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Human Research Ethics Committee

**Report to the Vice Chief of the Defence Force and to the
Deputy President of the Department of Veterans' Affairs**

REPORT 1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2018

2018 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Research submissions to the Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs Human Research Ethics Committee (DDVA HREC) continues to increase. This is based on prorated comparison with the Committee's first operating period, from July to December 2017.

In 2018, the Committee reviewed 77 new proposals, 85 resubmissions, 103 amendments, 35 requests for extensions to the period of ethical approval and five requests relating to administration/usage of drugs under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* (TGA).

Of the 77 new research protocols submitted to the DDVA HREC for ethical review, 34 were Defence's remit, 26 were Veterans Affairs' remit, and 17 were for both departments' remits.

There were two adverse events reported, of which one was considered a serious adverse event. No complaints were received.

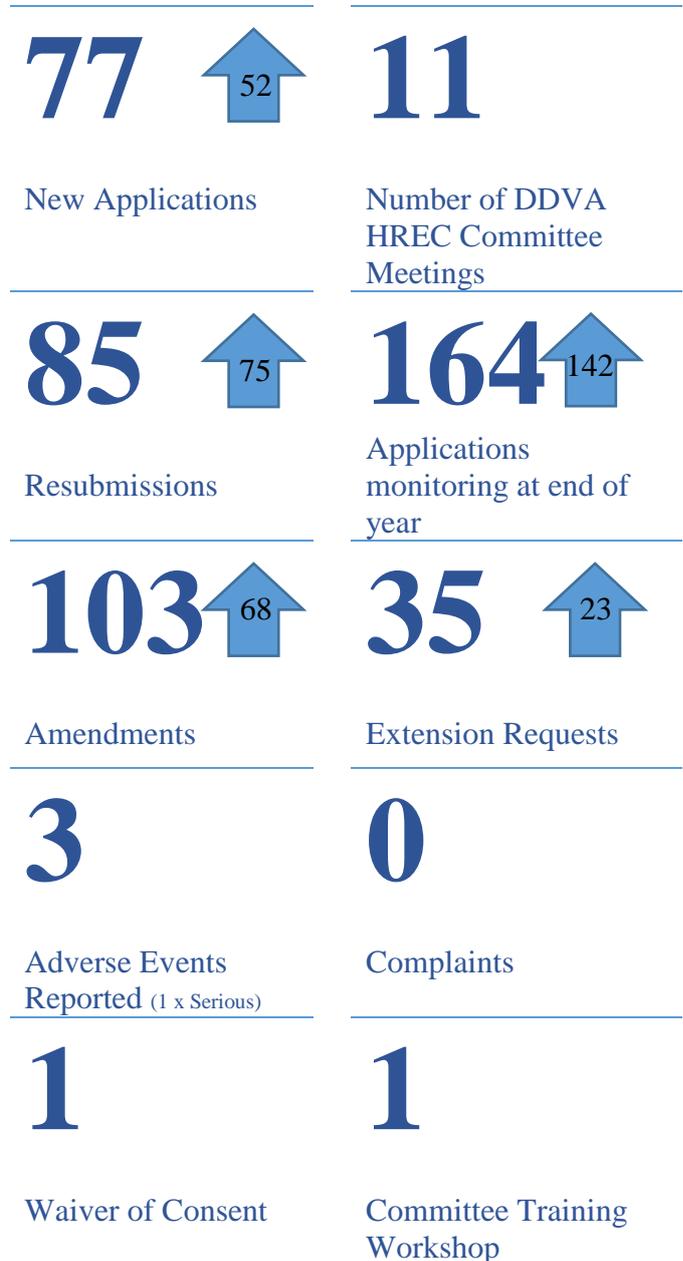
Refinements to the documents including Terms of Reference and Guidelines included:

- updates to reflect changes to national guidelines
- inclusion of guidance on non-HREC review pathways and on consideration of items under the TGA
- removal of duplicate information and clarification of processes supporting the Committee.

During 2018, Professor Colin Thomson, Ms Sarah Byrne and Dr Richard Saker resigned from the Committee.

Mr Ian Tindall acted as the Chair between 26 January and 31 October 2018. Mr Tony Cotton acted as the Deputy Chair from 5 October 2018. Mr Tindall was appointed as the Chair on 1 November 2018.

Key information is summarised below.



The arrows indicate what the difference was from July to December 2017.

BACKGROUND

The DDVA HREC was established as the institutional human research ethics committee for the Department of Defence (Defence) and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) on 1 July 2017.

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the [DDVA HREC Terms of Reference](#)¹, the DDVA HREC will provide annual reports (based on a calendar year) to the Vice Chief of the Defence Force and the Deputy President Strategy, DVA. This second report provides a summary of the DDVA HREC's activities from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

Committee membership for the reporting period is provided at Table 1.

Table 1: Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs Human Research Ethics Committee Members

Position	Name
Chair	Prof Colin Thomson (until 25 Jan 2018) Mr Ian Tindall (from 1 November 2018)
A/Chair	Mr Ian Tindall (from 26 January 2018 – 31 October 2018)
Deputy Chair	Mr Ian Tindall (until 25 January 2018)
A/Deputy Chair	Mr Tony Cotton (from 5 October 2018)
Laywoman not associated with Defence or DVA	Ms Margaret Proctor Ms Vivienne Moyle
Layman not associated with Defence or DVA	Mr Lindsay Roe Dr David Ugalde
Person with knowledge of , and current experience in, the professional care, counselling or treatment of people	Dr Carl Bryant Mr Stephen Brimstone
Person who performs a pastoral care role in a community	Revd. Dr Nikki Coleman CHAP Rob Sutherland
Lawyer not associated with Defence or DVA	Dr Wendy Bonython Ms Sarah Byrne (until 28 February 2018)
Researcher	Mr Tony Cotton (until 4 October 2018) Dr Bert Biggs Dr Jane Harte Dr Rebekah Doley Dr Renee Otmar Dr Richard Saker (until 1 March 2018)
Defence Health Graduate	Dr Vicki Ross CAPT Nicole Curtis, RAN
Contemporary veteran	Ms Catherine Walsh Dr Chris Wilson

A brief biography of members is provided at Annex A.

¹ DDVA HREC Terms of Reference
http://www.defence.gov.au/health/hrec/docs/171205_DDVA_HREC_Terms-of-Reference.pdf

TRAINING

In accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (National Statement), paragraph 5.2.3 (c), members are required to attend continuing education or training programs in research ethics at least every three years.

During the reporting period:

- five members and the Secretariat attended a privacy seminar in May 2018
- five members attended as observers at other HREC meetings
- one member attended the International Committee for Military Medicine Workshop on military medical ethics
- one member attended sessions on the Integrity of Pain Research and Ethical Perspectives in Trials of Pharmacological, Physical and Surgical Interventions in pain management at the World Pain Congress and
- one member completed training in Human Research Ethics - Legal and Ethical Compliance, RMIT University.

A number of articles relevant to human research ethics articles were also distributed to the Committee.

The Secretariat also attended the annual round-table meeting of Australian Capital Territory Chair and administrators in December 2018 where there was discussion regarding cross-institutional approvals, updates to guidelines that are issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council, data storage and privacy, ethics systems and a presentation by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

MEETINGS

The Committee met 11 times during the reporting period. An additional meeting was convened in January 2018 to consider an urgent request relating to usage of drugs under the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 subsection 19(1)(a).

The number of members allows for a roster of attendance at meetings, developed with regard to the minimum membership requirements, under the National Statement and the DDVA HREC Researcher and Administrative Guidelines, to accommodate member availability and allow for succession planning.

