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### **Australian Journal of Telecommunications and the Digital Economy**

The Society publishes the peer reviewed "*Australian Journal of Telecommunications and the Digital Economy*".

See [About the Australian Journal of Telecommunications and the Digital Economy](#) <sup>[2]</sup>.

### **Awards**

The [Charles Todd Meda](#) <sup>[3]</sup> is awarded by the Society for distinguished service to the telecommunications industry in Australia.

The Society, sponsored by Telstra, has offered in the past the Christopher Newell Prize each year for the best papers in the Journal addressing the needs of disabled people in the digital economy. We are looking for a new sponsor to ensure that we can maintain this important award.

The Society is a supporter of the annual [iAwards\(link is external\)](#) <sup>[4]</sup> programme which recognises innovation and entrepreneurship in the ICT industry.

### **Privacy**

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### **Constitution**

Telecommunications Association Inc., ABN 34 732 327 053, is registered in Victoria adopting the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. See the Rules here: [Rules of Telecommunications Association Inc.](#) <sup>[7]</sup> Some minor rule changes were formally adopted at the inaugural AGM in October 2014. These will be reflected in the Rules when they have been approved by the Victorian authority. In the meantime the marked up rules can be found here:

[Rules of the Telecommunications Association marked up with amendments in special resolutions](#) <sup>[8]</sup>

### **Registered office**

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## History

The Telecommunications Association Inc. (TelSoc) and its immediate predecessor, the Telecommunications Society of Australia, has served the Australian telecommunications industry as its learned society since its initial formation as the Telegraph Electrical Society in 1874, in response to enthusiasm for the then new engineering science of electrical telegraphy. Since then the Society has evolved in response to the industry's growth through successive phases of industry restructuring: the introduction of telephony by the private sector (1880); nationalisation following Federation of Australia (1901); the passing of the Postmaster-General Department's monopoly role (1902-1975) to the arms-length government business Telecom Australia (1975-92); and the introduction of competition with the staged privatisation of Telecom Australia's successor, Telstra, in 1991, 1997 and 2005.

Throughout its 143-year history, the Society has kept industry members informed of new developments in network infrastructure, products and services, regulatory changes, end user experience and policy issues, through a combination of lunchtime lectures, major industry networking events, and the publication of newsletters and journals, most especially (from June 1935 to June 2013) the Telecommunications Journal of Australia, succeeded by the Australian Journal of Telecommunications and the Digital Economy.

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