Language Data Commons of Australia

Steering Committee Meeting Communique

15 May 2025

The May Steering Committee Meeting was held via Zoom on 15 May 2025. In this meeting, the committee endorsed project changes and a report, discussed key project strategies and upcoming deadlines.

Summary of Matters for Decision

The committee endorsed changes to 3 project work packages.

The committee also endorsed LDaCA Phase 2, Progress Report 2 that has been submitted to ARDC.

Summary of Matters for Discussion

Chief Investigator Nick Thieberger updated the committee on project progress, highlighting training, regional champions, new content creation, digitizing cultural materials, enhancing Nyingarn search functions, and Indigenous language collaborations.

The committee reviewed the LDaCA Execution and Analytics strategies. Discussions focused on building sustainable infrastructure, addressing long-term data retention challenges, fostering cultural change in researchers, and guiding ethical AI use in research practices.

Summary of Matters for Noting

The committee acknowledged that draft project plans for the ARDC Community Data Lab are open for feedback and members were encouraged to review and provide suggestions.

It also noted key deadlines for partner financial reporting (FY24-25), LDaCA's response to the 2026 NRI Roadmap Survey, and the official completion of LDaCA Phase 1 project (HIR001 2021-2024).

Next Meeting
The next meeting's date is to be confirmed.

Attendees 15 May 2025

Name	Org	PSC Role
Michael Haugh	UQ	Chair & CI
Wolfgang Barth	ANU	Proxy for Member & CI Catherine Travis
Adam Bell	Aarnet	Member & CI
Jenny Fewster	ARDC	Member & CI
Kathryn Gilbey	Batchelor Institute	Member & CI
Robert McLellan	UQ	Member
Martin Schweinberger	UQ	Member & CI
Chao Sun	USyd	Proxy for Member Monika Bednarek
Marissa Takahashi	QUT	Member &CI
Nick Thieberger	UoM	Member & CI
Des Crump	UQ	Advisor
Amanda Harris	USyd	Advisor
Alex Marley	AIATSIS	Proxy for Advisor Lauren Reed
Sam Hames	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Simon Musgrave	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Chenoa Pettrup	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Sue Plunkett Cole	UQ	Secretariat (Ex officio)
Moises Sacal Bonequi	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
PT Sefton	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)