The Secretariat consulted the members regarding their availability to attend meetings for the reporting period and developed a meeting roster based on member availability, gender balance, attendance of the minimum number of members per category and ensuring members attend a sufficient number of meetings to develop and maintain their skills. Where a member is rostered to attend a meeting and advises the Secretariat that they are no longer able to attend, the Secretariat tries to source an alternative member to attend and where this is not possible, the member is asked to provide out-of-session feedback on the agenda items tabled at the corresponding meeting.

The initial roster and the meeting attendance record are at Annex B.

SECRETARIAT SUPPORT

Secretariat support is provided by the Directorate Health Programme and Plans. There were a number of changes to the staff providing support to the Committee during the reporting period. Staffing of the Secretariat support to the DDVA HREC is being reviewed with intent to increase staff members.

COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

The Committee's expenditure for the reporting period was \$110,776.73² made up of:

- Sitting Fees- \$73,604.00
- Travel Expenses- \$35,302.59
- Catering (Defence only)- \$920.00
- Advertising for the Committee member recruitment- \$950.14

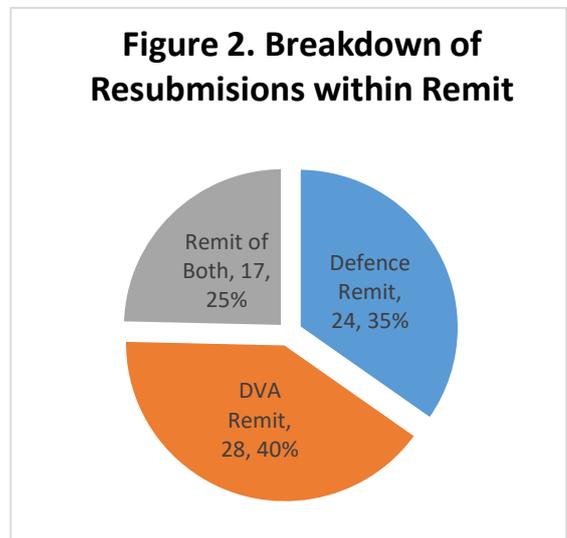
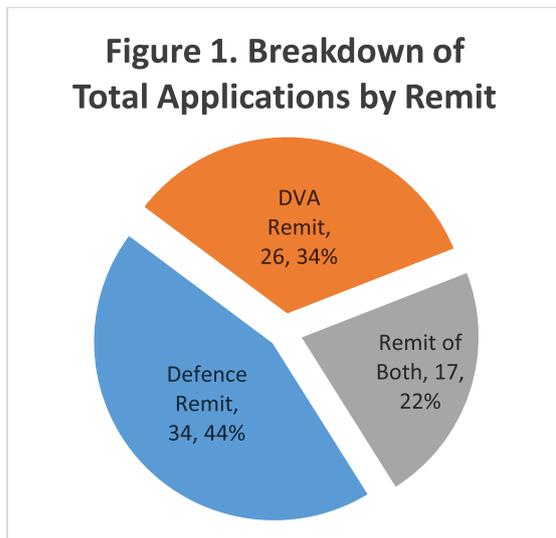
REVIEW OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Overview of the DDVA HREC activities

During the reporting period, 77 new research proposals were submitted to the DDVA HREC for ethical review. Figure 1 provides the breakdown of the remit for new proposals.

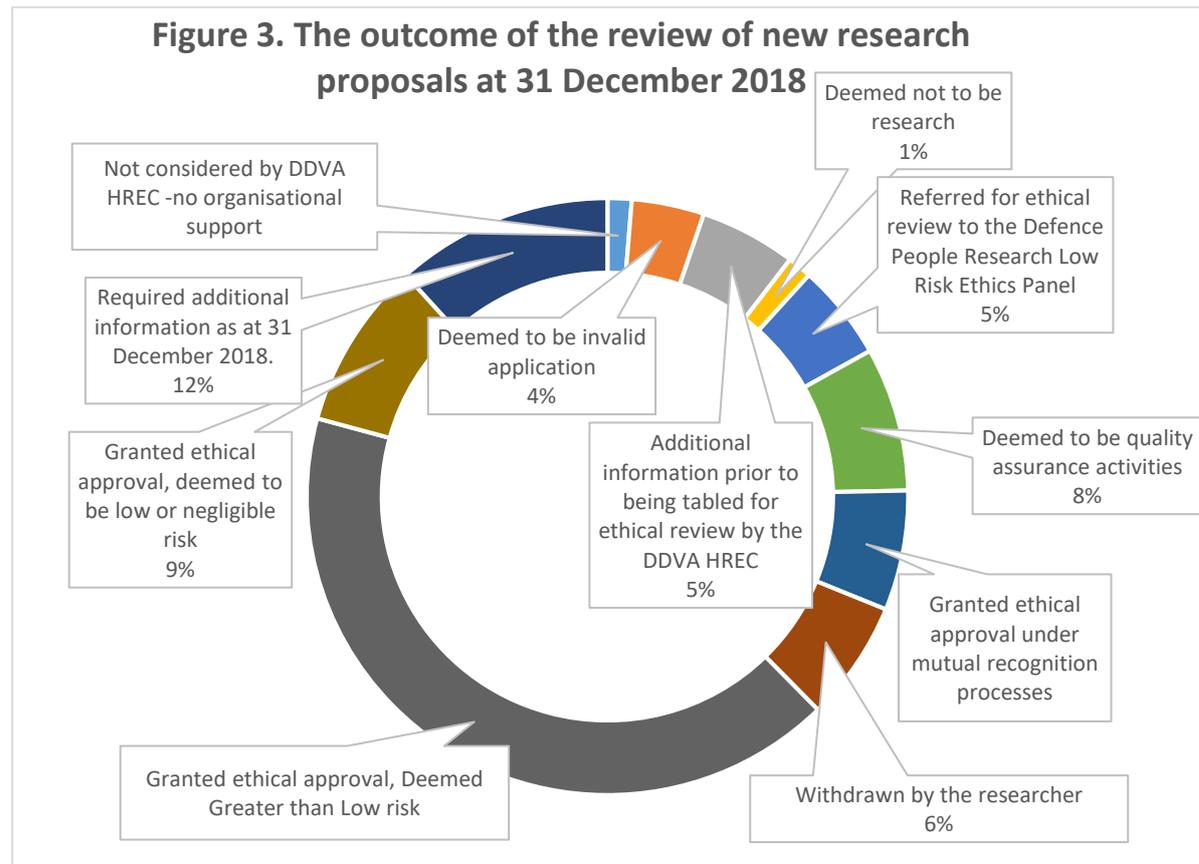
The Committee also reviewed 85 resubmissions, 56 of these were reviewed out-of-session.

Figure 2 provides the breakdown of the remit for the resubmissions.



² This data may be missing some travel expenses as they were not acquitted at the completion of the reporting period.

Figure 3 provides the breakdown of the outcomes for ethics review of new research proposals at 31 December 2018.

