

HREC Meeting & Submission Close Dates 2026

Submission Close Date	Meeting Date
28 th January	11 th February
*4 th March	*18 th March
*1 st April	*15 th April
29 th April	13 th May
*20 th May	*3 rd June
24 th June	8 th July
29 th July	12 th August
26 th August	9 th September
30 th September	14 th October
28 th October	11 th November
25 th November	9 th December

**Note changed submission and meeting date due to public holiday*

Review Process

All research applications and monitoring documents will undergo some form of review, either in office by the Research Development Unit (RDU), or by the full HREC, as per the below:

- Minimal risk, quality assurance (QA), audit and minor amendment applications are reviewed out of session by the RDU and ratified by the HREC. These reviews are conducted on a rolling basis; therefore documents can be submitted at any time through ERM.
- Low and high-risk applications, major amendments, safety items, and progress/final reports are reviewed by the full HREC. These items should be submitted as per the timeframes in the above table for review by the HREC.
- Please note that high risk projects and student projects are subject to Peer Review. Please see the [RDU website](#) for pro forma and application guidelines.

For further information about research applications and committee processes, please refer to the following webpages – [‘How to prepare an application’](#) and [‘About HREC’](#).

Following ethics approval, the Principal Investigator must complete an annual progress report (due August 1st each year) for HREC approval to remain in place. Any modifications to the project post approval are to be lodged through the amendment request processes for review by the RDU or HREC. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in suspension of ethics approval.

Please contact the RDU with any queries via email: RDU@barwonhealth.org.au.