

The Waran Report

A Newsletter from the NAEAC Chair

Introducing the new Chair of NAEAC, Professor Natalie Waran

Kia ora e ngā rangatira –

I am delighted to have been invited to be the new chair for NAEAC. It's a real honour and a responsibility, and I have big shoes to fill. I am very grateful to the previous chair for the help and support he has provided during my induction, as well as the MPI Animal Welfare team and of course my fellow committee members.



I am committed to ensuring that NAEAC continue not only to provide advice and guidance around the use of animals in research, testing and teaching, but also to ensure we visibly promote and support progress in relation to the replacement, reduction, and refinement of animal use in Research, Testing and Teaching.

This year, we have a new website, new MPI colleagues, and a work plan that includes a commitment to developing our capability in mātauranga Māori in relation to NAEAC's mahi.

In this newsletter and going forward, I'll provide you with brief updates regarding the work of the committee, upcoming events, opportunities for training as well as spotlight ongoing RTT work of note. We are also keen to hear from you – our AEC whanau. Let us know what you are doing in the 3 Rs space, approaches you want to share with others and ideas you may have for workshops or initiatives we could support.

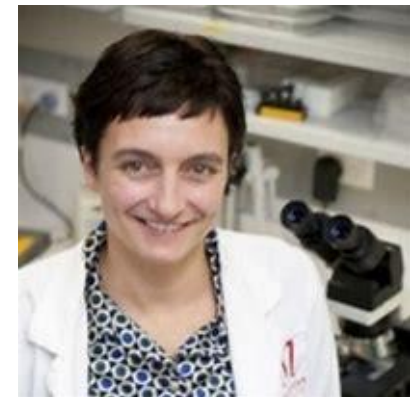
I look forward to working with you.

Ngā mihi nui

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Deputy Chair, Dr Jacquie Harper

Working alongside Nat and the committee, Jacquie Harper is serving as the Deputy Chair. She has a PhD in chemistry and physiology and brings a wealth of experience from several roles. These include research and development consultancy at Victoria University of Wellington and Building Research Association of New Zealand. Jacquie has also worked at the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research as Senior Research Fellow, Research Group Leader and Research and Development Consultant. Currently, she is the Chief Scientist at Overseer Ltd.



People changes within the MPI Animal Welfare Science team and NAEAC Secretariat

Over the past few months, the MPI Animal Welfare Science team have implemented some portfolio changes and increased the overall size of the team.

Thank you to Paula Lemow

We would like to acknowledge the invaluable support Paula Lemow has provided NAEAC over the past 10+ years. In late 2021 Paula accepted a new role as a Senior Adviser in the Animal Welfare Science team where she is now a valued member of the Animal Welfare Strengthening Codes Work Programme.

Farewell to Linda Carsons

We would also like to acknowledge that after a tenure of 39 years with MAF/MPI as a public servant Linda Carsons, Senior Adviser, will be retiring on 1 June 2022. Linda will be known to many of you as the stalwart of RTT, process and NAEAC statutory procedure.

She joined MAF's Animal Health Division and became the first secretary of NAEAC when the then Minister of Agriculture decided to establish the committee in 1984. The committee's first task was to recommend the sort of system New Zealand should have to regulate the use of animals in research, testing and teaching at a time when, internationally, there was almost no regulation. This resulted in the Animals Protection (Codes of Ethical Conduct) Regulations 1987. Linda remained as NAEAC's secretary until she took maternity leave in 1990.

Since then, Linda has been involved in helping people determine whether their planned work requires animal ethics committee approval and where to find an appropriate animal ethics committee to

use. She's also worked alongside stakeholders around the approval of codes of ethical conduct, arrangements to use a code and animal ethics committee and termination of those arrangements. She has worked closely with NAEAC throughout this time.

Thank you, Linda, for your tremendous contribution!

By way of introduction

Kitty Gash joined the Animal Welfare Science team as an Adviser in November 2021 and is the Secretariat for both NAWAC and NAEAC. Bridget Brox joined the Animal Welfare Science team as an Adviser in January 2022.

Kitty studied Animal Science BSc, with Honours in Companion Animal Behaviour and Reproduction at Newcastle University before moving to Aotearoa. Before joining MPI, Kitty worked as a member of an investigation team at Maritime NZ.

When she's not working, she is typically out exploring all Aotearoa has to offer with her Boxer dog, Arnold.





