Statement
Vale Tony Staley

4 May 2023

auDA was saddened yesterday to hear of the passing of Tony Staley.

In addition to his many contributions to public life, Tony was Chair of auDA from 2000 to 2015.

In 2000, auDA was a nascent organisation, established to administer the .au country code top level domain (ccTLD). Working with a volunteer Board and small, dedicated team of staff, Tony led negotiations with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and the Australian domain name industry supporting the successful delegation of .au to auDA.

Throughout his tenure at auDA, Tony contributed significantly to the organisation including guiding the organisation through the establishment of the .au registry / registrar business model and the auDA Foundation, the first tender for the .au registry and commencing community consultation on .au direct. He was a strong supporter of auDA's role as a leader in the ccTLD community.

auDA Chair Alan Cameron AO said, "Tony is remembered by auDA as a tireless advocate for the .au and a great Chair, who was instrumental in both raising awareness of .au and driving innovation in the .au domain."

auDA CEO Rosemary Sinclair AM said, "Tony's commitment to the multi-stakeholder model of internet governance is a legacy that continues today. auDA thanks Tony for his contributions and, together with the .au community, mourns his passing. Our thoughts are with family at this time."

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.au Domain Administration Limited (auDA) is the trusted administrator of the .au domain name system (DNS), which is Australian critical infrastructure, supporting more than 4 million .au domain names. auDA is a not-for-profit, endorsed by the Australian Government to innovate and invest in the Australian internet ecosystem to improve the utility of the .au domain for all Australians. Through its steady stewardship of the .au domain and support of multi-stakeholder internet governance, auDA strives to ensure the internet remains open, free, secure and global.

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