
EFA Year in Review 2020

Just keeping our shit together &
being kind



**Electronic
Frontiers**
AUSTRALIA



This year could not have been more shit.

The fact we are all still standing is a testament to the care, community, and loyalty we have all built towards one another, the public, and the purpose of preserving digital rights. Thank you to the board, members, and the community.

Vale Peter Tonoli. Thank you




To the board - thank you!



Your board members show up month after month, and as an operational board they do the work to keep the organisation going. Thank you to all of them for their time, experience and dedication.

- Lyndsey Jackson - Chair
- Peter Tonoli - Vice Chair (end 13/3/2020)
- Rita McIlwraith - Vice Chair (from 13/3/2020)
- Justin Warren - Treasurer
- Michelle Meares - Secretary
- Shaun Haddrill
- Richard Prangell
- El Gibbs (resigned 15/9/2020)
- Matt Watt
- Alejandro Betancourt
- Steve King (co-opted 4/2/2020)
- Carley Tonoli (co-opted 19/5/2020)

Summary of EFA submissions



03/2020	Privacy Impact Assessment - Census 2021
03/2020	Online Safety Legislative Reform Discussion Paper
03/2020	Human Rights and Technology Discussion Paper - joint with QCCL, EFA, NSWCCCL, Liberty Vic and APF
05/2020	Human rights scrutiny and the COVID-19 pandemic - Select Committee
07/2020	PJCIS Hearing - Review of Assistance and Access Act - in person
08/2020	Treasury Laws Amendment (News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code) Bill 2020
08/2020	Mandatory News Media Bargaining Code
11/2020	Data Access and Transparency Bill
11/2020	Privacy Act Review (in progress)



Made possible by our policy team

A special mention to **Angus Murray our Policy Chair** - who always goes above and beyond and works so hard to produce great outcomes and support the team.

Thank you to everyone who participated, created content, commented, and showed up

Next changes: Providing better support to new people, and helping build experience and confidence



Key Campaign Focus

- Covid-19

Covid-19 has shaped the globe in 2020. EFA took an early stand on the need for transparency of code and the preservation of privacy.



EFA Talks with...

- Dr Suelette Dreyfus
- Lucie Krahulcova
- Dr Trent Yarwood
- Lyndsey Jackson
- Vanessa Teague
- Stilgherrian

Topics covered included the CovidSafe tracing app, privacy, rights, robodebt, encryption, e-voting, Australia's Cyber Security Strategy



Other Campaign Focus

- Assistance and Access Bill
- Facial recognition
- Data and data sharing
- Robodebt
- Rebuilding Internet Governance - NetThing



EFA Talks

Responding to the changing circumstance of people being isolated and at home, and the broader dialogue on Covid-19 has shaped the globe in 2020. EFA took an early stand on the need for transparency of code and the preservation of privacy.

Rebuilding Internet Community Governance



EFA Board members Lyndsey Jackson with Peter Tonoli instrumental

Part of steering committee since inception June 2018

Online event. All very different in 2020



Media

It's been a busy year for media - [check out our list on the website](#) - there is a bit more that happens in smaller publications and community radio

We've been in The Australian, ABC Radio, ZDnet, Gizmodo, BuzzFeed & Innovation Aus, ITWire to name a few.

Key topics have been on encryption, facial recognition, surveillance, social media, and data sharing.

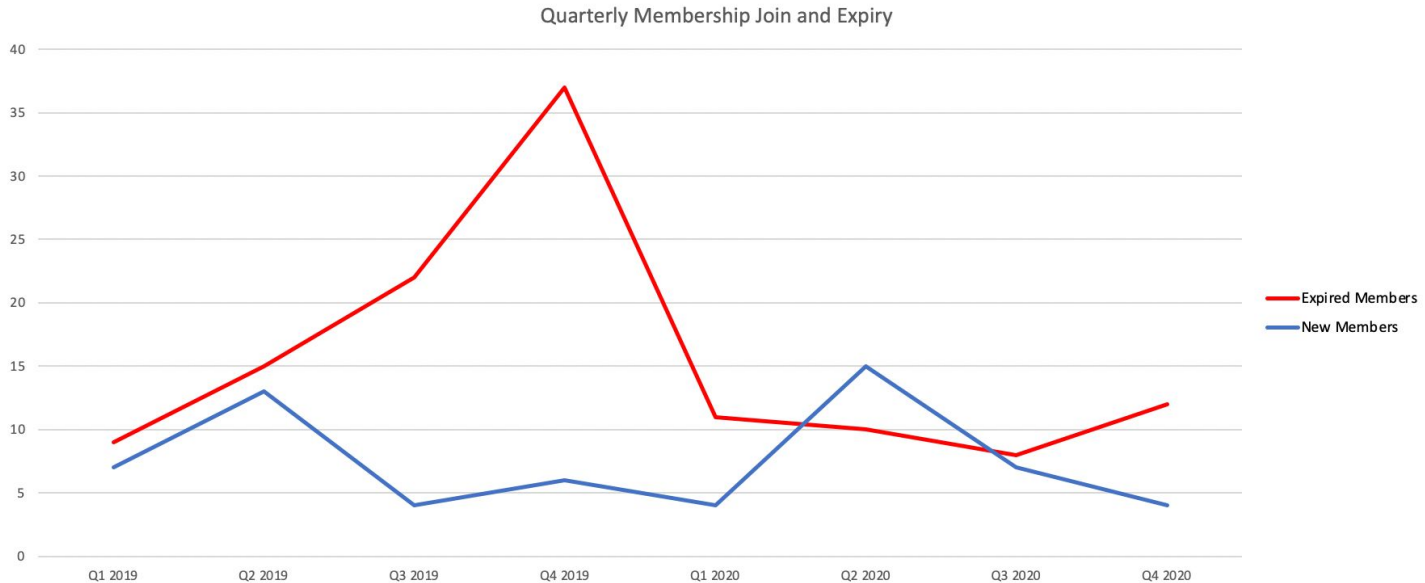


Partnerships & Acknowledging the Community

- Australian Internet Governance community - including Internet Australia, AuDA, APNIC, Linux Australia
- Digital Rights Watch
- Thoughtworks
- ACCAN

Membership

- Total members: 451
- Saw a loss of members and particularly members who expired and did not renew - possibly due to personal finances, but also the emails from an administrative point of view



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Strategic Plan & Long-term Goals

1. Growing a broad-based membership.
2. Increasing awareness of digital rights.
3. Increasing protections for digital rights enshrined in law.
4. Increasing evidence of effective protection of digital rights.
5. Increasing access to beneficial, rights-preserving technologies.



We will need input & expertise from you

The new board will work on the actions and tactics that will form the operational direction.

This will involve feedback and increased engagement with you to share the organisation and the work we do over the next 25 years (ok maybe next 1-2 years).



Thank you

From the entire board.