animalhealth AUSTRALIA

Member Engagement Week

22-25 September 2025
Vibe Hotel, Canberra

Vibe Hotel Canberra
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)** • 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 - AHA CEO** (Chair of Board will accompany CEO)	**Dr Samantha Allan** Chief Executive Officer, AHA
2:45–3:00pm	**Update – AHC Chair**	**Dr Sam Hamilton** A/g Australian Chief Veterinary Officer, DAFF
3:00–3:30pm	**Afternoon tea** Room: Outside CBR 1	
3:30–3:55pm	**LLIs updates**	
	• Insights from LLI workshops and exercises	**Ben Byrne** Head of Program - Training, AHA
	• LLI boosted training and contract templates	**Justin Toohey** Animal Health, Welfare and Biosecurity Advisor, ADF
3:55–4:05pm	**Dairy industry EAD action guide**	**Andy Hancock** Sustainable Animal Care Manager, Dairy Australia
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** • WOAH 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'd)**
3:00–3:30pm	**Afternoon tea** Room: Outside CBR 1
3:30–4:00pm	**Session 3 (cont'd)**
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**

Cont'd

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	**David Gavin** Assistant Secretary, Biosecurity Response and Reform
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 Dr Sally Cook**
3:00–3:30pm	**Afternoon tea** Room: Outside CBR 1	
3:30–5:00pm	**CCEAD Training** Room: CBR 1 and 2	**Training Team**

Day 4 • Thursday 25 September

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

Notes