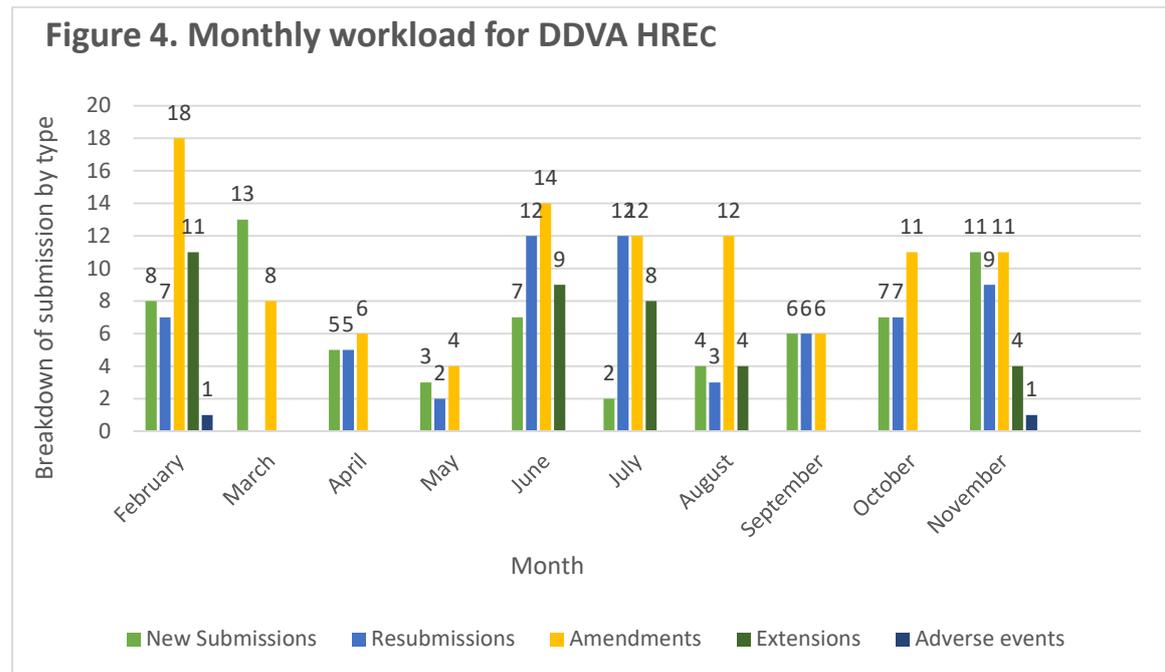


A list of projects that were granted ethical approval during the reporting period is at Annex C.

In addition to considering new research proposals and resubmissions the DDVA HREC considered the following:

- One-hundred and sixteen amendments, of which 35 fell within the remit of Defence, 51 fell within the remit of DVA and 30 fell within the remit of both organisations.
- Thirty-six requests for extensions to the period of ethical approval, of which 19 fell within the remit of Defence and 17 fell within the remit of DVA.
- Five items for consideration relating to administration/usage of drugs under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* subsection 19(1)(a).

Figure 4 provides a breakdown of workload of the Committee on a monthly basis for the various ethics approvals and monitoring administration.



In comparison with the data collected in the first six months operation of the DDVA HREC, the workload increased during 2018. A hiatus in researcher submissions was predicted as they adjusted to the new processes and then realised the benefit of a single HREC receiving submissions for consideration.

The new submissions, amendments and extensions of ethical approval and resubmissions are increasing.

Waivers of consent

Occasionally the DDVA HREC will receive requests for waivers of the requirement for consent to participate in research. These requests are considered in accordance with the National Statement, the [Privacy Act 1983](#) and other relevant guidance and/or legislation.

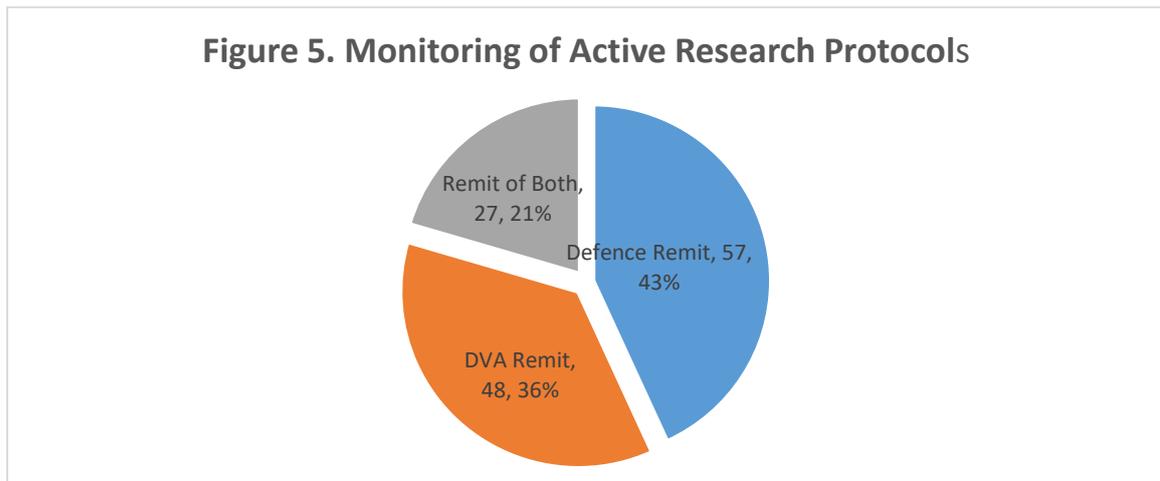
During the reporting period the DDVA HREC received a final report for E012/002 'Use of Aged Care Programs' that had been approved by the DVA HREC. This project involved linkage of a number of data sets obtained as part of the Veterans' home care dataset. The DDVA HREC was satisfied that there were sufficient mechanisms in place to protect the privacy of individuals and confidentiality of data; that it was impracticable to obtain consent due to the size of the research cohort; that it was unlikely that participants would not have consented to use of their data for this project; that the research was of no more than low risk; and that the waiver was not prohibited by State or Federal law.

RESEARCH MONITORING

In accordance with the National Statement Chapter 5.5, Defence and DVA have a responsibility for ensuring that research approved by their institutional ethical review body (DDVA HREC) is monitored in a manner that reflects the degree of risk to research participants. With effect 31 December 2018, the DDVA HREC was responsible for the ongoing monitoring of 132 active protocols.

³ [Privacy Act 1988](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/consol_act/pa1988108/)

Figure 5 provides a breakdown of the remits for the Monitoring of Active Research Protocols.

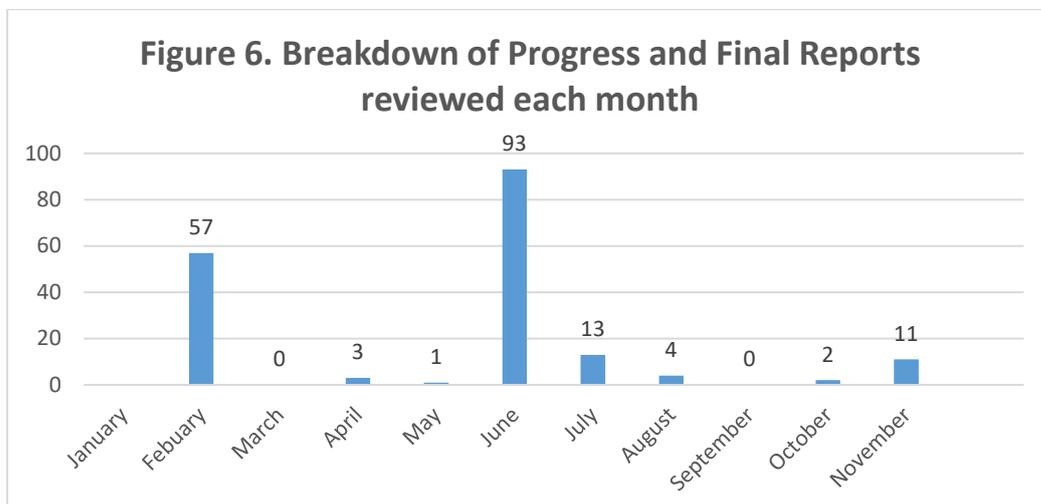


A summary of the monitoring activities conducted during the reporting period is provided below.

Progress Reports

As a condition of approval and in accordance with National Statement paragraph 5.5.5, researchers are required to submit reports at least annually to the relevant ethical review body/ies.

Figure 6 provides a breakdown of progress reports that were reviewed each month.



