

Healthcare User Group (HUG) - Australasia

Meeting Discussion Points: 7th March 2007

Attendees:

First Name	Surname	Company	Attendance/Apology
Carmen	Byrne	3M Australia Pty Ltd	Apology
Dianne	Prince	Abbott Australasia	
Elizabeth	Stamatelos	B Braun Australia Pty Ltd	Present
Kathy	Elliott	B Braun Australia Pty Ltd	
Paul	Codd	Baxter Healthcare	
Philip	Mealey	Baxter Healthcare	
Tracey	McAllister	BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company)	Present
Stewart	Layt	Boehringer Ingelheim Pty Limited	Apology
Bernadette	Gibbons	Central Hospital Supplies	
Evie	Weaver	Central Hospital Supplies	
Lou	Cordone	Central Hospital Supplies	Present
Ged	Halstead	CH2	Present
Kevin	White	CH2	
Sam	Haouchar	CSL Bioplasma	Present
Shannon	Gibson	CSL Bioplasma	
Nadine	Davies	Dade Behring ANZ	
Paul	Broadbridge	Department of Health (South Australia)	Present
Steven	Knight	Draeger Medical	
Nuala	Thomason	Draeger Medical	Present
John	Hearn	GS1 Australia	Present
Marcel	Sieira	GS1 Australia	Present
Sue	Schmid	GS1 Australia	Apology
Tania	Snioch	GS1 Australia	Present
Ramesh	Rayer	GS1 Australia	Present
Gary	Hartley	GS1 New Zealand	Present
Dennis	O'Keefe	Health Purchasing Victoria	Apology
Mario	Carniato	Kimberly-Clark	
Faye	Summer	Medical Industry Association of NZ	Apology
Shane	Marshall	National Blood Authority	Apology
Ken	Nobbs	NEHTA	Apology
Barry	Cruickshank	NSW Health	Apology
Gabe	Furlan	NSW Health	
Shane	Gardner	NSW Health	
Valentino	Bulaon	NSW Health	Apology
Steven	Woodall	NSW Health	Present
John	Vassallo	Pfizer Pty Ltd	Apology
Philip	Van Der Kley	Pfizer Pty Ltd	
Christine	Seipel	Queensland Health	Present
Luke	Berrell	Ramsay Health	
Debbie	Wyber	Researched Medicines Industry	
David	Lindley	Smiths Medical	
Ian	Larmour	Southern Health	Present
Brett	Harris	St. Jude Medical Australia Pty Ltd	
Elizabeth	Hanley	Standards Australia	Apology
Nick	Bradshaw	Standards Australia	Present
Elizabeth	Plant	Taranaki District Health Board	

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Yvonne	Bell	Terumo Corporation	Present
Karen	Hall	The Alfred Hospital	
Margaret	Gerhig	Welch Allyn Australia Pty Limited	Apology
Michael	Bryce	Welch Allyn Australia Pty Limited	
Elizabeth	Hinchon	Wyeth Australia Pty Ltd	Apology
Karen	Mansfield	Wyeth Australia Pty Ltd	Apology

Post-Meeting Note:

- Douglas Pharmaceuticals (New Zealand) have joined the group.

Future Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Location
4 th July 2007	9am – 4pm	Face to Face	Sydney – Venue TBC

Key Outcomes from This Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
- Barry Cruickshank was elected as Deputy Chair of the HUG - Australasia.
- Two additional work groups were formed - Data Synchronisation and Classification.
- GS1 Australia, NEHTA and healthcare suppliers are committed to working together to help improve ongoing communication with the medical devices industry regarding the NPC.
- Participants reviewed the Global HUG AIDC business requirements and suggested feedback and changes to requirements numbered 25, 73, 90, & 100-101. **Post-meeting note:** this feedback was received and reviewed at subsequent on-line HUG AIDC working group meetings on March 16th and 23rd.

