

Communique

Meeting No: 2019.1
Date: 28 February 2019

The Agriculture and Production Horticulture Industry Reference Committee (APH IRC) met in Sydney on 28 February 2019. Present at the meeting were APH IRC members, invited guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019- 2022

The APH IRC considered the draft Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC) Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019-2022 before it will be made available for public comment.

Currently the AHC Training Package has two IRCs responsible to oversee development. These are Agriculture and Production Horticulture (APH) and Amenity Horticulture, Landscape and Conservation and Land Management (AHLCLM). The two IRCs developed a combined Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019-2022.

APH IRC members were requested to review the Skills Forecast as it relates specifically to the Agriculture and Production Horticulture section and provide input to Skills Impact.

Public consultation feedback for the AHC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019-2022 will be available on the Skills Impact website mid-March 2019.

Project Progress 2018 – 2019 projects

Project reports on the current AHC projects progress was provided to the APH IRC members and guests. Currently all APH projects are on track with industry validation currently underway.

New policies – Feedback from IRCs and Changes to Project Scope process

Two new policies addressing these issues were considered. This IRC agreed that these policies are to be implemented for future meetings and when a project scope needs to be modified.

Review of Australia's VET system and the AQF and Skills Impact's submission

The IRC noted the VET and AQF reviews and the submission made by Skills Impact.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the APH IRC will be held in May 2019, to discuss the 2018-2019 AHC Case for Endorsement provisional sign-off.

The next face to face APH IRC meeting was proposed to be held in October 2019.