

## Communique

Meeting No: 2018.05

20 June 2018

The Animal Care and Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met in Sydney on 20 June 2018. Present at the meeting were members and guests including representatives from State and Territory ITABs/ITACs and a representative from the Department of Education and Training.

### Issues and actions

This IRC decided:

- To clarify what constitutes “suitable experience” and to reword the entry requirements for the Certificate IV and Diploma of Veterinary Nursing.
- To not conduct a survey of Vet Nurses at this time.
- To explore options for the possibility to change the structure of the Diploma in Vet Nursing to comprise several diplomas rather than one with several streams.

### Project plans

The projects to redevelop several Training Package components that have been approved by the Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC) were discussed and suggestions for subject matter experts to participate in a Technical Advisory Committee were made. The projects to be undertaken during 2018-2019 include the review and redevelopment of components relating to Horse Education, Animal Incident Management, Animal Technology and an Animal Care Skills Set.

Members agreed that a full review the Certificate IV in Equine Dentistry should be listed as a priority in the next *IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedules of Work*.

### Project report

At the time of this meeting, the modifications made to the *ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package* through the Farriery and Infection Control projects were being considered by state and territory training authorities before submission to the AISC for consideration at their August meeting.

### IRC membership vacancy

A vacant position for an expert in captive animals on this IRC exists. Members made several suggestions for people to invite to apply.

### Discussions with the laboratory animal industry about future skills needs

The Australian and New Zealand Laboratory Animal Association (ANZLAA) Conference in September was suggested as an appropriate forum for encouraging members of this industry to discuss future skills needs in preparation for developing the 2019-2022 IRC Skills Forecast.