Action Items (Outstanding & Current)

Action	Responsibility	Due Date/Status
Tania to put participants company names onto HUG-Australasia website.	Tania	In progress
Tania to send participants login details to HUG - Australasia share point site.	Tania	In progress
User Guide to be developed and sent to participants for share point.	Ramesh	Pending – Will be provided late April
Tracey, Elizabeth and Yvonne to arrange a meeting between NEHTA, GS1, themselves and other interested parties from the medical device industry. This group to work with Marcel to set a meeting agenda.	Tracey, Elizabeth and Yvonne	Pending Post Meeting Note: Marcel provided interested parties with some suggested agenda items and further reference information.
Draft letter of acknowledgement to provide to participating companies, recognising their contribution to the HUG - Australasia needs to be signed off by CEO's of GS1 Australia and NZ.	GS1	In progress
'Environmental Scan' (survey) to be given to hospitals in order to find out their awareness of the GS1 system.	Tania	In progress – survey is in draft form
Tania, with input from Dennis and Barry, to put together an organisational map showing the interactions between the TGA, NEHTA, HUG and Australasian HUG - Australasia.	Tania	In progress
GS1 to review the outputs of the National Supply Chain Reform Task Force (NSCRTF) and determine if any of	GS1/Tania	In progress

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Action	Responsibility	Due Date/Status
these are relevant to the HUG – Australasia.		
HUG - Australasia to develop a 5 year strategic work plan.	HUG - Australasia	Next Meeting
Tania to develop a HUG - Australasia Membership Form to be used to apply for HUG - Australasia membership and nominate a 'primary member' from each company.	Tania	In progress – has been referred to the HUG Australasia Membership Group for their work
Tania to provide the group with the login details for the HUG eRoom workspace.	Tania	Pending – Tania to confirm how the HUG wishes to manage this.
Ian to confirm who the appropriate representative for the 'Blood Products' work group would be from Southern Health	Ian L	Pending
Tania to coordinate the meeting dates for the Data Synchronisation and Classification work groups.	Tania	Pending
Tania to forward to the group the NHS and New Zealand documents discussed during the meeting.	Tania	Complete
Tania to find out the closing date for the collection of business requirements for the HUG's serialisation work group.	Tania	Complete – Date has passed
NPC guidelines to be resent to participants.	Tania	Complete – Circulated with these minutes
Tania to provide HUG – Australasia feedback regarding the AIDC requirements to the global HUG.	Tania	Complete
Tania to circulate Serialisation Group business requirements survey.	Tania	Complete
Tania to provide a list of participants in the HUG - Australasia to the HUG Leadership Team.	Tania	Complete

Discussion Points

General

- Ged welcomed the attendees and provided the group with a summary of the work been done so far. He encouraged all participating companies of HUG – Australasia to have a few people – with different subject matter expertise e.g., AIDC, Serialisation, NPC etc – participating in the group.
- Tania provided an overview of the HUG - Australasia SharePoint site and demonstrated the different functions. These functions will be captured in a user guide, which will be sent to all participants.
- The group was advised that the March edition of GS1's Supply Chain Link magazine contains an interview with HUG – Australasia's chair Ged Halstead and an article about the HUG – Australasia.
- Also the recent edition of MHD Supply Chain contains an extensive article about the global – HUG and an interview with Rich Hollander.

Plasma Derived and Recombinant Blood Products Work Group

- It was agreed that before a working group for plasma derived and recombinant blood products could be formed, further work to understand the needs of these sector would be required outside of the meeting.
- Organisations who will be contacted and asked to consider participation include:
 - Blood services and regulatory authorities
 - Hospital Haematologists
 - Manufacturers of recombinant products
- CSL have confirmed their participation in this working group.

