

Forensic Science Accreditation Advisory Committee

Summary of the 33rd Meeting - 25 June 2026
NATA Melbourne, 2-6 Railway Parade Camberwell, VIC

Opening & welcome	Welcome and introductory remarks from the Chair
Committee Membership	The Committee discussed the terms of appointment of current committee members. A number of new AAC experts were approved by the NATA Board since the last meeting, including: • Digital forensics • Signal processing • Parentage testing • Forensic toxicology The following area will require an Expression of Interest prior to the next meeting: • Firearms/toolmarks The Committee expressed its gratitude to Dr Dimitri Gerostamoulos and Dr Melanie Marty who retired from the AAC.
Discussion points	Reports from Committee members were well received with a key trend continuing to be workforce sustainability in Forensic Science disciplines and the effect this might have on the Criminal Justice system. The growing interest in assessment against ISO 21043 series was discussed with several facilities requesting assessment to some or all parts of the standards.
Actions	• NATA and the AAC will continue to advocate for new technical assessors to the SAGS, ANZFEC and facilities in general. • NATA extends an open invitation to NIFS and the SAG Chairs to attend and provide updates as deemed appropriate.
Next meeting	The next meeting will be held in June 2027.