



Newsletter

2019/2020

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LHAAC will advance a risk based sampling scheme to ensure food safety and quality, and will have strong corporate governance, leadership and effective partnerships, and will maintain a sustainable and cost effective service for all clients.

UPDATE ON COORDINATED SAMPLING PROJECTS

The first CSP for 2019/20 was released at the end of September and will look at Ready to Eat Meals manufactured in WA. Towards the end of 2018/19 LHAAC completed CSP 25 (Imported Foods III), which looked specifically at label content on these foods. This was followed by CSP 26 which examined food prepared using Cold Well ingredients. The reporting on these three CSPs is ongoing and the reports should be available before the end of 2019.

Please view all completed CSP reports on the LHAAC website (www.lhaac.org.au)

SAMPLING SUBMISSION BOOKS

After a number of requests from EHOs to continue with the supply of Sample Submission Form Books, LHAAC recently printed another batch. These will be supplied free to LGAs on request. Just contact me at LHAAC and I will post them out to you.

It is probably not worth smaller LGAs, or LGAs who do a minimal amount of sampling, having a Submission Book. Those LGAs can continue to use



LHAAC Submission Form Booklet

the loose leaf version of the form which most of you have. If you have not, contact me and I will forward an

electronic version for you to print. Remember to specify which of the two contracted Analysts you wish to use.

INTRODUCING ANDREW ROMEO

Andrew Romeo is an ECU student, in his final year, undertaking a Bachelor of Health Science degree with Nutrition Bioscience major. Andrew spent a few months with LHAAC in early 2018 completing a 75 hour Work Placement as part of his



Andrew Romeo

study requirements. He produced some high quality work in that period and enjoyed his placement with LHAAC greatly.

In April of 2019 Andrew was approached about undertaking work as a Research Assistant with LHAAC on a one day per week basis. Andrew commenced work with LHAAC in May 2019 and this has already proved very beneficial to LHAAC (and I hope to Andrew).

Andrew has been very involved in the reporting of completed Coordinated Sampling Projects (CSPs) and like Drew Georgiades and Hannah Robinson before him, has further improved the quality, presentation and content of these reports. Andrew is also looking into the records management procedures of LHAAC and an imminent shift to digital record management and a long term goal of a paperless administration system.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS

Work has just about completed on the preparation of a new five-year Strategic Plan and Business Plan for LHAAC (2019 – 2024).

I would like to thank those LGAs and individual EHOs who participated in surveys and research activities, the members of the LHAAC Board who worked tirelessly to help create these two documents and Project Consultant, Maree Gooch.

EXPENDITURE TO DATE SUMMARIES

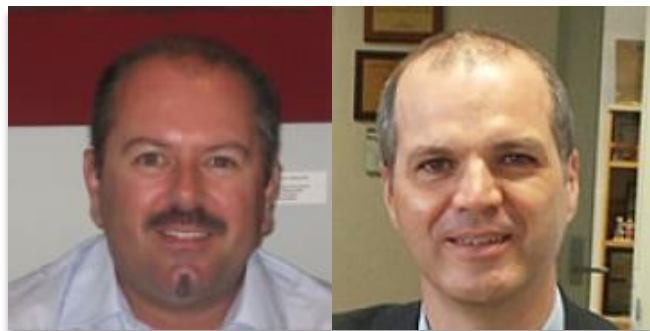
LHAAC start to issue Expenditure to Date Summaries in November and will provide LGAs with a summary of spending to 31 October 2019. The summaries will continue monthly through to June 2019 and will assist LGAs in tracking expenditure on sampling.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018-19

I have been heavily involved in the audit of the 2018-19 financial reporting and the production of the 2018-19 Annual Report over the last two months. The report was tabled in parliament on 25th September and accepted by the Minister for Health. The Annual Report can be viewed on the LHAAC website also.

LHAAC MEMBERSHIP

Sadly, LHAAC has lost or will be losing some of its long standing members in the coming months. Joseph Zappavigna (City of Fremantle) resigned from City of Fremantle at the end of June 2019 and as a representative of that LGA on LHAAC also had to tender his resignation to LHAAC. Graeme Blakey (Melville) Greg Ducas (Stirling) and Jason Jenke (South Perth) also come to the end of their appointed terms in January 2020 and will not be re-nominating.



Joseph Zappavigna

Graeme Blakey



Greg Ducas

Jason Jenke

A big thank you to Joseph, Graeme, Greg, and Jason.

The previous practice of members representing specific LGAs will cease in January 2020 under the terms of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911. Instead, seven members will represent Local Governments in the metropolitan area and three members will represent Local Governments that are not in the metropolitan area. LHAAC received a number of applications to serve on LHAAC. Those nominations are considered by WALGA who then make their recommendations to the Minister for Health. We now await the decisions of the Minister for Health. I will advise you when the documents are available on the LHAAC website.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of LHAAC.

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