



# MEMBER ENGAGEMENT WEEK PROGRAM

**17-20 MARCH 2025**

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# WELCOME!

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## Welcome to the AHA March Member Engagement Week!

I'd like to welcome you to Member Engagement Week and thank you for taking the time to be here.

We're pleased to welcome a broad cross-section of our members, recognising that all members benefit from representation of as many livestock industries as possible when discussing national biosecurity and animal disease preparedness issues.



This week will see our Industry and Government members meet for their respective forums, an EADRA workshop and all our members coming together for our Members Forum.

I look forward to hearing your insights and contributions over the next few days.

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**DR SAMANTHA ALLAN**  
CEO

# DAY 1      MONDAY 17 MARCH

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
12:00–1:00pm	<b>Registration and Lunch</b> Room: Outside CBR 1	
1:00–3:00pm	<b>Industry Forum</b> Room: CBR 1	
1:00–1:05pm	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>	<b>Dr Mary Wu</b> Chief Executive Officer, ACMF Industry Forum Chair
1:05–1:10pm	<b>Industry Forum 50 minutes and Action Items</b>	<b>Dr Mary Wu</b>
1:10–1:50pm	<b>Key Industry Updates – Whip Around</b>	<b>All</b>
1:50–2:05pm	<b>Update – AHC Chair</b>	<b>Dr Beth Cookson,</b> Australian Chief Veterinary Officer, AFF
2:05–2:20pm	<b>Update - AHA CEO</b> <b>(Chair of Board will accompany CEO)</b>	<b>Dr Samantha Allan</b> Chief Executive Officer, AHA
2:20–3:00pm	<b>Benchmarking Exercise</b>	<b>Dr Mary Wu</b>
3:00–3:30pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> Room: Outside CBR 1	
3:30–5:00pm	<b>Industry Forum (continued)</b> Room: CBR 1	
3:00–3:20pm	<b>Progress on HPAI Preparedness Post AI Summit</b>	<b>Dr Mary Wu</b> and <b>Melinda Hashimoto</b> Chief Ececutive Officer, Egg Farmers Australia
3:20–3:35pm	<b>Crisis Management Project Update</b> <b>Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines Website</b>	<b>Dr Rob Barwell</b> Head of Program, Biosecurity, AHA
3:35–3:50pm	<b>ADF EAD Preparedness Training Project Update</b>	<b>Justin Toohey</b> Animal Health, Welfare and Biosecurity Advisor, Australian Dairy Farmers
3:50–4:00pm	<b>LSD Action Plan Update</b>	<b>Dr Jarrad Sanderson</b> DAFF
4:00–4:40pm	<b>Broader Biosecurity System Discussion</b>	<b>Dr Mary Wu</b>
4:40–5:00pm	<b>Other Business and Close</b>	<b>Dr Mary Wu</b>
3:30–5:00pm	<b>Government Forum</b> Room: LAX	
5:00–7:30pm	<b>Member Networking Event</b> Room: Helix Bar	

# DAY 2      TUESDAY 18 MARCH

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:30-9:00am	<b>Member Registration</b> Room: Outside CBR 1	
9:00-10:15am	<b>EADRA Workshop</b> Room: CBR 1 and 2	<b>Dr Therese Wright</b> Head of Program, Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA, AHA)
	<b>Session 1:</b> Progress on the review of categorisation under the EADRA	<b>Dr Therese Wright</b>
	<b>Session 2:</b> Potential review of listed EADs	<b>Dr Therese Wright</b>
10.15-10:45am	<b>Morning Tea</b> Room: Outside CBR 1	
10:45am-12:30pm	<b>EADRA Workshop (continued)</b> Room: CBR 1 and 2	<b>Dr Therese Wright</b>
	<b>Session 3:</b> Data for cost sharing calculations	<b>Dr Therese Wright and Ashley Turner</b> Company Secretary & Head of Finance, AHA
	<b>Session 4:</b> Update on the after action review of national arrangements for the high pathogenicity avian influenza incidents in 2024	<b>Dr Mark Cozens</b> General Manager Emergency Preparedness, Animal Health and Biosecurity, AHA
	<b>Session 5:</b> EADRA workplan and AHA calendar	<b>Dr Therese Wright</b>
12:30-1:40pm	<b>Lunch</b> Room: Outside CBR 1	
1:40-3:00pm	<b>Members' Forum 1</b> Room: CBR 1 and 2	<b>Jackie Poyser</b> A/g General Manager Customer, Strategy and Operations, AHA
1:40-1:55pm	<b>Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country and Introductions</b>	<b>Jackie Poyser</b>
1:55-2:00pm	<b>AHA Board Chair Address</b>	<b>Malcolm Letts</b> Board Chair, AHA

