



ANIMALPLAN 2022 to 2027

Steering Committee
Communiqué May 2026

The Animalplan Steering Committee combines government, industry and non-government organisation leaders to support projects and activities that strengthen our national animal health system.



Key updates from the Animalplan Steering Committee and Secretariat



- The Steering Committee met in May 2026 for the quarterly meeting. They discussed current and proposed Animalplan projects, the 2026 communications and engagement plan, and the committee’s terms of reference.
- The Secretariat published project updates from the February to April 2026 quarter on the [Animalplan website](#).
- The next Animalplan Steering Committee meeting will be held in August 2026. The Secretariat will also then publish updates for the May to July 2026 quarter.
- Animalplan will host its first webinar of the year on 7 August 2026. It will update stakeholders on progress against the National Animal Health Diagnostics Business Plan 2021-2026, including [Exercise Waterhole](#).
 - More information will be shared closer to the event via DAFF social media and the Animalplan website.



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- Submit projects to increase national awareness and collaboration.
- Read about activities and projects to understand active research and identify opportunities for collaboration through the QR code below.



New projects

Project #73: South Australian Red Meat and Wool Blueprint 2030

To establish a progressive and sustainable red meat and wool value chain in South Australia.



Find project updates from the February to April 2026 quarter on pages 2 & 3





Project News – February to April 2026

Updated projects

- #27: [Emergency animal disease crisis management planning](#)
 - The project will end on 30 June 2026.
 - All crisis management plan templates and basic guidance videos are complete, and a final workshop will be held in May 2026.
- #44: [Australia's Animal Sector Antimicrobial Resistance Action Plan 2023 to 2028](#)
 - *Australia's Animal Sector AMR Action Plan 2023-2028* is undergoing a mid-term review.
 - Risk based identification of 10 priority drug-bug-host combinations for surveillance is nearly complete.
 - Dairy Australia will soon finalise antimicrobial resistance testing to estimate susceptibility profiles for *E. coli* (Escherichia) and *Enterococcus* species in dairy cattle.
- #64: [Assessing the feasibility of testing trapped pooled insects for lumpy skin disease virus](#) – Mosquitoes have been bred, raised and prepared for testing.
 - Pools of mosquitoes will be tested to understand the lowest level of contamination with lumpy skin disease virus that can be detected.
- #66: [Australian Animal Disease Genomics Initiative: building the molecular blueprints for animal health](#) – The Australian Animal Disease Genomics Initiative ran a second request for project partnership proposals to generate foundational genomic data for priority animal pathogens, parasites and viromes.



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- #67: [Enhancing rapid decision-support for emergency animal disease outbreaks - HASTE](#) – Phase one of the project has progressed to the final delivery and consolidation stage.
 - Core deliverables have been completed, including modelling workflows, advancements in TAPPAS-2 capability and delivery of two simulation workshops.
 - Engagement and collaboration with government and industry are ongoing to increase awareness and use of HASTE tools.
 - Final reporting is underway, with potential next-phase activities under consideration.
- #72: [CalfWays, Sustainable Dairy Calf Management Roadmap to 2035](#) – The CalfWays website is now live.
 - Organisations are encouraged to subscribe to the quarterly newsletter and explore opportunities to support or collaborate on CalfWays initiatives.

Newly completed projects

- #54: [Improve national diagnostic capability for glanders](#)

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