

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee met on 4 March 2022.

Farewell Shar Goodwin

The Committee was sorry to receive Shar Goodwin's resignation from the *OCHRE* Evaluation Steering Committee. Unfortunately, Shar is unable to continue being a part of this Committee, due to work commitments. Shar has been a valued member; and the Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank her for all her work and contributions to the Committee and with providing a strong regional voice and presence. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours. Shar will be missed.

Welcome new member

The Committee would like to welcome Darren Cochrane, Senior Research Officer for AANSW Research & Evaluation and new member to the Secretariat team for the *OCHRE* Evaluation Steering Committee. The Committee looks forward to working with you.

Co-developing the Instrument to measure change in working relationship developed by the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR)

The Committee were pleased to receive an update on how their feedback provided to CAEPR on questions in their two draft surveys are currently being incorporated into the surveys. The Committee has expressed how they are looking forward to seeing some results in the near future and are currently happy with how it is progressing and with the instrument itself, a culturally appropriate instrument to measure the strengths and challenges of working relationships with Regional Alliances and public servants.

Evaluation of *OCHRE* - Local Decision Making

The Committee received updates on recent staff changes within CAEPR. Isabel Palmer was welcomed as Alice Wighton's replacement as the *OCHRE* Evaluation Project Officer, and Marny O'Brien, Francis Markham's temporary replacement while he's on extended leave.

The Committee was pleased to hear that the 11 recommendations the Committee supplied for the Accord Negotiation Evaluations will be included in the redrafts, and the synthesis report is currently being developed. A draft is planned to be completed mid-April, ready for the next *OCHRE* Evaluation Steering Committee meeting.

The Committee would once again like to express its gratitude and appreciates the participation of Aboriginal communities, and commend CAEPR in their approach to the evaluation to ensure that regional Aboriginal voices continue to be heard throughout the entire project.

Wishing everyone all the best,



Associate Professor Lynette Riley
Chair, *OCHRE* Steering Committee.