The reason for this pattern of reporting is to do with the changes in reporting dates with all reports required in either June or December requested previously but having slowly moved to individualised dates relating to the approval date.

During the reporting period the Committee agreed to change the frequency of reporting for non-clinical trials and the changes were implemented in October 2018. Researchers of non-clinical trials are now asked to provide an annual report for the lifespan of the study, based on the ethical approval date. Six monthly progress reports are required for all clinical trial research and studies whose duration are 12 months or less are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The Secretariat provides a compliance register to DDVA HREC that lists all active research projects and indicates what progress reports were received, what reports are outstanding and where further information is required. The Committee were updated on compliance with reporting requirements at each scheduled meeting.

Serious Adverse and Adverse Events

Researchers are required to report serious adverse events to the DDVA HREC within 72 hours and adverse events within 30 calendar days.

During the reporting period the DDVA HREC received two adverse event notifications.

These involved pain in the knee, hip flexor and blisters experienced by three separate participants. The Chair reviewed the information reported and it was decided that appropriate action had been taken for each of the events. No further action or information was required from the Principal Investigator.

Additionally during the same reporting period the DDVA HREC received notification there was one serious adverse event.

The nature of events included heart related conditions, haemorrhaging, possible brain aneurysm, and multi-trauma following a road accident involving a study participant. The reported information was reviewed by the Chair and it was decided that appropriate action had been taken for each of the events, and that they were not directly connected to the research. No further action or information was required from the Principal Investigator other than a reminder of the importance of submitting adverse event notifications in a timely manner.

Audits

During the reporting period the Directorate Health Programme and Plans conducted desktop audits of eight research proposals and three of these protocols received a perfect review. The remaining five audits identified discrepancies, missing documentation and one ethical expiry concerns and the DDVA HREC requested that the Principal Investigator provide clarity on or submit missing documentation.

Completed and Closed Research Projects

In accordance with the National Statement paragraph 5.5.5, researchers are required to submit a final report at the completion of their research. During the reporting period, the Committee received 27 final reports and closed these files.

A list of the research projects that were completed or closed is at Annex D.

Complaints

There were no complaints received during the reporting period.

REVIEW OF POLICY DOCUMENTS, GUIDELINES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Researcher and Administrative Guidelines were reviewed during the reporting period. Key amendments included updates to delegate titles; removal of duplicate information; further information regarding non-HREC review pathways; updates to reflect changes to national guidelines; changes to dates for drafting the agenda; submission closing dates and the frequency of submission of progress reports; minor amendments regarding attendance at

meetings; updating ethical review outcomes to reflect practices of the committee; clarification on processes supporting the Committee and minor amendment to guidance on consideration of items under the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989.

The anticipated date for the updated Guidelines to be published was the first quarter of 2019 which was achieved. It is anticipated that further updates will occur during 2019.

The Terms of Reference were reviewed and updated to reflect changes in titles for Defence and DVA delegates due to restructures that were implemented in 2018 and to provide greater clarity around mechanisms for reporting.

OTHER

The Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form template was developed and approved by the Committee in the first half of 2018. The revised pro forma has minimised the amount of administrative feedback that was being provided as a part of the review of documentation by the DDVA HREC and the Secretariat.

The Secretariat, in consultation with the Committee, developed four fact sheets as part of the suite of tools available to researchers who are conducting research within the remit of Defence or DVA. The initial fact sheets include:

- Use of existing data in research
- Organisational support
- Command approval
- Advertising materials.

It is anticipated that additional fact sheets will be developed in 2019.

The Secretariat redesigned the DDVA HREC website to make it more user friendly. The major changes included:

- moving information from one single page to a number of specific pages in order to reduce the amount of scrolls to read information contained on a single page;
- inclusion of information regarding the ethical review of low and negligible risk research proposals and guidance on the ethical review of quality assurance/evaluation activities;
- additional resources to facilitate ethical review of research; and
- guidance on clearance of research outcomes within Defence.

The Committee agreed in August 2018 to decrease the number of scheduled meetings per calendar year and to amend the resubmission closing dates so they fall one week after the new submissions closing date. The changes allow for a slightly increased time between meetings to better facilitate other core business and are reflective of current practices whereby extensions were routinely granted for resubmissions in order to allow researchers to resubmit research proposals to a subsequent meeting. In approving the changes to the frequency of meetings, the Committee noted that additional meetings would be convened if required.

The Committee reviewed and approved the pro formas for submissions to the DDVA HREC in November 2018. Concerns had been raised about the duplication of information and inconsistencies that were occurring between the NHMRC-sanctioned Human Research Ethics Application (HREA) and the DDVA HREC project description. A more robust DDVA HREC project description pro forma was developed in December 2018 and the HREA is no longer being used.

CONCLUSION

The number of research proposals received by the committee increased during 2018. This is expected, as the DDVA HREC is more established.

The Secretariat will continue to maintain data on submissions to the Committee to enable the evaluation and reporting on trends to inform future planning.

The Committee and secretariat will monitor the changes made to the frequency of meetings and the effectiveness of the project description.

BIOGRAPHIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEEChair – Prof Colin Thomson (1 July 2017 – 25 January 2018)

Professor Thomson is a Professor of Law and Academic Leader for Health Law and Ethics in the Graduate School of Medicine, Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health at the University of Wollongong. He also works as a consultant.

He has been a member, and chair, of several research ethics committees (1984–2004, 2010 onwards) and currently chairs the HRECs at Department of Health and Departments of Defence and of Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth of Australia. He has been a member (1998-2002), and chair (2006-2009), of the Australian Health Ethics Committee of the National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and of working parties on the ‘National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research’ (1999 and 2007) and the NHMRC National Ethics Application Form working party.

Prof Thomson has developed accreditation standards for lead human research ethics committees (HRECs) (for NSW Health), reviewed the Tasmanian research ethics review system, is a member of the Harmonisation of Multiple Ethical Review (HoMER) certification working group of the NHMRC and has conducted numerous HoMER certifications. In his consulting work, he has had extensive involvement in training for HREC members across Australia, for the NHMRC, State Departments of Health in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria and for numerous universities and other research institutions.

He has published nationally and internationally on issues in human research ethics, health law and ethics and is a joint author of ‘Good Medical Practice: Professionalism, Ethics and Law’, 4th edition, 2016 (Australian Medical Council). He is also a senior consultant with Australasian Human Research Consultancy Services.

Deputy Chair/Chair – Mr Ian Tindall

Mr Tindall is currently serving as an active reservist within the Royal Australian Air Force. He is an inaugural Committee member and Deputy Chair of the Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committee, and a previous member of the Ashford Community Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee and the Australian Defence Human Research Ethics Committee. Mr Tindall is currently a Consultant Pharmacist working in a variety of roles.

Researcher/ Acting Deputy Chair– Mr Tony Cotton AM

Mr Cotton is an industrial psychologist with nearly thirty years’ experience providing and managing a broad range of psychological services in large and complex workplaces. He was Director of Psychology for the Australian Defence Force and served on a number of international collaborative research panels. He was also the inaugural Director of Mental Health for the ADF where he was responsible for developing and implementing the ADF Mental Health Strategy.

After leaving the ADF he spent five years as the senior psychologist for the Australian Federal Police then five years as Director of Workforce Research and Analysis at the Australian Public Service Commission. He currently works as a Senior Manager in the People Advisory Service in EY (Ernst and Young) where he undertakes targeted research and consultancy engagements for a range of government and non-government clients.

Mr Cotton is currently completing his PhD studying the measurement of employee engagement in the Australian public sector.

