



## **SUMMARY OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2-3 July 2015**

The Radiation Health and Safety Advisory Council (Council) met at Heidelberg Golf Club, VIC.

### **Confirmation of Minutes of the 13-14 November 2014 Meeting**

The Minutes of the 13-14 November 2014 meeting were confirmed with no changes.

### **Business arising from the Minutes and Correspondence**

Members noted items on the action list that had been resolved and updates were provided for ongoing actions.

### **Introductions from members**

Members introduced themselves to the Council, outlining working experience and expertise related to radiation that would assist ARPANSA to fulfill its mission. Members took the opportunity to declare conflict of interests when applicable.

### **Introduction to ARPANSA**

Members were provided with an overview of ARPANSA's roles and functions including the strategic directions 2014-17, budget and current organisational chart.

### **Advisory Committees**

Members were advised of the roles and functions of the Radiation Health Committee and the Nuclear Safety Committee.

### **Council's Working Arrangement**

Members discussed Council's Strategic Directions for the next triennium and agreed on three priority areas. The Chair brought members attention to the issues on which the CEO of ARPANSA would particularly like to receive advice. Council agreed on the best approach to advise the CEO.

### **Tour of ARPANSA' Laboratories**

Members participated in a tour of ARPANSA laboratories, including the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty radiation monitoring station, the UPF fabric testing laboratory, the linear accelerator and the anechoic chamber.

### **Report from Council Member representing the Interests of the General Public**

Members received a report from the member representing the interests of the general public. The report focused on the role of this position and future working arrangement.

### **Update on ARPANSA Activities**

Members were updated on ARPANSA's current work activities and international engagement activities. Members were also updated on the status of the update of the ARPANSA Act that is currently before a Senate Inquiry.

### **Update on Key issues**

Members were provided with a presentation on ARPANSA's regulation of ANSTO. Members were informed that ARPANSA was created to provide an independent nuclear safety and radiation regulator for the ANSTO Replacement Research Reactor now known as OPAL.

### **Working session**

The Chair brought Council's attention to the working group's topics. Council discussed the directions for all topics and agreed that further clarification was needed from ARPANSA. The Chair advised Council that he would like each member to be involved in at least two of the working groups.

### **Other Business**

Council was encouraged by the knowledge and expertise that all members bring to Council and look forward to working with each other for the triennium.

### **Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 16:00 on 3 July 2015. The next meeting was scheduled for 5-6 November 2015 to be held in Sydney, NSW.