

Communique

Meeting No: 2021.01
4 March 2021

The Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) held their first meeting for 2021 on Thursday 4 March 2021 via Zoom conferencing.

This meeting considered the second draft of the AHC Annual Update to *IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work* (Skills Forecast) for 2021, as well as project updates and the VET Prioritisation Framework.

Draft Annual Update to Skills Forecast 2021

The IRC discussed and considered the second draft of the Annual Update for 2021-22.

The IRC approved the following cases for change:

(Year 3) Unit sector for:

- Aboriginal Site Works (AHCASW)
- Indigenous Land Management AHCILM)
- Community and Common
- Community Coordination and Facilitation AHCCCF; Common AHCCMN; Work Health & Safety AHCWHS; Work AHCWRK
- Composting & Organic
- Composting AHCCOM; Organic Production AHCORG
- Permaculture AHCPER

AHLCLM Projects

The IRC were provided with project briefs with each of the IRC nominees providing verbal insight and update.

All three projects are on track:

[Parks & Gardens Project](#)

[Skills for Land Rehabilitation Project \(Mined Land\)](#)

[Landscaping Project](#)

Information was provided and considered by the IRC in respect to a mapping exercise regarding state accredited courses in WA and VIC for the *Certificate IV in Landscape Design*. The IRC supported the development of a national qualification and to be included within the current Landscaping Project.

The IRC confirmed the submission date of 30 September 2021 for all three projects.

VET Streamlining and Prioritisation

The IRC discussed the process of the benchmarking tools for the AISC Prioritisation Framework, its implications for the national *AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package* and the work necessary from the IRC and industry to maintain any identified qualifications and units of competency.

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A deeper analysis of skill standards identified for deletion will be included in the next meeting of the IRC.

General Business

There was general discussion regarding online delivery, vocational needs for industry competency and assessment requirements for traditional workplace learning.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management IRC will be Friday 23 April 2021.