



# Monthly newsletter

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## Important AEC Information

### Collaborative Projects (Projects involving more than one institution and/or animal ethics committee)

[http://www.research.mq.edu.au/current\\_research\\_staff/animal\\_research\\_ethics/submitting\\_a\\_new\\_application](http://www.research.mq.edu.au/current_research_staff/animal_research_ethics/submitting_a_new_application)

Per the Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 8th edition (2013) regarding Collaborative projects <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/book/australian-code-practice-care-and-use-animals-scientific-purposes/2-6-other-responsibilities>

#### Responsibilities of investigators:

##### Point 2.4.9

Investigators must notify the AEC in writing if they are involved in collaborative studies using animals at another institution, or if they are named in an application to the AEC of another institution (see [Clause 2.6.8](#)).

##### Point 2.6.13

Investigators responsible for a project conducted in another country should, as a minimum, ensure that:

- i. the project complies with the governing principles of the Code, provided that such compliance does not breach relevant local legislation
- ii. the project is not conducted in another country as a mechanism of avoiding compliance with the Code.



### Point 2.6.14

Investigators who plan to use animals in another country must obtain approval from their institutional AEC for such use. Investigators must provide the AEC with advice on how the proposed project can meet the principles of the Code, taking into account compliance with local requirements.

To allow the Macquarie University AEC to properly monitor research, all collaborative projects that have been approved by another institution's AEC must also be submitted to the Macquarie University AEC for noting. Collaborative projects should be submitted in the same way as an application for a new project (see form [here](#)). Collaborations may include:

- Projects that will be carried out at more than one institution
- Collaborating investigator external to Macquarie University
- Animal being housed or moved to and from another institution during project
- Similar projects being conducted simultaneously at more than one institution
- Macquarie University Staff/Student performing research at another institution
- Other collaboration not listed above

You will be required to provide a copy of the Institution approved ARA and application form. The Macquarie University AEC requires notification of all approved changes to this protocol (**including ARA renewals, amendments, progress reports, changes to personnel, final reports etc.**) from the host AEC. **It is the responsibility of Macquarie University Collaborators to ensure the Macquarie University AEC is kept informed in this way.**

### Close of Submissions Dates and late submissions to the AEC

No late submissions will be accepted by the Animal Ethics Committee. All animals on expiring Animal Research Authorities (ARA's) will be placed under the MARS Holding ARA and all research will be suspended. All extenuating circumstances involving late submission of reports are to be assessed the the Chair/AWO/Executive Committee.

## Notices and news

### Wildlife radio-collar design warning

<http://www.animaletics.org.au/animal-ethics-committees/2015-seminar>

A warning from the Australian Mammal Society re wildlife radio-collar design:

<http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=1769923dde6e446129472ad6b&id=43ba54393f&e=498136e15b>

### ANZLAA Symposium on Animal Welfare

**Date:** Wednesday, 18th May 2016

**Venue:** The Ian Potter Auditorium, The Melbourne Brain Centre, Kenneth Myer Building - 30 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC

Contact: Janine Hodgkinson 02 8845 6500 or [janine@tecniplast.com.au](mailto:janine@tecniplast.com.au)



## Permits and Licences

### Victorian Forms for notification of fieldwork Activities Requiring a License

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/animal-health-and-welfare/animals-used-in-research-and-teaching/licensing/activities-requiring-a-license>

#### Scientific Procedures

The Act requires that the use of animals for Scientific Procedures be authorised by a Scientific Procedures licence issued by the Head of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI), and administered through the DEPI Licensing and Audit Branch as the licensing authority. Scientific Procedures include the use of animals for:

- acquiring, demonstrating or developing knowledge
- acquiring, demonstrating, developing or exercising techniques
- developing or testing the use, hazards, safety, or efficiency of vaccines, substances, drugs, materials or appliances intended for use in connection with human beings or animals.

Production of biological products must be licensed if those products are for use in research or teaching, or if the techniques used are considered to be sufficiently pioneering. In addition, the breeding of a new strain or hybrid of a genetically modified animal is considered to be a Scientific Procedure and must be authorised by a Scientific Procedures licence.

All fields of science are covered by the licensing requirements, including but not limited to medical, dental, veterinary, agricultural, behavioural, ecological, pest management and biological sciences. All sectors operating in Victoria must comply, including private company, government, university, hospital, research institute, TAFE, school, volunteer organisations, and independent individuals.

#### Animal types

Use of the following animal types and development stages in Scientific Procedures must be licensed:

- all fish and amphibians
- mammals, birds and reptiles above the mid-point in gestation
- **adult decapod crustaceans**
- **adult cephalopods**

#### Breeding for Scientific Procedures

The breeding of certain animals in Victoria for use in Scientific Procedures must also be licensed. These animals are termed Specified Animals and are guinea pigs; rats, mice, rabbits other than rats, mice and rabbits bred in their native habitat; and non-human primates. Breeding of these animals for supply to other institutions must be authorised by a [Specified Animal Breeding Licence](#).

#### Fieldwork

"Fieldwork" applies to Scientific Procedures conducted at premises not listed on a Scientific Procedures Premises Licence, and for all procedures under a [Scientific Procedures Fieldwork Licence](#). If approval for a Fieldwork project has been given by an AEC, the licence holder must ensure that the AEC forwards details of the project to the DEPI Licensing and Audit Branch. This should be done as soon as the project receives final approval and before animal use begins. Download a [Fieldwork notification form](#).



### Excluded activities

Animal uses that do not require licensing for Scientific Procedures are:

- the treatment of an animal for the purpose of promoting its health or welfare by or in accordance with the instructions of a veterinary practitioner
- the conduct of animal husbandry carried out in accordance with a Code of Practice and
- the collection, taking, banding and marking of wildlife. The use of microchips, and tracking, data storage, and telemetry devices, however, must be licensed.

Licensing requirements are prescribed in the [Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986](#) and [Regulations 2008](#).

## Animal Ethics Committee Meeting dates

2016

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS	MEETING DATE
Tuesday 29 March 2016	Thursday 14 April 2016
Tuesday 26 April 2016	Thursday 19 May 2016
Monday 30 May 2016	Thursday 16 June 2016
Monday 27 June 2016	Thursday 14 July 2016
Monday 25 July 2016	Thursday 18 August 2016
Monday 22 August 2016	Thursday 15 September 2016
Monday 26 September 2016	Thursday 20 October 2016
Monday 14 November 2016	Thursday 8 December 2016

## Animal Ethics Calendar

### Next Application submission deadline date 2016

Tuesday 26 April 2016

### Next Animal Ethics Committee Meeting date 2016

Thursday 14 April 2016

## 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:

#### Animal Ethics Team

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*Alternatively, for more information about AEC policies, procedures, forms and ethical clearance requirements, please go to our webpage at [http://research.mq.edu.au/current\\_research\\_staff/animal\\_research\\_ethics](http://research.mq.edu.au/current_research_staff/animal_research_ethics)*