Purpose

The AAF/ CAUDIT Identity & Access Management (IDAM) Community of Practice serves as a collaboration of IDAM practitioners across the higher education and research sector working towards the common goal of increasing clarity, exploring trends, issues, challenges and sharing knowledge and experiences relating to Identity & Access Management. Engagement by the Community will focus on:

- Provides a platform for organisations to showcase their work and be acknowledged/recognised for their achievements.
- Connects peers for the purposes of knowledge exchange and learning from one another's successes and failures.
- Recognises that IDAM is often specialist work whilst there is overlap with other areas such as Enterprise Architecture, Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity Groups.

The group operates as a collaborative work unit and seeks to provide a forum to formally and informally share experiences, knowledge and skills amongst CAUDIT member institutions, and to capture opportunities and make recommendations on good practice and improvements through this process.

Aims

The CoP members are responsible for fulfilling the following terms of reference:

1) Provide a single cohesive and integrated national higher education reference point for Australian and New Zealand University Identity & Access Management representation, with the aim of broader representation, collaboration and integration with other national and international initiatives as appropriate.

2) Promote increased awareness and understanding of the state of Identity & Access Management and associated issues within the group, as well as more broadly within member institutions.

3) Support the mission of Universities by maintaining a continuously improving Community of Practice in relation to Identity & Access Management services in the research and higher education sector; sharing knowledge, skills, expertise, experiences, plans, policies, procedures and practices.

4) Identify and undertake CAUDIT approved collaborative and learning initiatives likely to improve overall effectiveness

Membership

The AAF/ CAUDIT Identity & Access Management (IDAM) Community of Practice (CoP) is a group open to the staff from CAUDIT Member institutions and AHECS Partners AAF, AusCERT, AARNet and REANNZ. The CoP at its discretion may invite representation from related where the representation provides added value to the group.

Established under the general direction of the AAF and CAUDIT, the CoP is self-governing with two voluntary co-chairs, and members each holding an Identity & Access Management or other related position relevant to Identity & Access Management.

How the Community Operates

The AAF/ CAUDIT Identity & Access Management (IDAM) Community of Practice (CoP) will engage at least quarterly, with interim meetings by agreement. Engagement will be primarily a videoconference format with face-to-face meetings if and as appropriate. Additional meetings will be scheduled as required.

In addition to formal meetings, the group will seek to collaborate via email or other collaborative work

tools. Where required, support for project activities will be shared amongst the group members.

The group shall report to AAF and CAUDIT on activities and progress as required and acknowledges the 'CAUDIT Supporting Communities Policy'.

Endorsed by the CAUDIT Executive Committee on (CAUDIT to insert date when applicable)

Approved: **CAUDIT Executive Committee – (insert date).**
Reference: **Executive Meeting Minutes for the meeting held on (insert date)**
Date for Review: **(insert year)**