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TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
2:00–2:40pm	<b>AHA CEO Address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2025–30 Strategic Plan (draft)</li> <li>• 2025–26 AOP</li> </ul>	<b>Dr Samantha Allan</b> Chief Executive Officer, AHA
2:40–2:55pm	<b>Summary Report from Industry Forum</b>	<b>Dr Mary Wu</b> Chief Executive Officer, ACMF Industry Forum Chair
2:55–3:25pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> Room: Outside CBR 1	
3:25–5:00pm	<b>Members' Forum 1 (continued)</b> Room: CBR 1 and 2	<b>Jackie Poyser</b>
3:25–3:50pm	<b>Incident Insights and Lessons Learnt</b>	<b>Bomber Lancaster</b> GM Policy & Biosecurity, ALFA
3:50–4:10pm	<b>Update on FMD Vaccine Bank Activities</b>	<b>Dr Penny Linnett</b> EAD Specialist, AHA
4:10–4:20pm	<b>Summary of Intensive Industries Meeting</b>	<b>Melinda Hashimoto</b> Chief Executive Officer, Egg Farmers Australia
4:20–4:30pm	<b>National Arbovirus Monitoring Program (NAMP)</b>	<b>Emily Sears</b> Manager: Emergency Preparedness, Animal Health and Biosecurity Projects, AHA
4:30–4:40pm	<b>Animal Welfare Group: Update on Key Areas of Concern and Projects</b>	<b>Tanya Pittard</b> GM, Policy & Industry Relations, Australian Pork
4:40–4:55pm	<b>Training Program Update and Spotlight on NBRT Cadet Program</b>	<b>Ben Byrne</b> Head of Program, Training, AHA <b>Dr Narelle Jones</b> Manager, NBRT, AHA
4:55–5:00pm	<b>Wrap Up and Close</b>	<b>Jackie Poyser</b>
5:00–6:00pm	<b>Member Networking Drinks</b> Room: Helix Bar	



## DAY 3 WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00–10:30am	<b>Members' Forum 2</b> Room: CBR 1 and 2	<b>Jackie Poyser</b> A/g General Manager Customer, Strategy and Operations, AHA
9:00–9:05am	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Jackie Poyser</b>
9:05–9:35am	<b>AUSVETPLAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the Workplan</li> <li>• Planned Activities for 25/26</li> </ul>	<b>Dr Jane Owens</b> Head of Program - AUSVETPLAN, AHA
9:35–10:00am	<b>Update on Australian Animal Welfare Strategy and Standards and Guidelines</b>	<b>Leanne Mundy</b> Director Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Program (DAFF) <b>Emily Orchard-Mills</b> A/g Director  Farm Animal Welfare Section (DAFF)
10:00–10:30am	<b>Strategies to Improve Producer Compliance with Biosecurity Practices</b>	<b>Dr Vaughan Higgins</b> Professor of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Tasmania
10:30–11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b> Room: Outside CBR 1	
11:00am–12:40pm	<b>Members' Forum 2 (continued)</b> Room: CBR 1 and 2	<b>Jackie Poyser</b>
11:00–11:30am	<b>Enhancing Models for Rapid Decision-support in EAD Outbreaks</b> <i>Presentation followed by facilitated discussion</i>	<b>Dr Simon Firestone</b> Associate Professor in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Melbourne
11:30–11:45am	<b>Lumpy Skin Disease Surveillance Strategy</b>	<b>Dr Andrew Breed</b> Principal Veterinary Officer (Epidemiology, Surveillance and Laboratory), DAFF <b>Dr Emily Sellens</b> A/g Senior Veterinary Officer (Epidemiology, Surveillance and Laboratory), DAFF

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11:45am–12:05pm	National Animal Health Database	<b>Emily Sears</b> Manager: Emergency Preparedness, Animal Health and Biosecurity Projects, AHA
12:05–12:20pm	Biosecurity Program Update	<b>Rob Barwell</b> Head of Program, Biosecurity, AHA
12:20–12:40pm	Wrap Up and Other Business	<b>Jackie Poyser</b>
12:40–2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b> Room: Outside CBR 1	
2:00–5:00pm	<b>National Management Group Training</b> Room: CBR 1 and 2	<b>Ben Byrne</b> Head of Program, Training, AHA

## DAY 4    THURSDAY 20 MARCH

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:30am–4:00pm	<b>National Management Group Training (continued)</b> Room: CBR 1 and 2	<b>Ben Byrne</b>



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