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Welcome Brianna - A/REGIS Onboarding and Support

Audience: Everyone

We would like to welcome Brianna (Brie) Attard to the REGIS team who will be acting in the Onboarding and Support role while Raul is on secondment for the next few months.

Some of you may be familiar with Brie who comes to us from the Central Coast Local Health District (CCLHD) Research Governance Office. Brie has been with the CCLHD research office since 2016 as a research support officer and then transitioned to the role of research governance officer since 2021.

She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in research and REGIS, having worked across both private and public healthcare sectors.

Brie will be providing support to our REGIS users whilst also working on minor change/enhancement projects with the team. Welcome aboard, Brie! We're glad to have you on the team. 🎉 (Brie also enjoys a good Simpsons gif!)



National One Stop Shop (NOSS) Information Session Roundup

Audience: Everyone

The National One Stop Shop (NOSS) information session was held on Wednesday 26 February. We know this will be a big project that will continue to evolve, with the aim to ensure a streamlined and equitable approvals platform for health and medical research in Australia and want to keep you up to date with the progress of this project. Below is a roundup of Q&A from the information session:

Broad Access & Inclusion: NOSS will be available for all medical research, promoting equity of access.

Strong Governance & Leadership: Led by the Commonwealth, with all jurisdictions involved in delivery. Governance decisions will follow IGPRG processes, supported by research operations and technical working groups.

Engaging Consumers & Stakeholders: Consumers and carers are involved at all stages with a consultation on HREC accreditation set to open soon.

Regulatory Compliance & Efficiency: NOSS will align with NCTGF requirements, including a low-risk research pathway. Work is currently underway to address approval timeframes to keep Australia competitive.

Secure & Scalable Data Management: The system is designed to securely store large volumes of research data, with a secure environment for data sharing. While the first wave won't house patient-identifiable data, the platform will have the capacity to do so in the future.

System Integration & Interoperability: Integration with CTMS, finance systems, and SDPR is being explored, with API functionality already demonstrated. Further discussions will take place with jurisdictions on complex interactions.

Future Enhancements: Customisable template documents, additional compliance features, and quality measures for NCTGF are all under consideration. The next phase will refine these capabilities to meet user needs.

If you are interested in attending future workshops, you can register your interest by emailing NOSSProjectAdmin@health.nsw.gov.au

Expressions of Interest for AH&MRC Ethics Committee

Audience: Everyone

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (NSW) Human Research Ethics Committee is accepting applications to join the Committee.

The AH&MRC Ethics Committee plays a vital role in assessing research proposals that impact the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people and communities in NSW. It also monitors the collection of data on Aboriginal health, ensuring ethical conduct in all activities.

This role is endorsed by the NSW Health Department and is aligned with the NSW Aboriginal Health Information Guidelines, which provide guidance for NSW government agencies managing Aboriginal health and health-related information.

Who We Are Looking For

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals in the following categories:

- **Young People (18 to 24 years)**
- **Elders**
- **Aboriginal Health Workers**
- **Lawyers**
- **Medical Doctors**
- **Lay People**
- **Researchers**

- **External Reviewers** (*External reviewers do not attend HREC meetings.*)

These roles are voluntary. Committee members will be required to attend HREC meetings.

How to Apply

To register your expression of interest in joining the AH&MRC Ethics Committee or becoming part of the External Reviewer Panel, please email your CV to ethics@ahmrc.org.au.

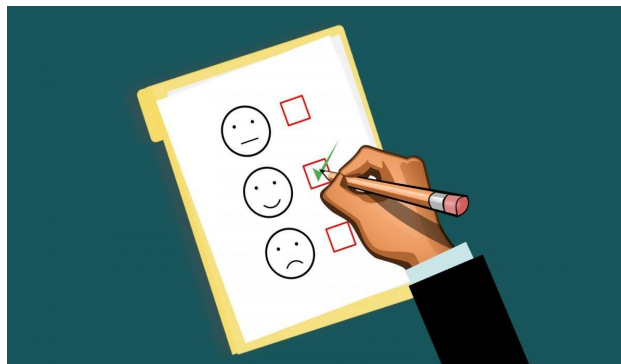
An **induction session** will be held for all appointed committee members and external reviewers.

For more information, please contact us at ethics@ahmrc.org.au

Survey Corner

The Research Ethics and Governance Unit (REGU) is committed to continuous improvement and delivering the best possible experience and resources for our stakeholders. To help us achieve this, we regularly seek feedback to:

- **Improve our current processes** and ensure we are meeting your needs.
- **Gather input on stakeholder-facing documents** as we work to make them more clear, relevant, and user-friendly.
- **Identify areas for innovation** based on your insights.



Your feedback is essential to shaping the work we do and ensuring that it aligns with your expectations, we are also conscious of the potential for 'survey fatigue' so that is why we have created a dedicated survey section in this newsletter called 'Survey Corner'.

Here we will group together surveys we are seeking your feedback on, and share surveys from our colleagues in the Office for Health and Medical Research.

We would like to invite you to take a few minutes to complete the short surveys below, based on your role which is identified in the 'Audience' section. Your thoughts and suggestions truly matter to us!

[Project Registration Improvements Survey](#)

A number of updates to Project Registration are proposed to better guide the applicant, provide clearer instructions and allow better access to in form guidance. We are seeking your feedback on these proposed changes and how they do or do not address the above issues.

[This link will take you to view images](#) of the current and proposed changes to the Project Registration.

You can [access the feedback form here](#), which will **close Tuesday 18th March** and updates will be visible in the system on Thursday 20th March.

[Draft Quality Standards for Human Research Ethics Committees and their Host Institutions - Consultation Survey](#)

Feedback is being sought from different groups of stakeholders to understand how to improve the consistency and efficiency of ethics review processes in Australia.

A set of Quality Standards for HRECs and their Host Institutions (Draft Quality Standards) have been developed, which aim for the highest levels of integrity and ethics/scientific review.

All HRECs in Australia will be eligible to nominate themselves and their host institutions for accreditation to the Quality Standards. Accreditation will reassure the community that the HREC is competent to protect the rights and welfare of research participants, and that the research conducted by the host institution meets ethical standards.

The consultation survey is intended to help understand your views on, and attitudes towards, issues related to ethics review of health and medical research and how it can be improved in the future.

You can [complete the consultation survey here](#), which you can stop the survey at any point, and return to complete it later on. The survey will be open until **Thursday 17th April 2025**.

[Upcoming events and dates](#)

Audience: Research Office/Researcher



2025 Dates and Events

Research Office REGIS Training: Registrations for the July cycle of Research Office training is now open! [Click here](#) to register.

Researcher REGIS Training: Registrations for the June cycle of Researcher training is now open! [Click here](#) to register.

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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/>

REGU/REGIS Newsletter: Inspiring other units within OHMR and LHDs since February 2021