Layperson – Mr Lindsay Roe

Mr Roe has worked for over thirty years in the Australian Public Service, initially in the field of design and development of administrative computer systems. He was also involved in the introduction of computing to a number of areas within Commonwealth departments and the training of staff in computing skills. He subsequently moved on to project management and IT audit and eventually performance audit with the Australian National Audit Office. Mr Roe received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Queensland and a Master of Arts from the University of Western Sydney.

He now is a freelance consultant in the areas of Quality Assurance and workplace interactive skills.

Layperson – Dr David Ugalde

Dr Ugalde has extensive experience in research and policy in both the Victorian and Australian Governments mainly in agriculture, environmental management, regional development, and rural sociology. He has broad experience in program and project management, risk management, research design, data handling, biometrics, and communication. Currently he is a private consultant providing science and policy advice to a number of government departments, industry organisations, and universities, both in Australia and overseas. Dr Ugalde is also a member of the ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee.

Layperson – Ms Vivienne Moyle

Ms Moyle is an experienced management professional with more than two decades of experience in clinical services; fundraising and program development; organisational management; research ethics, governance and compliance; and advancement and alumni relations.

Ms Moyle has held roles in academia, government and non-governmental organisations in Australia and the United States. She is currently Manager, Alumni Relations, with Victoria University.

Layperson – Ms Margaret Proctor

Ms Proctor is an Education consultant who has expertise in International Education and qualification recognition in particular. She holds undergraduate and graduate qualifications from the University of Toronto, Canada. Ms Proctor worked for the Australian Government for many years, representing Australia on the UNESCO Asia Pacific Education Committee. She also has experience on Human Ethics Committees at academic institutions in both Australia and Canada.

Professional care/counselling – Mr Stephen Brimstone

Mr Brimstone is a psychology graduate of the University of Queensland. He has been in practice for almost forty years.

Mr Brimstone's areas of clinical interest comprise substance misuse, gambling, mood disorders, anxiety, trauma and workplace stress injury. He has a long-standing involvement in private practice service provision to Veterans and serving military personnel.

Mr Brimstone participated in Department of Veterans' Affairs Queensland regional psychology service panels from the early 1980's through to 2010. He has been a Visiting Psychologist to Greenslopes Repatriation General Hospital (1984-91), Sunshine Coast Private Hospital (Psychiatry Unit (2005-08), 1st Military Hospital and 2nd Field Hospital (ADF; 1991-2002). Over the last 15 years, he has provided services to the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service as both a clinician and a group programs facilitator. In 2006, he was appointed to the Expert Reference Group of the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Learning. More recently, he has been a member of the Brisbane North Primary Health Network (previously Medicare Local) Clinical Governance Reference Committee (2013-17) and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Psychology Panel; 2015-current). Mr Brimstone is a Psychology Advisor to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, a role he has performed since 2005.

Professional care/counselling – Dr Carl Bryant

Dr Bryant graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Queensland in 1999 and completed his Basic Surgical Training in 2003. After initially working in neurosurgery, he was accepted into the Australasian College of Sports Physicians as an advanced trainee in 2006. He concurrently enlisted as a Medical Officer in the Australian Army, and served in reserve and full-time roles (including deployments to Afghanistan, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste) before transitioning to the Australian Public Service (APS) in 2012. His subsequent APS roles include general medicine, military rehabilitation, and medical administration and he currently serves as the Regional Medical Advisor for Queensland. Whilst working in the APS, he has completed a Masters of Sports Medicine (UQ, 2013), an Associate Fellowship with the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (2014) and a Masters of Public Health (Defence) (UQ, 2015). In 2016, he transferred speciality training to Medical Administration and is due to complete a Masters of Health Management (UNSW) in 2018.

In addition to DDVA HREC, Dr Bryant is also a current member of the Joint Health Command Low Risk Ethics Panel (since 2016).

Pastoral Care – Revd. Dr Nikki Coleman

Revd Dr Coleman is a chaplain with the RAAF Canberra Area Chaplaincy Team, who is also a military bioethicist. She currently teaches bioethics at the Australian National University, in the summer bioethics program at Yale University and has previously taught military ethics for nine years at the Australian Defence Force Academy (University of New South Wales). She is a Visiting Research Fellow with the RAAF Air Power Development Centre, the Inamori Centre for Ethics and Excellence (Case Western Reserve University), Yale University, UNSW Canberra Space and the Australian Centre for the Study of Armed Conflict and Society (UNSW). Her research work focuses on space ethics (including terrorism in space), the question of obedience in the military, moral injury of soldiers, the use of military personnel in medical experimentation, the rights of individuals and the role of the citizen soldier.

Pastoral Care – CHAP Rob Sutherland

CHAP Sutherland served as an Infantry Officer for 20 years before training as an Anglican minister. Since ordination he has been a prison chaplain, parish priest and has spent 18 years as an Army Chaplain both in the Army Reserve and the Australian Regular Army. CHAP Sutherland is currently an Assistant Minister in a parish in Sydney working with veterans and their families and chaplain to Headquarters 6th Combat Support Brigade.

Lawyer - Dr Wendy Bonython

Dr Bonython is an Associate Professor at the School of Law and Justice, in the Faculty of Business Government and Law at the University of Canberra. Her research and teaching interests focus on torts, and health and biotechnology law, regulation, and ethics. She has postgraduate qualifications in law and molecular medicine, and prior to entering academia, she worked in clinical research and health administration in the public sector.

Lawyer – Ms Sarah Byrne (1 July 2017 – 28 February 18)

Ms Byrne (GAICD PRI-NMAS BA LLB) is a lawyer with over 25 years' experience, including public law, health law, ethics, corporate governance, and policy. Past positions include General Counsel for the Australian Medical Association and two Commonwealth Government Departments, ACT Public Advocate, Deputy CEO of the ACT Justice & Community Safety Directorate, and Executive Director with responsibility (inter alia) for Research Integrity and Corporate Governance for the NHMRC. She is an accredited mediator, a Director of the Australian College of Optometry, a member of the ACT committees of the Dental Board, Chair of the HREC of the National Vision Research Institute, and lawyer on the Department of Health HREC. She has served on the boards of several non-profit arts organisations and three NHMRC Partnership Centres. She has particular interest and expertise in information law, health and medical research law and ethics, intellectual property and governance in the public and non-profit sectors.

Researcher – Dr Bert Biggs

Dr Biggs has a PhD in psychology and is a registered psychologist with over 30 years industrial and academic experience. He has worked as a rehabilitation counsellor, psychologist and researcher, and his most recent position was as Research Professor in the Faculty of Health at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). He remains an active researcher and consultant and is an Adjunct Professor at both QUT and Curtin University of Technology. He maintains active affiliations with several international Universities and Research Centres. Areas of recent research include safety culture frameworks in the construction sector, alcohol and other drug issues in mining and construction environments, regulatory, organisational and operational challenges in roadwork construction and maintenance, and mental health concerns in remote fly-in fly-out and drive-in drive-out workforces.

Researcher – Dr Rebekah Doley

Dr Doley has built a career on developing practical solutions for real world interpersonal problems. Her work in psychology has addressed roles in the military, organisational, clinical, forensic and legal sectors. Dr Doley has an established practice which operates nationally and internationally, based on the Gold Coast, providing psychological risk management services and dispute resolution to individuals and corporate clients.

Over the last decade, at Bond University she has established Australia's first research oriented centre devoted to exploring psycho-legal risk management issues, including deliberate firesetting, and counter-productive workplace behaviour. Rebekah has authored peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters and edited books. She is active in Executive and Director roles for not-for-profit boards and national committees.

Researcher – Dr Jane Harte

Dr Harte is a consultant corporate psychologist with extensive experience in the defence, mining, health and higher education sectors. She is also an academic with higher degrees, including a Masters and a PhD from Swedish and Australian universities as well as several ongoing academic appointments in Australia and Britain.

