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# REGU/REGIS Newsletter | Issue 18 | 24 October 2023

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## Research Office Training Suite: Now Available

**Audience:** Research Office



Do you have new staff or more experienced staff who are looking to refresh themselves with REGIS processes? Look no further!

A full training suite of educational training webinars have been created as a training resource for new or experienced research offices. This suite can be watched as a whole or just the EO (Ethics Officer) onboarding series or RGO (Research Governance Officer) onboarding series, which have been designed to allow users to watch themes relevant to their roles within REGIS.

These webinars will provide you with a better understanding of how to navigate the system, system functionalities asystem processes.

The training suite is currently available on the REGIS website, via the [Training Content For Users](#) or can be accessed below.

**EO Onboarding Series - Great for new EO team members or those wanting to refresh the basics!**

[EO/RGO Onboarding Training](#)

*Duration: 49:50*

*Theme: System Familiarisation*

[EO Onboarding Training - Day 1](#)

*Duration: 57:47*

*Theme: Meetings and Reviews*

[EO Onboarding Training - Day 2](#)

*Duration: 43:17*

*Theme: Completing a Meeting and Providing Decisions*

**RGO Onboarding Series - Great for new RGO team members or those wanting to refresh the basics!**

[RGO Onboarding Training - Day 1](#)

*Duration: 36:08*

*Theme: RGO Homepage Tiles*

[RGO Onboarding Training - Day 2](#)

*Duration: 49:50*

*Theme: System Familiarisation*

[RGO Onboarding Training - Day 3](#)

*Duration: 45:15*

*Theme: Site Eligibility*

[RGO Onboarding Training - Day 4](#)

*Duration: 56:11*

*Theme: Site Authorisation*

[RGO Onboarding Training - Day 5](#)

*Duration: 48:40*

*Theme: Post-Site Authorisation*

## REGIS Product Change - Coming Soon!



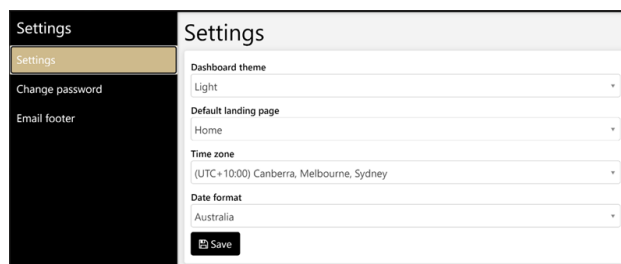
**Audience:** Research Office/Researchers

Subtle and minor change is coming this November!

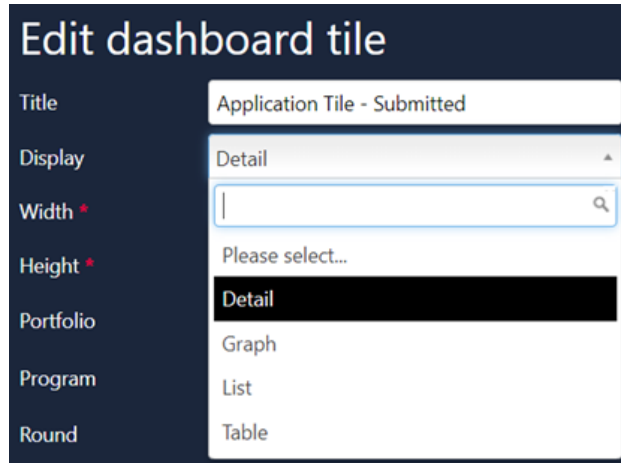
What is a product change you ask? Well! These are changes created to the base product by the vendor, F1.

The majority of these changes will be to the internal portal which will be noticeable to research offices. The only change to the external portal, used by researchers, study coordinators etc will be improvements made to assist users that use screen readers or keyboards instead of mice!

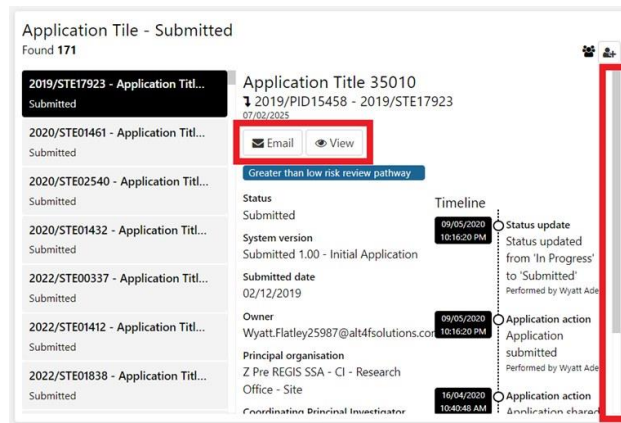
Below are a few sneak peeks at the upcoming product changes with a product release note and walk through video to be available on the REGIS website soon!



