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# AFCC Annual Report



## **PREFACE**

This annual report describes the operations and performance of the Australian FHIR Coordination Committee (AFCC) during 2024-25. The report was prepared in accordance with the AFCC's terms of reference, which include monitoring and reporting to HL7 AU and the Australian FHIR® community on the operation and activities of the Australian FHIR Community Process (Australian FHIR Management Framework 3.3.1 iv and 3.3.7 ii).

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT

ADHA	Australian Digital Health Agency
AFCC	Australian FHIR Coordination Committee
AFCP	Australian FHIR Community Process
AFMF	Australian FHIR Management Framework
DOHAC	Department of Health and Aged Care
FCP	FHIR Community Process

## 1. FROM THE CHAIR

It is my privilege to provide this second AFCC Annual report to the Australian HL7 FHIR® community.

The AFCC oversees the Australian FHIR Community Process (AFCP) under the Australian FHIR Management Framework (AFMF). This is not just arcane wrangling with acronyms: standards matter! Good standards that the community trusts are key foundational assets in any plans for the future of our healthcare system, and that is something that matters to all of us. The AFCC ensures the quality and reliability of the FHIR standards we are developing to support Australia's Digital Health future, and of the framework that controls their development.



Like everything else in the digital health ecosystem, we are just getting going. This report describes a committee that has come together and established its processes. Now, we must scale and grow both the community and our own activities that serve and support it.

Here's to a much busier future.

**Graeme Grieve**

## **2. OVERVIEW OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONES RELATED TO FHIR**

### **2.1. Australia FHIR® Management Framework (AFMF) iteration**

A small number of corrections and clarifications to V2.0 of the AFMF, published on the HL7 Australia website in May 2024, have subsequently been identified and will be included in V2.1 for publication in the second half of 2025. None are sufficiently substantive to warrant more immediate action.

### **2.2. Development of AFCP artefacts**

A series of artefacts – resources supporting the use of the Australian FHIR Community Process (AFCP) – have been produced and are accessible on the AFCP Confluence page (<https://confluence.hl7.org/spaces/AFCP/pages/239212132/Introduction+to+AFCP>).

These are:

- An AFCP Participant Registration Form, via which entities (individuals, companies, government agencies, or non-government organisations) can choose to participate in the AFCP and formally agree to the conditions of participation
- An AFCP Project Proposal Form, via which Participants can submit a request to the AFCC for their project to formally operate under the AFCP
- An AFCP Project Registry, listing all Project Proposals received by the AFCC and the outcomes of these requests
- An AFCP Specification Compliance Form, via which Participants can apply to the AFCC for assessment as to whether their project is compliant with the AFCP.
- An AFCP Compliance Registry, listing requests for recognition of compliance with the AFCP
- An AFCP FCP Icon Registry, listing FHIR Specifications that have been assessed as compliant with the AFCP and are therefore eligible to display the FCP icon
- Details of the AFCP Version Release Strategy
- A Ballot Process Guide.

In addition, some short videos have been produced explaining Pathways to FHIR standards in Australia, the Australian FHIR Community Process, and the Australian FHIR Coordination Committee. These are expected to be available via the HL7 Australia website in July 2025.

### **3. MEETINGS HELD – AUSTRALIAN FHIR COMMUNITY PROCESS**

#### **3.1. 3 July 2024**

The major topics discussed were AFCC support for FHIR capacity building and emerging international developments that might affect the AFMF in the future.

#### **3.2. 21 August 2024**

Key discussion topics focused on targeting and reaching out to potential AFCP projects and consideration of the AFCC's role in FHIR capability building.

#### **3.3. 21 October 2024**

David Rowlands resigned as Deputy Chair due to his election as HL7 Australia Chair but remained a member of the AFCC. Discussion focused on potential AFCP projects from the Department of Health and Aged Care (DOHAC) and the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA).

#### **3.4. 12 February 2025**

This was a three-hour meeting, extended because a meeting time that sufficient members could attend was not found for December 2024.

Grahame Grieve was reaffirmed as Chair, and Andy Bond was elected Deputy Chair. Jai Dacey replaced Simon Cleverley as the DOHAC representative. Discussion focused on review of the AFCP Compliance Protocol with some changes suggested, review of the Committee's performance to date, detailed review of the risk register, and acceptance of the 2025 work program.

#### **3.5. 7 May 2025**

This was also a three-hour meeting. The Committee:

- Noted that the Australian Digital Health Agency will be bringing four items into the AFCP in the near future, and that some others from alternate sources are expected later in 2025 or early in 2026
- Agreed that the compliance assessment protocol is now complete but may be subject to improvement based on future usage
- Endorsed a series of proposals on FHIR capacity building, including distilling learnings that can be shared with others from standards development processes, and raising community awareness of existing FHIR® IGs and IGs under development
- Noted the establishment of a new Sparked Harmonisation Group, which has been established to enhance collaboration between the Sparked CDG and the Technical Design Groups (TDGs).

### 3.6. Access to minutes

Minutes of AFCC meetings and a current Action Log are available at <https://confluence.hl7.org/spaces/HAAFCC/pages/184912402/Minutes+Actions>.

### 3.7. Meeting attendances

Meeting attendance by AFCC members during 2024-2025 was as follows.

Member	Maximum number of meetings the member could have attended	Number of meetings attended	Proportion of possible meetings attended
Danielle Bancroft	4	4	100%
Andy Bond	4	4	100%
Simon Cleverley	3	2	67%
Jai Dacey	1	1	100%
Reuben Daniels	4	4	100%
Rae Donovan	4	2	50%
Brett Esler	4	4	100%
Grahame Grieve	4	4	100%
Michael Lawley	4	4	100%
Philip Loya	4	4	100%
Ryan Maven	4	3	75%
David Rowlands	4	4	100%

## **4. PLAN OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2025**

The Committee's 2025 work plan focuses on experience-based development of the AFMF and recruiting AFCP projects:

- Further developing, implementing, and evolving governance under the AFMF, which includes:
- Continuing to iterate the development of artifacts and collateral required to implement the AFCP
- Ensuring alignment of AFCC activities with other national FHIR developments
- Monitoring the progress of AFCP participants and assessing compliance with the AFCP, including via executive group(s)
- Developing the AFCC's Annual Report
- The Chair reporting bi-monthly to the HL7 Australia Board.



## 5. AFCC MEMBERS

At 30 June 2025, the AFCC membership comprised the following.

Role	Name
Chair	Grahame Grieve
Deputy Chair	Andy Bond
HL7 Australia Board nominee	Reuben Daniels
DOHAC nominee	Jai Dacey
ADHA nominee	Ryan Mavin
MSIA nominee	Danielle Bancroft
CSIRO nominee	Michael Lawley
Chair HL7 Australia FHIR Work Group	Brett Esler
Expert in clinical governance in digital health	Raelene Donovan
Individual member 1	Andy Bond
Individual member 2	Philip Loya
Individual member 3	David Rowlands