

Communique

Meeting No: 2019.01
21 February 2019

The Animal Care and Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met in Canberra on 21 February 2019. Present at the meeting were members and guests, including representatives from the Department of Education and Training, State and Territory ITABs/ITACs.

Welcome

The IRC welcomed to the IRC two new members with expertise in captive wildlife operations. They are Elly Neuman and Dr Robert Johnson.

IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019-2022

The IRC approved the draft of the *Animal Care and Management IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019-2022* (Skills Forecast), subject to further public and IRC member feedback. The IRC requested further work be undertaken concerning potential equine training projects, including seeking feedback from the Racing and Breeding and Sport and Recreation IRCs.

Project Update

Skills Impact presented a progress report on the [Animal Incident Management Project](#), [Animal Technology Project](#) and [Horse Education Project](#). Currently projects are at the *Drafts Available* stage and there is a good level of feedback for all projects. The projects are tracking well against the timeline, for finalization due in April 2019 and submission due at the end of June 2019.

General Business and Matters for Noting

- The Diploma of Veterinary Nursing will be further considered by the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC).
- Tabled Skills Impact's response to the Australian Government's review of Australia's VET system and the discussion paper for the Review of the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Next Meeting

The next IRC meeting is scheduled for 16 May 2019 via teleconference