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# MEMBER ENGAGEMENT WEEK PROGRAM

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18-21 MARCH 2024

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# WELCOME!

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## Welcome to the AHA March 2024 Member Engagement Week!

The team at Animal Health Australia has hit the ground running in 2024; and by all accounts, you've been busy too! Thank you to all the EADRA signatories that have been participating in the Five-Year review sessions and workshops - the hard work will culminate this week as the final report and draft workplan are discussed. Financial year 2024-25 budget has been drafted; members will get the first look at the numbers on Monday for comment. You'll also hear the consolidated feedback that we've received during consultations on the proposed changes to the Constitution.



In addition to AHA content, we have updates and discussions planned on topics that affect many of you – including the NLIS uplift, The National LSD Action Plan, and Return to Trade after an EAD.

All this hard work calls for some kicking back together. Monday we'll meet downstairs at Rydges for a BBQ, and Tuesday we're back at the much-loved Kingston Hotel down the road for drinks in the Library and Garden.

We look forward to spending the next few days with you!

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**DR SAMANTHA ALLAN**  
ACTING CEO

# AGENDA

## DAY 1 MONDAY, 18 MARCH

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:30–2:00pm	<b>Member Registration</b> Outside Forrest Rooms, 2nd Floor	
9:30–10:00am	<b>Tea</b>	
10:00–1:00pm	<b>Industry Forum</b> Forrest Room Two, 2nd Floor <i>See separate agenda</i>	
1:00–2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b> The George Restaurant, Ground Floor	
2:00–5:00pm	<b>Member Forum Session One</b> Forrest Room Two, 2nd floor	
2:00pm	Welcome	<b>Jennifer Sullivan</b> Head of Member & Customer Engagement, AHA
	Welcome to Country	<b>Ms Serena Williams</b> Ngunnawal Elder
2:10pm	Chair Address	<b>Sharon Starick</b> Board Chair, AHA
	CEO Update and AOP	<b>Dr Samantah Allan</b> Acting CEO, AHA
3:10pm	AHC Update	<b>Dr Beth Cookson</b> Australian CVO
	Industry Forum activities including workplan deliverables	<b>Dr Mary Wu</b> Industry Forum Chair
3:40pm	<b>Tea</b>	
4:00pm	Constitution Review Update	<b>Jennifer Sullivan</b> Head of Member & Customer Engagement, AHA
4:40pm	NLIS Uplift	<b>Jo Quigley</b> CEO, Integrity Systems Company
5:30–7:30pm	<b>Networking Function</b> <b>Barbecue Party at The Lounge Bar Deck</b> Ground Floor, Rydges Hotel	

# DAY 2 TUESDAY, 19 MARCH

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:30am	<b>Member Registration</b> Outside Forrest Rooms, 2nd Floor	
9:00–12:35pm	<b>Member Forum Session Two</b> Forrest Room Two, 2nd Floor	
9:00am	Welcome & session overview	<b>Jennifer Sullivan</b> Head of Member & Customer Engagement, AHA
9:05am	Minister's Address (virtual)	<b>Senator the Hon Murray Watt</b> Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
9:20am	National Lumpy Skin Disease Action Plan Update	<b>Luke Osborne</b> Assistant Secretary (A/g), Animal Strategy & Coordination Branch, DAFF
	Regional LSD Vaccine Supply Arrangements	<b>Kathy Gibson</b> Assistant Secretary (A/g), Animal Health Policy Branch, DAFF
	AUSVETPLAN Update	<b>Dr Mark Cozens</b> Head of Program, AUSVETPLAN, AHA
10:15am	<b>Tea</b>	
10:35am	Return to Trade after an Emergency Animal Disease <i>Presentations followed by Q&amp;A</i>	<b>Dr Joanne Taylor</b> Director (A/g), International Strategy and Assurance, Animal Strategy and Coordination <b>Tanya Pittard</b> General Manager Policy and Industry Relations, APL <b>Representative</b> Export Standards Branch, DAFF
12:45–1:45pm	<b>Lunch</b> The George Restaurant, Ground Floor <i>New members at large side table</i>	
2:00–5:00pm	<b>EADRA Workshop Session One</b> Forrest Room Two, 2nd Floor	<b>Dr Therese Wright</b> Head of Program, EADRA, AHA <b>Jackie Poyser</b> Acting GM, Customer Strategy & Operations, AHA
3:25pm	<b>Tea</b>	
5:30–7:30pm	<b>Member Networking Function</b> The Kingston Hotel <i>Drinks &amp; Substantial Canapes</i>	

## DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
8:30–12:15pm	<b>EADRA Workshop Session Two</b> Forrest Room Two, 2nd Floor	<b>Dr Therese Wright</b> Head of Program, EADRA, AHA <b>Jackie Poyser</b> Acting GM, Customer Strategy & Operations, AHA
10:30am	<b>Morning tea</b>	
12:30–1:30pm	<b>Lunch</b> Government Forum members: Board Room 2, 2nd Floor <i>All other attendees: The George Restaurant</i>	
1:30–5:00pm	<b>National Management Group (NMG) Training Session 1</b> Forrest Room 2, 2nd Floor	<b>Ben Byrne</b> Head of Program, Training, AHA <b>Peter Dagg</b> Acting GM, Emergency Preparedness, Animal Health & Biosecurity, AHA

## DAY 4 THURSDAY, 21 MARCH

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00–4:00pm	<b>National Management Group (NMG) Training Session 2</b> Forrest Room 1, 2nd Floor	<b>Ben Byrne</b> Head of Program, Training, AHA <b>Peter Dagg</b> Acting GM, Emergency Preparedness, Animal Health & Biosecurity, AHA

# AHA PRESENTERS

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You may see the following AHA Directors, and team members that are presenting or facilitating throughout Member Engagement Week.



**SHARON STARICK**  
Board Chair



**DR PETER DAGG**  
Acting GM Emergency  
Preparedness, Animal  
Health & Biosecurity



**JACKIE POYSER**  
Acting GM, Customer  
Strategy & Operations



**BEN BYRNE**  
Head of Program, Training



**DR MARK COZENS**  
Head of Program, AUSVETPLAN



**DR THERESE WRIGHT**  
Head of Program, Emergency  
Animal Disease Response  
Agreement (EADRA)



**JENNIFER SULLIVAN**  
Head of Member and  
Customer Value

# GUEST AND MEMBER PRESENTERS

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IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE



**DR MARY WU**  
IF Chair  
CEO, Australian Chicken  
Meat Federation



**DR BETH COOKSON**  
Australian Chief  
Veterinary Officer



**JO QUIGLEY**  
CEO, Integrity Systems Company



**SENATOR THE  
HON. MURRAY WATT**  
Minister for Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Forestry



**LUKE OSBORNE**  
Assistant Secretary (A/g) |  
Animal Strategy & Coordination  
Branch, DAFF



**KATHY GIBSON**  
Assistant Secretary (A/g) |  
Animal Health Policy Branch,  
DAFF



**DR JOANNE TAYLOR**  
Director (A/g) International  
Strategy and Assurance,  
Animal Strategy and  
Coordination Branch, DAFF



**TANYA PITTARD**  
General Manager Policy and  
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