

Communique

Meeting No: 2019.01

22 February 2019

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met in Melbourne on 22 February 2019. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019- 2022

The IRC considered the draft Food Beverage and Pharmaceutical IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019-2022, prior to it becoming available for public comment.

IRC members were requested to review the Skills Forecast as it relates specifically to pharmaceutical manufacturing and provide input to Skills Impact.

Research Project Proposal: Research into Challenges in Formal and Industry Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Training

Members were requested to consider the content of this project, for submission as part of the 2019-2022 Skills Forecast document.

Pharmaceutical BioProcessing Project

The IRC approved the commencement of the Pharmaceutical Bioprocessing project. Members will suggest stakeholders for Skills Impact to consult during the development of the project's training package components.

New policies – Feedback from IRCs and Changes to Project Scope Process

Two new policies addressing these issues were considered. This IRC agreed that these policies are to be implemented for future meetings and when a project scope needs to be modified.

NCVER Survey of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers-update

The IRC received a briefing from Patrick Korbel on the NCVER – AISC Industry survey pilot. This IRC will assist the project by identifying appropriate pharmaceutical manufacturers to survey.

University of Technology Sydney GMP Training facility

Andrew Groth from the University of Technology Sydney, gave an overview presentation to the meeting on the Good Manufacturing Practice facility that is being developed at the University of Technology Sydney.

Review of Australia's VET system and the AQF and Skills Impact's submission

The IRC noted the VET and AQF reviews and the submission made by Skills Impact.

Next meeting

It was suggested that the next meeting of this IRC be a teleconference in June 2019 to discuss the outcomes of decisions made by the AISC about proposals submitted in the Skills Forecast.

The next face to face meeting was proposed to be held in Melbourne in October 2019.