



Language Data Commons of Australia

Project Steering Committee Meeting Communique

30 September 2024

The September Steering Committee Meeting was held in person at The University of Queensland, St Lucia on 30 September 2024. In this meeting, the Committee approved their Terms of Reference, discussed upcoming project activities and received updates on recent work for the project.

Summary of Matters for Decision

Attendees reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Committee which were endorsed by members.

Attendees received a detailed report disclosing the changes to the LDaCA Work Packages within the first three months of the project. This was the timeframe agreed by ARDC for changes to the original work packages. These were minuted and the committee accepted the disclosure of the work packages.

Summary of Matters for Discussion

Catherine Travis (ANU) and Martin Schweinberger (UQ) presented updates on their respective work for the project to the committee.

Travis highlighted ANU's work on *Australian Journal of Linguistics* special issue on [Language corpora in Australia](#) and the development of LDaCA Corpus Notebooks. The committee also noted work on the [Sydney Speaks](#) Reference Corpus and the establishment of a new Oral History project.

Schweinberger provided a summary of the [Language Technology and Data Analysis Laboratory \(LADAL\)](#) and its contribution to LDaCA. The committee was provided an

update on upcoming work for the project including integration with the LDaCA portal and the delivery of user guides and outreach activities.

The Committee used the meeting as an opportunity to discuss two LDaCA project activities in detail. The group workshopped collaborative work on data and collections and research analytics.

Summary of Matters for Noting

The Committee received an update on recent training and engagement activities including the Data Migration Workshop that occurred in Canberra in early September.

Attendees were presented an overview of the HASS Voices of Country media release and its media coverage outcomes. The media release promoted the launch of LDaCA Phase 2. The report showed a high-level of media engagement with the release.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held online in March 2025.

Attendees

Name	Organisation	Committee Role
Michael Haugh	UQ	Chair & Chief Investigator
Jenny Fewster	ARDC	Member
Robert McLellan	UQ	Member
Rose Barrowcliffe	UQ	Member & Chief Investigator
Martin Schweinberger	UQ	Member & Chief Investigator
Marissa Takahashi	QUT	Member & Chief Investigator
Nick Thieberger	UoM	Member & Chief Investigator
Catherine Travis	ANU	Member & Chief Investigator
Camille Dobson	Batchelor	Proxy
Alex Hahoi	FLA	Proxy
Alex Ip	AARNET	Proxy
Chao Sun	USyd	Proxy
Sam Hames	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Siobhann McCafferty	ARDC	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Simon Musgrave	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Chenoa Pettrup	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Moises Sacal Bonequi	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Sue Plunkett Cole	UQ	Secretariat (Ex officio)
Bridey Lea	UQ	Secretariat (Ex officio)