

Record of Meeting

Meeting	Edu.au Advisory Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Monday 6 March 2023 / 11.00am – 12.00pm AEST	
Location	via Teams Meeting	
Present	Dr Andrew J. Smith, Committee Chair Juliana Shea, ISA Michael O’Leary, Qld DoE Michelle Edwards (replacing Craig Bennett), ACECQA Margot McNeill, TAFE, NSW	Andrew C. Smith, ESA CEO Kris Cutmore, ESA Corrina Maloney, ESA Amanda Shay, ESA
Also in attendance	Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Colin Brown, auDA CPCO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec	Steph Viljoen, auDA Manager Licensing Framework Compliance & Privacy Officer
Apologies	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Troy Williams, ITECA Phil Sherwin, NSW DoE Haydn Cockayne, Catholic Ed, WA	

1. Welcome, attendance, apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.05am and confirmed a quorum was present.

The Chair welcomed Michelle Edwards and Amanda Shay to their first meeting, noting those who were apologies for the meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country paying respect to the traditional owners of the lands 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 updated interests to declare and no conflicts of interest.

4. Record of Meeting from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted the Record of Meeting held 14 November 2022.

The Committee **confirmed** the 14 November 2022 Record of Meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising

The Committee reviewed the actions and noted that all previous actions had been completed.

6. ESA Quarterly Report Update for December 2022 YTD

The .edu.au Domain Registrar Progress Report for the October – December 2022 reporting period was tabled.

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

- Retirement of standalone edu.au published policies due to the new suite of rules for the .au name space
- Clarification on how s204A should be applied to the edu.au name space as per the issues raised previously, remains outstanding for Registrars
- Summary of service support requests received during the reported period, with an update on unresolved requests noted.
- Zero complaints were noted as received from the Registrar for the reported quarter, in relation to a review of a decisions taken and internal reviews upheld
- Website availability outlined for the quarter
- Registry statistics for edu.au applications and renewals in comparison to the same quarter in 2021
- Domain composition for eligibility categories with the edu.au domain space confirmed as growing slightly over the 12 months to the end quarter, with a 1.70% increase in total number of edu.au domain names under management over the 12 months to the end of the quarter reported.

No further comments were noted.

7. Update on Registered Training Organisations (RTO) Review [includes]: .au Licensing Rules Criteria Assessment

The Chair spoke to the meeting outcome following the previous meeting discussion on assessment requirements for RTO eligibility.

It was noted there is an outstanding action for members to communicate directly with ESA to provide their concern and any proposed changes from the respective sectors

they represent for further discussion and a possible recommendation to then be determined.

Action: Andrew Smith (ESA) advised that subject to Committee feedback, ESA will work with auDA on an appropriate response [A. Smith (ESA), February 2023].

Action: It was **agreed** Steph Viljoen (auDA) will communicate with Kris Cutmore (ESA) the update and process for policy amendment including public consultation to assist next steps [S. Viljoen (auDA), February 2023].

No further comments were noted.

8. What's happening across the Education Sector?

The Chair invited the Committee to provide an update on what is happening across the Education Sector.

The Chair provided an update on Multi-factor security updates and issues advised from CAUDIT (Council of Australian University Directors of IT), which the Committee noted.

Michael O'Leary noted an uptake in primary school communication to parents, via social media platforms.

Andrew Smith provided observations on Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools with a panel of experts considering the safe and ethical use to support teachers to reduce administrative burden and close other education gaps identified.

The Committee further noted how AI may assist the reduction of academic cheating for Higher Education.

No further comments were noted.

9. Committee Workplan / 2023 Focus for Consideration

The Chair spoke to the Committee Workplan developed and tabled in 2022, with a focus on what topics for 2023 the Committee should consider.

The Chair encouraged feedback from members to consider areas of interest to assist the evolution of the Workplan for 2023

Action: It was **agreed** the Chair, CoSec in consultation with auDA CPCO and A. Smith (ESA) would discuss Committee feedback for an updated workplan to be tabled at the next meeting [Chair, CoSec, CPCO & ESA, April 2023].

Action: Steph Viljoen updated the Committee on auDA's internal project to launch Indigenous domain space, noting an update on this project would be tabled at the next meeting for Committee information [Steph Viljoen, May 2023].

10. Update on 2022 auDA Foundation Grant Recipients

The Chair invited the CPCO to provide an update on the successful 2022 auDA Foundation Grant Recipients, following the public announcement released January 2023.

The Committee noted the successful 15 grant applications for 2022, approved by the Board:

Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales	Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Dashboard – Research Project
Accessible Beaches Australia	Making access to beaches and information possible
Cool Australia	Bridging the digital divide for primary school students
Good Things Foundation	Measuring the economic impact of digital exclusion for vulnerable communities
Justice Connect	Connecting older Australians with legal help online
Life Without Barriers	Using digital innovation to enhance sexual safety for marginalised children and young people in rural and remote Australia
Missing School Inc	Connecting Sick Kids to Their School Communities
Monash University	Creating a world first measure of cyber scam risk for people with brain injury
National Justice Project	Tech4Justice
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Digital Transformation of Fit4Surgery Rehabilitation Program
Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital	Monitoring Glaucoma at Home to Preserve Sight
South Australian Council of Social Service	Libraries and Community Centres: The online lifeline for regional South Australia

The Northcott Society

Safety Net

University of Queensland

First Nations Youth Digital Story

Victoria University

How are Australian SME's achieving the UN's
SDG Goals through internet technologies
and ICT

There were no further comments noted or questions raised by the Committee.

11. Non-Disclosure Agreements for Committee members

auDA's CPCO foreshadowed that Company information may be shared in the future with the Committee to assist their review and advice on options to be prepared for the Board to consider.

Action: It was confirmed members are required to execute a Confidentiality Agreement in advance of receiving the disclosed Company information, which the Company Secretary would coordinate via DocuSign [CoSec, April 2023]

12. auDA Stakeholder Calendar of Events

auDA's CPCO noted that in lieu of a published calendar of events, members are encouraged to stay informed on auDA's activities by reviewing the Company's website.

It was further noted this agenda would no longer be a standing item.

13. Meeting Close

No Other Business was noted.

The Meeting closed at 11.49am.

It was noted the next meeting is scheduled **Monday 15 May 2023 at 11.00am – 12.00pm.**

Signed as a true and correct record.

Andrew J. Smith
Committee Chair

Date: