



Australian Government
Organ and Tissue Authority

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Meeting No 3, 21 November 2017

Communiqué

The third meeting of the Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA) Board (the Board) was held in Canberra on Tuesday, 21 November 2017. Professor Stephen Lynch AC, Dr Marisa Herson, Ms Margarete Kruger and Mr Oren Klemich were welcomed as new members attending for the first time.

This meeting followed the OTA Board Induction Day on 20 November 2017.

The Board:

- Reviewed progress by the OTA since the last meeting (19 September 2017) including the year-to-date organ donation and transplantation outcomes, major community awareness events, key projects for delivery in 2017-18 and operational matters
- Agreed to the OTA commencing negotiations for new funding agreements to facilitate the delivery of the national program noting that a number of funding agreements with state and territory governments and other organisations expire on 30 June 2018
- Agreed that the existing expert advisory committee structures, membership and terms of reference continue for six months at which time a review of committee structures will be undertaken to ensure the structure is consistent with the new governance model and continues to meet the needs of the OTA
- Reviewed the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the Ernst & Young *Review of the implementation of the national reform agenda on organ and tissue donation and transplantation* and considered the four recommendations identified in the review report as ‘for consideration by the Board’ with the following outcomes:
 - Agreed to consider the national community stakeholder engagement strategy in early 2018
 - Agreed to evaluate the national donor registration campaign in mid 2018
 - Agreed that the 2018 community grants round will focus on promoting and supporting online registration and family discussion
 - Reviewed the work currently underway in relation to donor memorials and agreed that the review of the OTA’s national community engagement strategy in 2018 may identify opportunities and appropriate forums for further consideration of donor memorials
 - Agreed no further work is required to consider the DonateLife logo noting the tested Commonwealth brand which has been in place for nearly a decade, and use of the logo by donor families and others to recognise the generosity of donation under DonateLife
- Agreed to a combined donation and transplantation conference in early 2019 coinciding with the 10 year anniversary of the OTA and the DonateLife Network

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, 27 March 2018.
