

- Year of review
 - Feb 2007 auDA response to the public submissions made during the Australian Govt review
<http://www.auda.org.au/pdf/dcitareview-comments.pdf>
 - Feb 2007 Names Policy Panel established it was their role to
 - review the policy framework underlying the allocation and use of domain names in the .au domain space; and
 - provide recommendations to the auDA board about what changes (if any) should be made to the policy framework
 - Three main issues were considered
 - Should .au be opened up to direct registrations
 - Should the policy rules for the open 2ld's be changed? If yes, what changes should be made?
 - Should registrants be allowed to sell their .au domain names?
 - Fast Forward to Nov 2007 and here are the results
 - No Direct registrations
 - Current policy rules should remain although strengthening of some policies will be needed and auDA should also have the power to suspend names without notice if requested to do so by an Australian regulatory or law enforcement agency. At the commencement of the next registry licence the ability to issue 1, 2 and 3 year licences should be considered.
 - Registrants should be able to sell their .au domain names although this should be inline with current eligibility policies.
 - Also in Nov 2007 .au achieved a milestone in growth terms – the 1 millionth *.2ld.au domain name was registered. Grown from 250k – 1 million since 2002
 - Advertising campaign was launched in October to highlight the success of this milestone.
 - 1 millionth domain name was registered by a SMB
 - Just this month the combined total of com.au and net.au have surpassed 1 million, total registrations approx 1,030,000
 - Review of current infrastructure to increase security and stability of .au
 - Current partake in “Grace and Favour” arrangements but will move to a solely owned infrastructure with 5 clusters to be deployed across the world
 - Review of current security and administration procedures, training needs, new technology
 - Will cross pollinate with the 2ld.au clusters currently owned by AusRegistry

- Partaking in a cyber security exercise known as CyberStorm 2 off the back of the original Cyber Storm
http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1158340980371.shtm
 - Co-Ordinated by the Australian Government in association with the US Government
 - Players devise their own scenarios to meet their goals, scenarios fit within a larger scaled event (Government driven) testing incident response, security and communication

- Time spent raising public awareness of auDA's role in industry
 - As such we now see an increased amount of complaints and needed a way to track this information
 - Searched many applications and settled with an Australian company called Beethoven (<http://www.beethoven.com.au/>) and their product Resolve.
 - It's a tailor made system built on the Resolve base, it allows us to add unique work flows, customise templates, personalise logins etc
 - Resolve allows auDA reference relationships between complaints/domain names/ complainants and registrants
 - view total complains by a single entity or total number of complaints against a single entity, obtain a history of complainant/domain name/registrant and collate data better through reports

- Final talking point is the auDA strategic plan for 2008-2010
 - Draft sent out for comment in October 07
http://www.auda.org.au/pdf/auDA_Draft_Strategic_Plan_for_Consultation.pdf
 - Focuses on 6 points
 - Enabling and enforcing regulatory compliance
 - Reviewing and developing relevant policy
 - Maximising security and technical stability of the .au name space
 - Educating .au name space stakeholders
 - Efficient administration of auDA activities
 - Representing Australian Internet industry interests at national and international fora.
 - Public submissions are now closed and all information, including the draft can be found on the auDA website.