outages

Details of future SRS releases and planned scheduled outages can be found on our website <http://nzrs.net.nz/notices/updates>

## 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 Dave Baker at [support@nzrs.net.nz](mailto:support@nzrs.net.nz) or on 04 931 6970. For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz).

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