*1 - The internal portal will now be standardised with a vertical menu style so if you are currently using the 'Classic' menu style, we recommend switching over to 'Vertical' to make the transition easier!*



2 - A new display filter that will show you more 'Detail' in your homepage application tiles!



3 - The ability to open an application in a new tab with one easy click from a homepage application tile!

## Research Office Contribution

### MLHD - An end of year journey into 2023!

It was the best of times. Christmas, school holidays, and the grain harvest were coming. It was the worst of times. The Riverina was flooded. Again. Clouds of giant well-fed mozzies hung in the air, vectors stalking their porcine and human prey. Insect repellent was nowhere to be found although there was plenty of toilet paper. Disease loomed.



Far, far away in the Ministry, someone wondered if there was an LHD anywhere that could have a clinical trial up and running in the New Year to compare two methods of delivering Japanese encephalitis vaccine. The words ricocheted around the halls of power and even trickled to the far reaches of rural,

remote and regional NSW. We responded to the call, a whisper by the time it had travelled 500km with patchy mobile reception. “Look at us! We’ve got rivers, floods, mozzies, piggeries and people! We’ll have a go!”.

We called an emergency meeting of the research administration team. There were only two of us, and we were already sitting there worrying about the mozzies. We immediately conducted a needs analysis which indicated that we needed a cup of tea and some acronyms such as HREC, SSA, HOD and PIS PDQ, plus a suitable acronym for the trial, JEVID. The next steps in our SOP were an action plan and just getting on with it, *simpliciter incipias*, as we of the outback like to say.

We fired up the generators to power the laptops, found the protocol and read it, only to discover that the trial site needed to be *away* from rivers, floods, mozzies, and piggeries. Resilient and undeterred, as country people always are, we studied the framed large map of MLHD hanging on the wall in the District Office. JEVID would be conducted in Hilltops Shire and tour to various short-term rental accommodations in Young, Boorowa and Cootamundra.

An MLHD team assembled and swung into action. We met new people who weren’t even study participants: they were MLHD co-workers who collaborated and efficiently organised medical supplies, staff accommodation, transport, blood storage, funding, clinical support, and a media blitz about JEVID that made the PI a social media star.

Research staff appeared on our screens from the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance and Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. We helped them with governance approvals and amendments. A research support team would travel from RPAH and work with MLHD staff. Young District Medical Centre came on board and the doctors spontaneously completed GCP training and sent their CVs for the ethics application.

The clinical trial titled:

*Japanese Encephalitis Virus Vaccine via IntraDermal route in children and adults (JEVID): A clinical trial comparing the immunogenicity and safety of Japanese Encephalitis Virus Vaccine administered by subcutaneous and intradermal routes* received ethics approval from the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network HREC on January 10 2023, site approval from MLHD on January 20 2023, and began in Hilltops Shire on January 30 2023.

The images below are from our site visit to Young in February when we met the research team face to face for the first time. A total of 211 study participants were recruited and, to date, 209 have returned for their third study visit. Follow up will be for 12 months.

It was a privilege to be part of the team to set up JEVID, a trial that is directly relevant to our community. Many people worked – and continue to work – together, showing what can be achieved in clinical trial research with goodwill, cooperation, and the right resourcing. We hope to continue to build our research capacity and capability in future.



4 - Site visit to Young



5 - The research rental site in Young: Young Town Hall



6 - Coordinating Principal Investigator and Principal Investigator discussion

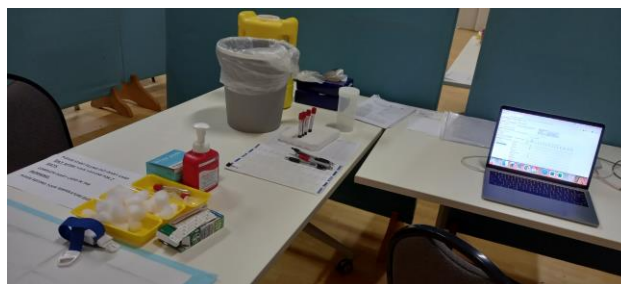


7 - The JEVID office





8 - JEVID Entry Notice



9 - The blood testing station

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Up next is **Royal Rehab!** We look forward to your contribution for **Issue 19 - 31 October 2023**

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## Researcher/Coordinator Contributions

Are you part of a research team that has created some great resources or worked through an issue or teamed up with your Research Office to streamline a process? We know this newsletter is going out far and wide AND we also know YOUR colleagues would love to hear what you've been doing. Feel free to send in a short blurb about what you're up to and we'll sing your success from the rooftops!

## Upcoming events and dates

**Audience:** Research Office/Researcher



## 2023 Events and Dates

## Previous Versions of REGU/REGIS Newsletter

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All previous version of the fortnightly email are available from the REGIS website: <https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/regis-office-webinars/>

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