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HUG Work

- Notification was given to the group that there was only a few days left before the AIDC (Automatic Identification and Data Capture) business requirements were finalised. Participants at the HUG – Australasia meeting reviewed the AIDC business requirements captured to date to provide feedback.
- Below is a list of the specific business requirements about which feedback was provided:
 - Requirement 25
 - Requirement 73
 - Requirement 90
 - Requirement 100-101
- Tania will forward these requirements to the global HUG for their consideration.
- The Serialisation Work Group is a little behind the AIDC group in terms of their work progress. There are currently collecting business requirements rather than reviewing those already collected. The final date for providing business requirements for this group is to be confirmed. All HUG – Australasia participants still have the opportunity to provide input into this work.
- HUG – Australasia participants are welcome to join teleconferences held by the global HUG working groups on the first Thursday of every month (7:30am (Serialisation) and 9:00am (AIDC), note times are in Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Membership Working Group

- One of the key objectives of the Membership Work Group is to identify those companies who are not part of the HUG – Australasia and those who should be [gap analysis].
- The membership group will work to engage suppliers who currently are not aware of the GS1 System, as well as organisations supplying plasma derived and recombinant blood products.
- Next step for this team is to develop membership information, such as an online application form.
- The membership team will then endeavour to develop induction information for new members, to answer questions such as: What is the HUG – Australasia? What work has been done by the group so far? This information pack will then be provided to the global HUG for their reference.
- The next membership group meeting will be held from 9:30-10:30 on Friday 23rd March.
- CSL have joined the membership group.

National Product Catalogue (NPC)

- There was general discussion about some ongoing questions regards the NPC such as:
 - Confusion about the number of data fields to be populated, hence participants requested that the NPC guidelines be resent to all registered users
 - Assumptions that allocation of a GTIN for the NPC means that GTIN must also be bar coded on the product - This is not a requirement
 - Whether data can be provided using a staged approach.
 - How to help drive uptake and implementation of the NPC
 - Concerns about the cost of GS1 membership for SME companies joining GS1 only to access the NPC – This has been addressed and organisations joining solely for the use of the NPC will pay the base GS1 membership fee (e.g., \$580 + GST annual fee for 2006-7 FY)
 - Concerns about the cost of NPC membership for SME companies. This has also been addressed based on feedback from not only the healthcare sector, but also other industry sectors with which GS1 works. The current EANnet/NPC fee schedule can be downloaded from <http://www.gs1au.org/services/eannet/fees/>
 - Increased education of healthcare organisations about the NPC
- Although some of these areas had been addressed previously, it was agreed that in order to ensure effective communication about the outcomes and to address new questions, a meeting between NETHA, GS1 and interested industry representatives would occur. This meeting will most likely be in Brisbane. The agenda will be set by interested industry representatives, GS1 and NETHA and some of the items will be based on the MIAA paper circulated during this meeting.

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Data Synchronisation Work Group

- A HUG – Australasia Data Synchronisation Work Group was formed. This group will have representation from both New Zealand and Australia.
- The aim of the group will be to document learnings and best practice implementations for the implementation of data synchronisation. This group will also be the forum that outputs from the global HUG data synchronisation work group will be reviewed.
- A number of organisations, including those listed as participants for the Classification Work Group below, confirmed their participation in the Data Synchronisation group.
- Following this meeting, Tania will call a meeting for the Data Synch group.

Classification Work Group

- This work group will cover all groups of healthcare items (e.g., pharmaceuticals, medical devices) as well as different types of classifications, e.g., GPC (Global Product Classification), UNSPSC.
- Similar to the data synchronisation group, this working group will document learnings and best practice, and function to provide input into the global HUG Classification group.
- It was requested that organisations interested in participating in this group nominate their subject matter experts.
- Organisation who confirmed participation include:
 - BD (Susan Alder)
 - Terumo
 - BBraun
 - ACOM
 - TGA
 - Queensland Health
 - Health Support (Valentino)
- A meeting for this group will be called in the coming weeks.

Other Business

- Gary Hartley provided an overview of information from the NHS (UK). This document provides the NHS roll out strategy for the GS1 System in UK healthcare.
- Gary also briefed us about the governments backing of improvements in the New Zealand Healthcare system. The Health Minister has made a significant commitment addressing strategies to improve patient safety in NZ.
- It was noted that Bruce Anderson (from NZ Ministry of Health) is willing to work with the HUG – Australasia on issues of policy if the group decides to work more closely with other government departments.

Next Meeting Date

- Refer to table beginning of minutes.