

# Monthly newsletter



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## Notices and news

### Working With Research Animals Workshop

The Workshop was presented on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and was a great success. Thanks to all the speakers who contributed on the day. A wide array of speakers combined to give new researchers a great introduction to the privilege of working with research animals. But it was the participation of the researchers on the day that fuelled its success. All attendees should have received their certificate via email. Please contact us if you have yet to receive your certificate.

We will review the feedback forms and look forward to bringing you an even better workshop early in the new year.

### Release of the Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 8th edition (2013)

National Health and Medical Research Council newsletter link [here](#).

## Tips and Hints for your applications

- **It is helpful if you are available by phone or in person to answer questions on AEC meeting day** – with your help many queries can be resolved at meetings. All AEC meetings commence at 12:00 pm in Building C5C and go for 4 to 5 hours. Dates are published on the Animal Ethics website.

## Important AEC Information – Late Reports

Intervals relating to the timely submission of Progress and Final reports are governed by legislation. It is a mandatory requirement that reports are received on time prior to the issue of renewed ARA's. Automatic email reminders for report submission are sent to Primary Investigators well in advance of current ARA expiry.

In the event that the Ethics Office receives no response from 3 successive email reminders regarding the submission of reports; or in the event repeat offenders are identified who persistently fail to submit reports on time, an instruction notice will be issued to cease all current research pertaining to the relevant Primary Investigator pending submission of the outstanding report. This measure has received support from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research).

## Training opportunities this month

Please contact the AWO for any training requirements.

New Researcher training has been incorporated into the CAF Induction process. The format of this training will be refined over the next few months to ultimately deliver the best possible service to new researchers or any researcher looking to refresh their skills.

This month we include a JoVe video on the basics of rat and mouse handling with reference to injections.

<http://www.jove.com/video/2771/manual-restraint-common-compound-administration-routes-mice>

## Animal Ethics Calendar

### Next Application submission deadline date 2013

Monday 26 August 2013

### Next Animal Ethics Committee Meeting date 2013

Thursday 15 August 2013 (*submissions closed*)

### Animal Research Review Panel Triennial Inspection

14 and 15 August 2013

## Contributions

If you would like to contribute to the Animal Ethics monthly newsletter, kindly email that content for the next month's newsletter.

Should you have any queries regarding your research, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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