

Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Monday 14 February 2022 / 11.00am – 12.10pm AEDT	
Location	Teams Meeting	
Present	Andrew J. Smith, Committee Chair Troy Williams – ITECA Craig Bennett – ACECQA Juliana Shea, ISA	Andrew C. Smith, ESA Kris Cutmore, ESA Jenny McCloy, ESA Corrine Maloney, ESA
Also in attendance	Colin Brown, auDA CPCO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Sophie Mitchell, auDA CCO	Jackie Korhonen, auDA Director & Board Representative
Apologies	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Phil Sherwin, NSW DoE Michael O’Leary, Qld DoE Tony Panetta – Catholic Ed, WA Haydn Cokayne (<i>Representative for Tony Panetta</i>) Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW	

1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.02am, noting those invited to the meeting and representatives who were apologies, confirming a quorum was present.

The Chair further noted auDA’s CEO, Rosemary Sinclair was an apology and confirmed that auDA’s COO, Bruce Tonkin would address the overview of auDA’s FY21–25 Strategy.

Andrew Smith from ESA provide an introduction to Corrine Maloney.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country paying respect to the traditional owners of the land upon which the Committee was meeting, including elders past and present.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Committee noted the standing Declarations of Interests Register and confirmed there were no conflicts of interest.

4. Record of Meeting from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the Record of Meeting held 29 November 2021.

The Committee **confirmed** the 29 November 2021 Record of Meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising

The Committee noted the completed actions arising from the previous meeting.

6. Role & Purpose of the Education Advisory Committee and Committee Workplan

The Chair outlined the role and purpose of the Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference and tabled a proposed framework with members for review and discussion.

Members were encouraged to provide feedback to assist potential topics for the Committee to consider in 2022 and improving sharing information that will benefit both the workings of the Committee and advice to the auDA Board for consideration.

Jackie Korhonen advised that multi-stakeholder engagement is a strategic focus area for the auDA Board and the Committee plays a key role to assist understanding the education sector to create value.

The Committee noted its governance and operational value with future policy development.

No further feedback, comments or questions were noted.

7. Review of auDA's FY21-25 Strategy

auDA's COO was invited to update members on auDA's key strategic projects and strategic capability to then achieve its objectives.

No questions were noted.

8. Preliminary Findings form auDA's Digital Lives of Australian's Survey

auDA's CCO outlined the highlights of the [Digital Lives of Australians 2021 Research Report](#), which assessed more than 1,500 consumer and 400 small business participants, noting overwhelmingly, Australians believe the Internet delivers significant value,

however, there are opportunities for more investment into education and support initiatives that will boost the digital skills and confidence of Australians.

auDA anticipates the research will be undertaken annually, which will assist delivering an ongoing, longitudinal study to explore Australians' online experiences over time.

This information will go to supporting an uplift in economic and social value delivered to Australians through the Internet, which will be shared with members.

The Committee discussed its interest with future trends and insights on the younger cohort to ascertain confidence levels with the internet and any challenges.

It was noted the Committee will assist with testing any academic issues and processes with its access to schools and broader education sector.

9. auDA Foundation Grants Program

AuDA's CPCO provided the Committee an update on the auDA Foundation Grant's Program which awarded \$600,000 to 15 eligible applicants in 2021.

The Committee noted the beneficiary categories included:

1. First Nations People
2. Young Australians
3. Small Businesses
4. Other (Young Australians, First Nations people, Culturally & linguistically Diverse (CaLD) people)

The Committee noted auDA's focus with the 2022 Grants Program being launched August 2022.

The COO shared the Grants Program Recipients and the auDA Foundation Grants Program links during the CPCO's presentation.

10. ESA Quarterly Report Update for December 2021 YTD

The .edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for the October – December 2021 reporting period was tabled.

The Chair invited Kris Cutmore from ESA to update the Committee on key activities operational outcomes and trends, including:

- Transition from schools.nsw.edu.au to schools.nsw.gov.au
- Legacy Arrangements for generic names and direct registrations and impact with some domains.
- Allocation criteria for third level domains.

- Service requests during the reporting period, including complaints addressed and registry statistics.

The Committee noted for information the proposed additions to the Reserved Names List (December 2021) prepared by ESA.

11. Role of Online Services in each of the Education Sectors

The Chair invited members to provide feedback on the role of online services in each of the Education Sectors for Committee deliberation.

No comment was noted.

12. Meeting Close

The Meeting closed at 12.07pm.

It was noted the next meeting is scheduled Monday 16 May 2022.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Andrew J. Smith
Committee Chair

Date: