

L&FRCA – Website Meeting Report

Website Report – 27th November 2014

1. Actions to update the website:

- We have an up to date website at this time. Most of the items the website committee (Peter, Ann & Mal) had planned to do have been completed as far as I can recall.
- Perhaps some links to businesses or facilities remain to be added.
- There have been few Community activities to promote since the completion of repairs to the Cricket Club rooms and reporting the progress of the heritage-listing proposal.
- There have been some deletions of redundant items for example a newsletter on the website which has not been utilised since two winters ago was deleted. News items are better placed as a post on the home page as it is the most immediate feature of the website.
- The latest version of the software is installed. I have been keeping myself up to date by means of the Facebook page of The Adelaide Meetup Group of WodPress users. I find this a useful forum for technical questions and it is popular with developers and multi site operators as well as single site people as well.

2. Problems loading the website:

- There appears to be a performance issue with the host server over recent weeks. This combined with very slow internet (speeds particularly for most of Saturday 22nd - 0.40Mbps) have caused concern.
- The normal speed is typically around 1.9-2.6Mbps. This was measured at Mal's house and meant that it was almost impossible to view the website. For example it took around 20mins to load the home page. Mal has been experiencing this Intermittently for a few weeks now. The browser just churns away and nothing loads.
- There is a suggestion from someone in the WordPress Adelaide group, that this occurs when a server is overloaded (i.e. too many sites being hosted on the server). CPanel stats indicate server overload as well: server load 3.10 -4.2 (2 cpus) and this indicates up to 100%overload.
- At some point it may become necessary to take some remedial action should the problem not be resolved satisfactorily by our current host. I do plan to discuss causes and remedies with Tom from We Know IT ASAP.

Options to fix the issue:

There are 5 options as to what might be done should we need to change our hosting.

- a. Move to just using Facebook (no cost)
- b. Use *Community site in a box* <http://www.cgdn.org.au/siteinabox/> eg <http://lobethal.sa.au/> (Annual fee \$99.00)

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- c. Move to another hosting service (e.g. someone in Wordpress Adelaide to host our site). Move to WordPress.com which as a subdomain of WordPress.com (free) <http://www.lenswood-forestrange.wordpress.com/>
- d. Our current host has suggested we might like to use a cloud server as part of our hosting to keep our data on at an increase of \$25.00/year.

Action needed: Mal proposes that we discuss this and decide what to do about it.

- Have others had problems
- Outcome:

References re topics around this issues:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shared_web_hosting_service

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Content_delivery_network

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_private_server

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloud_computing

cloud hosting. <http://www.rackspace.com.au/>

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