

This web we weave

By the time you read this edition of the Journal, the new web site should be operational. As I mentioned in my last report, a very important feature of the site is the ability of each group (Branch, SIG etc.) to manage their own content. With each group using the same web software, the Society will be able to maintain a professional looking, up-to-date site. The content managers have been chosen - so now is the time for each group to fully utilize the power of the web to advertise meetings, display education material etc. The new site is very much a “work-in-progress” with some work still to do in adding new features.

Members only

Although most of the content on the web site is in the public domain, there is also a members-only area - where you can, for example, obtain an electronic copy of the journal. To logon the first time, use your last name preceded by your first initial (no spaces) as the username and password. If this is unsuccessful (there are a few members with the same username/password), try using your full first name as the prefix to your last name – if this fails, email the webmaster. On first logging in, change your password only to one of your choosing.

On the last membership renewal form you were asked to indicate whether or not you give your permission to have your work contact details and email listed in the Members Only section of the web site. This information is to help foster better communication between members (and will not be available for commercial use).

Government submissions

The Society is increasingly asked to make submissions to various Government agencies on new regulations, codes of practice etc. In the past we have not had an efficient process for canvassing member’s comments, collating the information and responding in a timely way to these requests. “Requests for submission” will be posted on the new web site together with an invitation for members to make comments (currently posted: ARPANSA *Draft Code of Practice for Security of Radioactive Sources*).

On another important topic, the Annual Scientific Meeting is less than 2 months away. I urge you all to support this major calendar event, and I look forward to seeing you in sunny Perth.

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