Prior to this role, Bridget worked in the MPI Continuous Improvements programme to progress a range of improvements for the transport of cattle by sea. Before MPI, Bridget did both animal welfare and emergency management advising in the non-profit sector (Wellington Zoo and SPCA, respectively) after finishing her PhD

at Victoria. Bridget has also worked in the RTT space when pursuing her postgraduate studies as well as serving with an animal ethics committee for the past nine years. Importantly, Bridget and her husband have recently adopted a retired greyhound, Juniper.



Approach to Openness and Transparency

Moving forward, the Committee will be taking an increasingly active approach to openness and transparency across the NAEAC work programme. This will include providing improved communication channels; this newsletter and the new website (see below). We will also provide opportunities for you to attend NAEAC meetings as well as the potential to serve on selected NAEAC subcommittees.

Mātauranga Māori - Code of Ethical Conduct Review Process

NAEAC is currently reviewing the approach to code of ethical conduct (CEC). The aim is to improve efficiency and transparency around the process. This includes the development of a new CEC template to streamline the required information as well as elevate and highlight the importance of Mātauranga Māori in the RTT space.

Upcoming Events

NAEAC will be organising and attending the following events throughout 2022.

Event	Date	Location
NAEAC meeting	18 May	Teams
AEC site visits/ Training Day	28-29 July	Hamilton
Joint NAEAC/NAWAC meeting	August	TBC
NAEAC meeting	17 August	In person TBC/Teams
NAEAC meeting	16 November	In person TBC/Teams

Training Day in Hamilton

NAEAC is looking forward to a training day in Hamilton. Learning sessions will be held at AgResearch.



The agenda will include:

- Incorporating Mātauranga Māori in the use of animals in RTT
- Introducing changes to a revised code of ethical conduct template
- Animal ethics committees parenting arrangements
- How consistency relates to decision making/researcher requirements

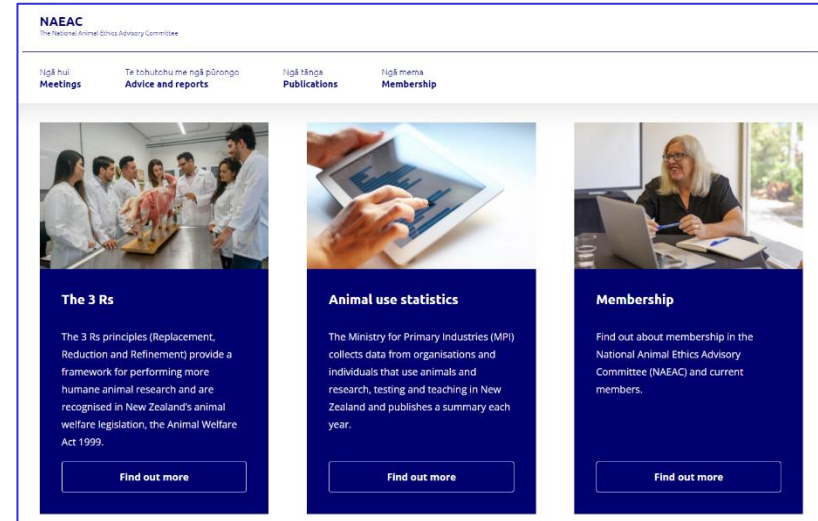
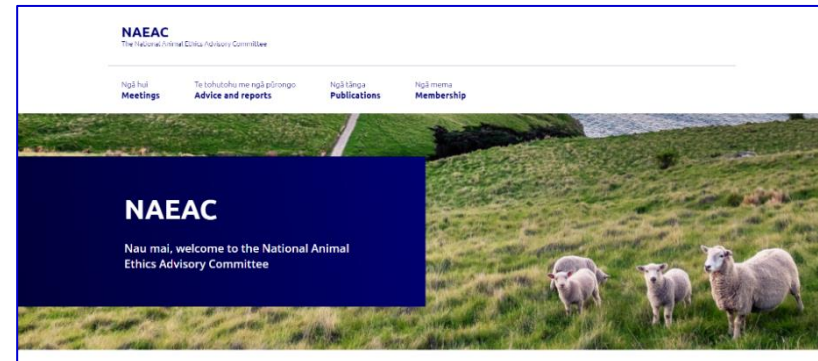
You are invited to attend a NAEAC meeting

NAEAC is committed to being open and transparent in its deliberations and welcomes public attendance at its scheduled meetings.

We believe NAEAC conducts its business in an inclusive way and welcome AEC Chairs and their committee members who wish to attend a NAEAC meeting as an observer.

If you or members of your committee are interested in learning more about the work NAEAC are doing and how you can get involved, please contact us at naeac@mpi.govt.nz.

Visit the **NEW** NAEAC website – www.naeac.org.nz



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