



Member Engagement Week

22-25 September 2025
Vibe Hotel, Canberra

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1 Rogan Street, Canberra ACT 2609

Welcome!

Welcome to the AHA September 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 emergency 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.

Dr Samantha Allan
CEO

Day 1

Monday 22 September

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
12:00–1:00pm	Registration Room: Outside CBR 1 Lunch Room: Living Room	
1:00–3:00pm	Industry Forum Room: CBR 1	
1:00–1:05pm	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Tanya Pittard GM Policy and Industry Engagement APL Forum Chair
1:05–1:10pm	Industry Forum 51 minutes and action items	Tanya Pittard
1:10–1:25pm	Matters for decision relating to IF governance and priorities (in-camera) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting for IF executive positions • Voting for IF working group and committee representatives • IF strategic priorities and deliverables, risks and opportunities 	Tanya Pittard
1:25–2:30pm	Key industry updates – whip around	All
2:30–2:45pm	Update – AHC Chair	TBC
2:45–3:00pm	Update - AHA CEO (Chair of Board will accompany CEO)	Dr Samantha Allan Chief Executive Officer, AHA
3:00–3:30pm	Afternoon tea Room: Outside CBR 1	
3:30–3:55pm	LLIs updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insights from LLI workshops and exercises • LLI boosted training and contract templates 	Ben Byrne Head of Program - Training, AHA Justin Toohey Animal Health, Welfare and Biosecurity Advisor, ADF
3:55–4:05pm	Dairy industry EAD action guide	Justin Toohey
4:05–4:50pm	Workshop on collaborative use of industry data for strategic decision making in EAD responses	Dr Ron Glanville Principal Consultant, Biosecurity Advisory Service and Non-Executive Director, PHA Board
4:50–5:05pm	Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOA Report • Questions to representatives of standing committee 	Various
5:05–5:15pm	Other business and close	Tanya Pittard
3:30–5:00pm	Government Forum Room: LAX	
5:15–7:30pm	Member networking event Room: Helix Bar	

Day 2 Tuesday 23 September

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00–8:30am	Member registration Room: Outside CBR 1
	EADRA Workshop Room: CBR 1 and 2
8:30–8:35am	Welcome and introduction
8:35–9:10am	Session 1: Briefing for all Parties on the conduct and report of the 2024 HPAI After Action Review (AAR)
9:10–10:15am	Session 2: High level review of key bodies of work arising from the AAR
10:15–10:45am	Morning tea Room: Outside CBR 1
10:45–11:00am	General discussion to identify key priorities etc
11:00am–12:15pm	Session 3: Exploration of key work where AHA lead or has major role
12:15–1:00pm	Lunch Room: Living room
1:00–3:00pm	Session 3 (cont’)
3:00–3:30pm	Afternoon tea Room: Outside CBR 1
3:30–4:00pm	Session 3 (cont’)
4:00–4:45pm	Session 4: Exploration of other high priority issues as determined on the day (optional session)
4:45–5:00pm	Session 5: Final business and wrap up
5:00pm	Close
5:00–6:00pm	Member networking event Room: Helix Bar

Day 3

Wednesday 24 September

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
	Members' Forum 1 Room: CBR 1 and 2	Jackie Poyser Senior Strategy Advisor Dr Sally Cook General Manager, Member Engagement and Technical Services, AHA
9:00–9:05am	Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country and introductions	Jackie Poyser and Sally Cook
9:05–9:10am	AHA Board Chair Address	Malcolm Letts Board Chair, AHA
9:10–9:40am	AHA CEO Address	Dr Samantha Allan Chief Executive Officer, AHA
9:40–10:10am	FMD Vaccine Bank Exercise - making sure we are ready	Dr Penny Linnett EAD Specialist, AHA
10:10–10:30am	EADRA Working Group update	Dr Therese Wright Head of Program, Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA), AHA
10.30–11:00am	Morning tea Room: Outside CBR 1	
11:00–11:20am	Transition to Management Learnings from Plant Responses	Dr Rachel Mann National Manager, Response, PHA
11:20–11:30am	DAFF-funded HPAI project update	Dr Mark Cozens General Manager, Emergency Preparedness and Surveillance, AHA
11:30–11:45am	Australian Animal Pathology Standards Program (AAPSP)	Mikhaila Nye Surveillance Manager, AHA
11:45–11:50am	Animal Welfare Group: update on key areas of concern and projects	Tanya Pittard General Manager, Policy & Industry Relations, Australian Pork
11:50–11:55am	Summary report from Intensive Industries meeting	Melinda Hashimoto Chief Executive Officer, Egg Farmers of Australia
11:55am–12:00pm	Summary report from Industry Forum	Tanya Pittard

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TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
12:00–12:30pm	HASTE	Dr Chris Baker Senior Research Fellow, University of Melbourne
12:30–1:30pm	Lunch Room: Living Room	
1:30–1:50pm	AUSVETPLAN update	Dr Jane Owens Head of Program, AUSVETPLAN, AHA
1:50–2:10pm	Studying vectors to better define disease risk – how, why and which ones?	Vidya, Bhardwaj Research Director, Diagnostic Surveillance and Response (DSR)
2:10–2:25pm	An update on the NBC led review of emergency response arrangements	TBC DAFF
2:25–2:40pm	Crisis Management Planning project	Dr Rob Barwell Head of Program - Biosecurity, AHA
2:40–2:55pm	National Animal Health Database	Emily Sears Head of Program - Technical Services, AHA Dr Sally Cook General Manager, Member Engagement and Technical Services, AHA
2:55–3:00pm	Wrap up and close	Jackie Poyser and Sally Cook
3:00–3:30pm	Afternoon tea Room: Outside CBR 1	
3:30–5:00pm	CCEAD Training	Training Team

Day 4 Thursday 25 September

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:30am–4:30pm	CCEAD Training (cont') Room: CBR 1 and 2	Training Team

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