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auDA's 2022-23 Annual Report: Australia's .au domain

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.au Domain Administration (auDA) today released its 2022-23 Annual Report, highlighting auDA's commitment to administer a trusted .au domain for Australians.

The Annual Report reports on themes stakeholders consider most important to auDA and its work, including reliable infrastructure, cyber security and stakeholder engagement, and explores auDA's delivery of a stable, secure and reliable .au in the financial year.

Highlights from the 2022-23 financial year include:

- Delivering a stable .au domain name system (DNS) with 100 per cent DNS availability
- Increasing compliance audits by 191 per cent from 2021-22 to support high levels of compliance with the .au Licensing Rules
- Supporting growth in .au domain name registrations, which passed 4.2 million. Growth was driven by take-up of the new .au direct namespace, a popular choice for registrants since its launch in March 2022
- Investing in initiatives that deliver benefits to Australians through the internet, such as awarding $600,000 in auDA Foundation grants to promote digital inclusion and innovation
- Transitioning to a new .au membership model in September 2022. More than 3,100 members continued as .au members and 1,000 new members joined by the end of the financial year
- Taking an active role in advancing an open, free, secure and global internet through our involvement in public policy and internet governance forums.

auDA Chair Alan Cameron AO said, "auDA's 2022-23 Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of auDA activity and value delivery over the financial year. I am pleased the organisation continues to provide a reliable and accessible .au domain, that serves the evolving needs of internet users."

auDA CEO Rosemary Sinclair AM said, "In 2022-23, auDA worked alongside the .au domain industry to uphold a trusted .au domain through our focus on security, compliance and innovation. Equally important was our continued engagement with our multi-stakeholder community and active participation in internet governance forums locally and globally. We champion an open, free, secure and global internet, recognising its inherent value as the backbone of Australia's digital economy."

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Note to media:

Read the auDA 2022-23 Annual Report.

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About auDA:

.au Domain Administration Limited (auDA) is the administrator of the .au domain name system (DNS), supporting more than four 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 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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