She regularly teaches in the graduate business programme of the University of St Andrews in Scotland and works with the educational experience of medical students on rural rotations for James Cook University in North Queensland from where she lives in the Atherton Tablelands. She's published in biopsychology, agricultural medicine and medical education.

Researcher – Dr Renée Otmar

Dr Otmar is an independent researcher, writer and editor. On a consultancy basis, she provides research services; conducts training for health professionals in research methods; coaches organisations and individuals in transformative leadership; and assists hospitals and research centres to develop cultures that are conducive to leadership in high-quality research. Dr Otmar has broad and extensive expertise in health communications research, policy research and writing, stemming from an earlier career as a book editor and publisher. Her current research interests include the use of artificial intelligence to improve health outcomes and the communication of risk across the spectrum of health care and disease.

She has been a researcher member of the Barwon Health HREC since April 2014 and deputy chair since January 2018. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (media and politics) and five postgraduate degrees, including the Master of Public Health and a PhD (The University of Melbourne), and a Certificate in Governance Practice (Governance Institute of Australia).

Researcher – Dr Richard Saker (1 July 2017 – 1 March 2018)

Dr Saker is an experienced Western Australian medical practitioner of approximately 40 years' experience, a medical graduate of the University of Western Australia and was appointed as an Adjunct Professor at Curtin University (WA) in 2012.

He has worked as a medical administrator in both the public and private healthcare sectors and has practiced as a clinician. He is a medical researcher in the translational medical research domain and his interests are in medical research, with a focus on introducing innovative and improved health care for the purpose of improving patient safety and the quality and efficiency of health care.

Defence Health Graduate – Captain Nicole Curtis, RAN

CAPT Curtis joined the Royal Australian Navy as a final year medical student at Monash University in 1995. She completed her intern year at Dandenong Hospital and a resident year at Geelong Hospital before commencing her Navy officer training. CAPT Curtis' recent shore postings include Fleet Medical Officer and Director Health at Headquarters Joint Operations Command. Her sea service has included deployments in South East Asia, North East Asia and operational deployments to East Timor, and the Middle East region.

CAPT Curtis is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff Course. She is a registered medical practitioner with specialist registration in General Practice and Medical Administration, is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators. Her academic qualifications include MBBS, MA, MHM, and a Grad Cert Maritime Studies.

Defence Health Graduate – Dr Vicki Ross

Dr Ross joined the Army undergraduate scheme in 1985 while completing her medical training at the University of Melbourne and the Royal Melbourne Hospital. After two years working as a medical resident at the Geelong Hospital, Dr Ross joined the Army on a full-time basis.

Dr Ross has had postings to the 1st Field Hospital, Duntroon Medical Centre, Headquarters Logistic Command (Army) and various positions within Joint Health Command. Colonel Ross became a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP) in 1997, completed a Masters of Public Health (MPH) in 2003 and became a Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (FAFPHM) in 2006. In 2008, Dr Ross transitioned out of the full time Army to take up a public service position as a Senior Medical Advisor within Joint Health Command. She remains in the active Army Reserve.

Dr Ross was Executive Secretary of ADHREC from July 1998 to June 2000 and was appointed a member of ADHREC in 2002.

Contemporary Veteran – Ms Catherine Walsh

Ms Walsh served as an Intelligence Officer in the permanent RAAF for 14 years. In 2010, she transitioned to the active Reserves, where she continues to serve, and embarked upon a career in the Australian Public Service. During her RAAF career, she deployed on multiple domestic and international operations and exercises. Her most notable contribution was as a founding member of the maritime and overland intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance detachment in the Middle East Area of Operations in 2003, as well as domestic border protection operations in the early 2000s.

Ms Walsh has experience as a non-executive director across the private health insurance, financial services, community and animal welfare sectors. She holds undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications from the University of New South Wales and the University of New England in the disciplines of management and law.

Contemporary Veteran – Dr Chris Wilson

Dr Wilson served in the Royal Australian Air Force from January 2003 through to August 2014 where he retired with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. Dr Wilson was trained as a Navigator and Tactical Co-Ordinator on the AP3-C Orion aircraft with which he conducted two tours of in support of operations in Afghanistan and one in support of operations in Iraq. Dr Wilson concluded his service with the RAAF as an Air Combat Officer Aviation Instructor at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) East Sale between 2012 and 2013 and was awarded the title of Instructor of the Year in his final year. Since retiring from the RAAF, Dr.Wilson graduated from the Australian National University as a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery and intends to practice in the Canberra region. Dr. Wilson's research interests include active decision making acquired Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, concussion in sport, and medical administration optimisation.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE RECORD

Table B1 is the initial roster for members during the reporting period.

Table B1: Initial Roster

Name	19 Feb	19 Mar	16 Apr	21 May	18 June	16 July	20 Aug	17 Sept	15 Oct	19 Nov
Professor Colin Thomson										
Mr Ian Tindall	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mr Lindsay Roe	x	x			x			x	x	x
Dr David Ugalde			x	x		x	x			
Ms Vivienne Moyle		x	x	x				x	x	
Ms Margaret Proctor	x				x	x	x			x
Mr Stephen Brimstone	x	x			x	x			x	x
Dr Carl Bryant			x	x			x	x		
Revd. Dr Nikki Coleman				x	x	x	x			x
CHAP Rob Sutherland	x	x	x					x	x	
Dr Wendy Bonython		*x	*x	*x	*x	*x	x	x	x	x
Ms Sarah Byrne	x									
Mr Tony Cotton	x	x		x			x	x		
Dr Bert Biggs			x		x	x			x	x
Dr Rebekah Doley				x		x			x	
Dr Renée Otmar			x		x			x		
Dr Jane Harte	x	x					x			x
Dr Richard Saker										
CAPT Nicole Curtis	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Dr Vicki Ross		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ms Catherine Walsh		x	x					x		x
Mr Chris Wilson	x			x	x	x	x		x	

* via out-of-session comment

Table B2: Meeting Attendance Record

Name	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18
Prof Colin Thomson	X										
Mr Ian Tindall	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mr Lindsay Roe	X	X	X			X			X	X	X
Dr David Ugalde				X	X		X	X			
Ms Vivienne Moyle			X	X	X				X	X	
Ms Margaret Proctor	X	X				X	X	X			X
Mr Stephen Brimstone	X	X	X			X*	X			X	X
Dr Carl Bryant				X	X			X	X		
Revd. Dr Nikki Coleman	X					X	X	X			X
CHAP Rob Sutherland		X	X	X	X				X	X	
Dr Wendy Bonython			X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X	X
Ms Sarah Byrne	X	X									
Mr Tony Cotton	X	X	X					X*	X	X	
Dr Bert Biggs				X	X	X	X			X	X
Dr Rebekah Doley					X		X			X	
Dr Renee Otmar	X			X		X			X		
Dr Jane Harte	X	X	X					X			X
Dr Richard Saker											
CAPT Nicole Curtis	X	X			X	X	X			X	X
Dr Vicki Ross			X	X*	X*			X	X		
Ms Catherine Walsh	X		X	X					X	X	X
Dr Chris Wilson		X			X	X	X	X			

*Provided out-of-session comments

**DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENCE AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE
APPROVED RESEARCH 2018**

All research proposals approved by the DDVA HREC during the reporting period are listed in Table C1.

