

Communique

Meeting No: 2020.01
26 March 2020

The Animal Care and Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 26 March 2020. Present at the meeting were IRC members and Training, State and Territory ITABs/ITACs.

Australian Govt Training Response to COVID-19

The IRC were asked to answer urgent and critical questions for planning relating to the COVID-19 crisis. They are identifying essential services and roles in the animal care industry sectors that will be critical and may experience shortages.

IRC Operating Framework and Succession Planning

The IRC were briefed on important changes to the operating framework and on-going membership.

IRC Skills Forecast Annual Update and Proposed Schedule of Work 2020-2021

The IRC were briefed on the draft Annual Update to the *Animal Care and Management IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2020-2021*. The Annual Update proposes two projects: Project 1 – Equine Care Careers and Project 2 – Pre-requisite barriers to training. The IRC requested minor additions to the Annual Update. The IRC were advised that the Annual Update will be available for public feedback from Friday 27 March 2020.

Project Update

Skills Impact presented a progress report on the [Exhibited Animal Care & Marine Wildlife Project](#), and [Pet Care & Animal Training Project](#). Exhibited Animal Care & Marine wildlife project is almost at *Validation* Stage and tracking well against the timeline for submission due in August 2020. Currently, the Pet Care & Animal Training Project is at the *Drafts Available* stage for public feedback. This project is tracking well against the timeline, for submission due in October 2020.

Next Meeting

The next IRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday 30 April 2020 via teleconference.