Table C1: Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs Human Research Ethics Committee Approved Research in 2018

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Prof. David Forbes University of Melbourne	012-17 Development of the Moral Injury Outcome Scale (an international collaboration)	This study's aim is to use qualitative research methods to begin to develop an internationally recognized measure of Moral Injury i.e. the Moral Injury Outcome Scale (MIOS).
Dr Luana Main Deakin University	021-17 Soldier performance management: monitoring and modelling of load, adaptation and performance	Soldier performance management: monitoring and modelling of load, adaptation and performance.
Dr Michael Waller University of Queensland	026-18 Self-reported health of ADF personnel after use of anti-malarial drugs on deployment	The aim of this project is to assess whether Australian Defence Force personnel who used different types of anti-malarial drugs on deployment subsequently reported poorer health outcomes.
Dr Linda McCarthy Southern Adelaide Local Health Network	029-18 Effects of yoga on combat-related Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms and associated outcomes	The aim of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of a six-month programme of trauma-sensitive yoga, with mindfulness elements, in a sample of ex-serving Defence members and their partners.
Dr Miranda Van Hooff University of Adelaide	030-18 Trial & Evaluation of STAIR Program and Peer-Led counselling service for military, veteran, and First Responder Personnel	The aims of this project are to evaluate the utility and effectiveness of a low level, skills based group intervention (Skills Training in Affective and Interpersonal Regulation - STAIR), and to develop a Peer-Led Counselling service to deliver the program.

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Dr David Berle University of Technology Sydney	031-18 Intrusive Memories in PTSD following a computerised task	This research aims to determine whether, in a patient population, the encoding of trauma-related memories can potentially be modified by use of a brief computerised visuospatial task.
Dr David Berle University of Technology Sydney	032-18 Use of visuospatial computer game to facilitate helpful reconsolidation of trauma memories: Preliminary pilot study	The aim of this study is to investigate the feasibility and acceptability of Tetris as a post-exposure therapy task.
Prof. David Bishop Victoria University	033-18 Genetic predictors of the response to basic physical training, and the likelihood of sustaining an injury in Army recruits	We aim to identify genetic predictors of the response to physical training, and the likelihood of injury, in new recruits undertaking basic training.
Dr Stephen Smith University of Newcastle	034-18 The Impacts and implications of postings on Royal Australian Air Force Personnel and their families	This research project seeks to examine the various ways in which RAAF families, in particular, are affected by the posting process and assesses the overall effectiveness of the support mechanisms which are in place to assist with issues related to postings.
Prof Myfanwy Maple University of New England	035-18 A War Within: Making sense of suicide through narratives with former Australian Defence Force Members	To generate knowledge and build on the current research and evidence base in Australia on suicide post Australian Defence force (ADF) service.
Dr David Berle University of Technology Sydney	036-18 The role of appraisal, uncertainty and rumination in psychoeducation in PTSD	The aim of this project is to find out whether particular thinking styles change during the course of the trauma recovery program.

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Ass Prof. Robin Orr Bond University	037-18 Measuring occupational exposures to osteoarthritis in the lower limb in Australian Defence Force job categories	The aim of this project is to examine the occupational exposures of ADF personnel undertaking initial training to factors that can lead to development of osteoarthritis in the lower limbs and to assess the relationships between development of osteoarthritis in the lower limbs and factors including demographic, fitness and anthropometric variables, injury history and exercise history.
Mrs Jo Gooderson Ember Health Care	038-18 Telerehabilitation pilot for young veterans with chronic lower back pain	The aim of this research project is to compare the outcomes of contemporary veterans in a 12-week rehabilitation program (Telehealth vs face to face.)
Ms Suzana Freegard University of South Australia	039-18 Exploring the effects of participation in the Invictus Pathways Program on military personnel and veterans' quality of life and wellbeing	This research aims to: 1. Investigate the effect of participating in the Invictus Pathways Program (IPP) for recovering service personnel's quality of life and wellbeing. 2. Examine the impact of the IPP for members of the service personnel's support network. 3. Evaluate the existing IPP.
Prof David Forbes Phoenix Australia	040-18 The Stepping Out: Attention Reset (SOAR) Trial	The aim of this project is to test whether an attention controlling training intervention can help individuals balance their attention to different cues in order to facilitate readjustment after transitioning out of military service.

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Dr Galina Daragavona Australian Institute of Family Studies	041-18 Partners of Vietnam Veterans - Further analysis of the Vietnam Veterans Family Study (VVFS)	The aims of this project is to investigate what effect, if any, has active Vietnam service had on the physical, mental and social health characteristics of the spouses/partners of Australian Vietnam veterans; and what risk and protective facts might account for these effected and what the implications are for service delivery.
Ms Melinda Petrie Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	042-18 Use of prescription pharmaceuticals in the current and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members	The aim of this project is to describe the use of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme funded prescription drugs in the contemporary veteran population.
Prof Barbara Phini Griffith University	043-18 Military or Civilian? Home as a liminal space for adult family members of Australian Defence Force Veterans	The aim of this project is to explore the experiences and meanings of home for adult family members' of contemporary ex-serving Australian Defence Force members.
Dr Madeline Romaniuk Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation	046-18 Investigating the psychological outcomes of Compassionate Mind Training for military veterans and their partners	The aim of this project is to investigate the utility of Compassionate Mind Training for ex-service personnel with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and their partners; and to determine if the training has an impact on compassion, psychological symptom severity, quality of life as well as relationship satisfaction.
Ms Melinda Petrie Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	047-18 Use of homelessness services by ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members	The aim of this project is to describe the level of homelessness service use in the contemporary veteran ex-serving population.

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Professor Sharon Lawn Flinders University	048-18 Collaboration in care with family carers of patients admitted to the Jamie Larcombe Centre	The aim of this project is to investigate whether, and to what extent, family carers are included as partners in care for inpatients of the Jamie Larcombe Centre (JLC) and to evaluate whether embedding carer engagement principles and the six Carer Partnership Standards into the JLC setting brings about a perceived change in clinical practice.
Dr Tracey Varker Phoenix Australia/University of Melbourne	050-18 Attention training to augment Post-traumatic Stress Disorder treatment for veterans: A pilot trial	The aim of the research is to test which attention training paradigm (attention control training or attention bias modification) has the most significant impact on Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms for veterans (ex-serving Defence members) receiving treatment for PTSD from a hospital delivering standard outpatient psychological treatment.
Dr Herbert Groeller University of Wollongong	051-18 Army Prospective Physical Performance Study: Phase one	The three aims of this study include: 1) To examine the incidence of musculoskeletal injury from recruit to soldier. 2) To assess pre-existing injury history, physical activity and mental toughness at the commencement of Basic Military Training. 3) To characterise military specific physical adaptation within the 'force in training' through to the 'trained force' using field-expedient physical assessments.

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Ms Holly Bowen University of South Australia	052-18 Perspectives about an Art Therapy program on the well-being of military and emergency services personnel with post-traumatic stress symptoms	The purpose of this study is to gain a better understanding of the experiences and perceptions of military and emergency services personnel with post-traumatic stress who have participated in an Art Therapy program. This study also aims to understand the perspective of the participants' support network regarding the original participant's participation in Art Therapy.
Assoc Prof. Kevin Foster Monash University	053-18 Media Strategy and Military Operations in the network society - Mediatisation and the Australian Defence Force	To provide the ADF with an understanding of the consequences of mediatized war to its strategic communication requirements.
Prof Sharyn Rundle-Thiele Griffith University	054-18 Development of social marketing communications to prevent/reduce risky supplement use in the Australian Army	This project aims to develop and evaluate a social marketing communication intervention to prevent/reduce risky dietary supplement use.
Dr Miranda Van Hooff University of Adelaide	057-18 An investigation of the childhood determinants of mental health in the Australian Defence Force	The overall aim of this project is to longitudinally investigate the factors associated with greatest (and least) impact of childhood trauma/adversity on longer-term mental health and related outcomes in current and ex-serving ADF members. Secondly, the study aims to explore whether longer-term mental health can be predicted by childhood trauma/adversity, and if so, to investigate the mediator pathways.
Prof Sue Shore Charles Darwin University	058-18 The Australian contemporary veteran: A study of Australian Defence Force subjectivity post discharge	This project aims to investigate the period following contemporary service in the Australian Defence Force. Contemporary service include veterans who have served in any of the ADF's services from, or encompassing, the year 2001 onwards.

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Dr Lisa Dell Phoenix Australia/University of Melbourne	059-18 Evaluation of The Way Back Support Service for Ex-Serving Members	The aim of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of The Way Back adapted to the needs of ex-serving members in reducing suicidal behaviour without duplicating existing DVA services.
Dr Gavin Mount University of New South Wales, Canberra	061-18 The Climate Alliance? Reassessing the Australia / US military relationship in the Anthropocene	The aim of this research is to compare the military responsiveness to the climate change threat between Australia and the United States in an effort to draw out sources of tension / strength in the alliance.
Professor Baogang He Deakin University	069-18 The Development of the Defence Security relationship between Australia and Japan and its implications for future regional and global security	The purpose of this project is to draw on the history recent developments in the Australia-Japan Defence relationship and the recent changes in global and regional security. It will examine prospects for the development of new security frameworks that will enhance security for Australia, the region, and the world.
Dr Mark Hinton University of Melbourne	071-18 Exploring cognitive processes in treatment seeking veterans – the ECOG Study	The purpose of this project is to investigate the relationships between three common cognitive biases (attention bias, interpretation-hostility bias and emotional regulation choice) in a sample of ex-serving ADF veterans who experience mental health problems.

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Dr Jai Galliot University of New South Wales	072-18 Attitudinal survey of Australian Defence Force Academy Officer Cadets and Midshipman on the adoption of autonomous systems	The aim of this research is to better understand the implications of the adoption of robots known as autonomous systems within the Australian Defence Force. We want to probe what impact said systems will have on the conduct of future war, as well determine how the design and engineering of the systems employed in future conflict might be better designed to reflect the values and needs of those affected by them.
Professor Meaghan O'Donnell The University of Melbourne	077-18 An investigation of healthy ageing patterns among Australian military veterans aged between 60 and 75	The current project aims to address this gap by investigating patterns of physiological, psychological, and social aspects of ageing among older veterans. Australian veterans aged between 60 and 75 will complete a questionnaire which measures these aspects of ageing. The data will be analysed to identify subgroups of veterans based on their patterned responses to these measures. The predictors and outcomes of these subgroups will be also examined. Findings may help to identify vulnerable groups of veterans who may not be ageing well, and they may also inform the development of supportive programs and interventions for older veterans.
Mr Andrew Gissing Risk Frontiers	078-18 Analysis of preventable residential fire fatalities	Develop an understanding of victims of preventable fire fatalities in residential structures.

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and Title	Description
Ass Prof. Eleanor Hancock	080-18 Analysis of Australian Defence helicopter safety	The research will analyse all accidents involving Australian Defence helicopters since the first flight in 1947 and assess whether the investigations conducted at that time were effective in enhancing aviation safety.
LTCOL Alyson Auliff Australian Defence Force Malaria and Infectious Diseases Institute	084-18 Surveillance of vector borne diseases and tuberculosis in Papua New Guinea Defence Force personnel and their families at Wewak and Manus Island	The Australian Defence Force Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute proposes a joint cross-sectional epidemiological survey with the Papua New Guinea Defence Force to investigate vector-borne diseases (VBD) such as malaria, dengue, lymphatic filariasis, scrub typhus, other arboviruses, and tuberculosis (TB) in PNGDF personnel and their families.
Professor Sharon Lawn Flinders University	085-18 Evaluation of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Case Management Pilot	The aim of this mixed methods project is to evaluate the Case Management Pilot to provide tailored support to veterans and their families who have complex medical and non-medical needs by collecting quantitative and qualitative data from veterans and family members, and conducting interviews and focus groups with case managers, healthcare providers, and referrers who are involved in the pilot.
Mr Brian Heilbronn James Cook University	089-18 Examining the effectiveness of the enhanced combat shooting course on shooting accuracy	The aim of this project is to examine the efficacy of the 1st Battalion's Combat Shooting Cell's Enhanced Combat Shooting Course (ECSC), and its transfer of marksmanship skills to traditional range practices.

* DVA specific research

COMPLETED OR CLOSED RESEARCH PROTOCOLS

Research protocols that were advised to the DDVA HREC as completed in the reporting period are listed in Table D1.

Table D1: Completed Research Protocols

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and title
Dr Phil Anderson Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	E012/002 Use of aged care programs
Ms Patsy Kenny University of Sydney	E013/009 Advance care planning in incurable cancer patients with disease progression on first line chemotherapy: a randomised control trial
Mr Hean Teik Humphrey Ko Curtin University	E014/003 Investigating the relationship between statins and skin infections
Dr Selda Dagistanli Western Sydney University	E016/016 What Next? Beyond the Broderick Review
Associate Professor Denny Meyer Swinburne University	E016/025 Evaluation of online video counselling
Prof Ian Hickie AM University of Sydney	E016/027 Synergy Online Ecosystem: using technology to increase help-seeking and early intervention via enhancing pathways to tailored services that will improve the health and wellbeing of the Veterans and Veteran
Prof Sharon Lawn Flinders University	E017/019 'Living vicariously with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: how partners experience and can better support those who are exposed to traumatic events in the course of their work'
Professor Ilan Katz University of New South Wales	E017/022 Coordinated Client Support Program Evaluation
Dr Melinda Smith Australian Catholic University	619-11 A prospective study of risk factors for lower limb injuries: the influence of hip and lumbopelvic muscle strength and control
Dr. Nguyen Chinh Phong Australian Defence Force Malaria and Infectious Diseases Institute	654-12 A pilot study of the efficacy of artesunate alone and artemether-lumefantrine for uncomplicated Plasmodium falciparum malaria in Vietnam
Dr. Nguyen Chinh Phong Australian Defence Force Malaria and Infectious Diseases Institute	655-12 The efficacy of chloroquine for Plasmodium vivax in malaria in Vietnam
Dr Jaklin Elliott University of Adelaide	738-13 From well to wounded and back again: Identity and agency in high risk/highly cohesive soldiers undergoing rehabilitation in the Australian Army
MAJ Daryl South Charles Sturt University	772-14 Deliberate decision making in a simulated military situation with military and civilian participants

Principal Investigator and Institution	Protocol number and title
CHAP Timothy Hodgson University of Queensland	801-15 Moral Injury in the Royal Australian Air Force
Assoc Prof. Richard Fletcher University of Newcastle	823-16 SMS4dads Multi-Centre wait list randomised control trial
Dr Gavin Mount University of New South Wales	061-18 The Climate Alliance: Reassessing the Australia / US military relationship in the Anthropocene

In addition, during the reporting period five other projects or project phases were recorded as closed without having been completed.

A final report was submitted for a particular phase of E016/025 'Evaluation of online video counselling'. Subsequently, a second final report (listed in Table D1, above) was received to report the completion of the study.

The principal investigator for E014/009 'The efficacy of two sleep therapies for improving sleep difficulties and mood in recently returned military personnel' advised that the research had been abandoned. The file was subsequently closed.

The Committee determined that 019-17 'Whole-of-population approach to the health and welfare of Australia's veterans (Phase 1)' consisted of five separate studies under a particular research programme. It was requested that a separate research proposal be submitted for each of the studies and the 019-17 file was closed.

The file for 023-17 'The long-term effectiveness of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for military personnel experiencing for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder' was closed due to the time elapsed since the request for further information was sent to the principal investigator.

The principal investigator for E014/001 'The Royal Australian Navy Band's provision of war time entertainment' advised that the research has been abandoned, and the file was closed.