

Communique

Meeting No: 2022.01
26 May 2022

The Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management Industry Reference Committee (AHLCLM IRC) held their first meeting for 2021 on Thursday, 26 May via video conference.

This meeting discussed the current projects, VET Reform and the Agribusiness, Food and Fibre Industry Skills Report and feedback required for the Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management Industry Skills Report.

Industry Intelligence

IRC members presented their latest industry intelligence and engagement to the meeting. Common themes to emerge included:

- significant post flood impacts on industry
- disruption to supply chains
- lack of access to skilled labour
- long term business considerations around climate change
- career path resources available to promote industries

Project Updates

The IRC was updated on current AHLCLM projects and their status, with IRC project nominees adding additional commentary for the Committee. All projects have recently moved into their validation stage and are on schedule, with no change of scope requirements:

- [Respect for Country Job Skills Project](#)
- [Ag & Horticulture Core Skills Project](#)
- [Permaculture, Organic Production & Composting Project](#)

VET Reform – Industry Clusters

Sincere thanks was extended to IRC members who provided industry support letters for the Skills Impact grant application submitted in March with Stage 2 of the process concentrating on work plans and establishment.

Discussion took place about industry engagement in industry clusters compared with the current system. Given the broader remit of work, such as workforce planning and facilitation of RTO/industry relationships (ITAB relationships with clusters will be key in this area), this will hopefully create momentum that engages people.

The new reform work is not just about training packages, it's also about better training delivery through RTOs and these conversations are occurring and common across all IRCs and there is the potential for further industry assistance which is welcomed.

Industry Skills Reports

The draft Agribusiness, Food and Fibre Industries Skills Report had been circulated to the IRC and uploaded on to the Skills Impact website for public consultation.

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The draft Industry Skills Report covering AHLCLM sectors will look at industry skills, trends and anticipate contributions that can be made in the new VET reform arrangements with a draft available for the IRC in June/July.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management is to be confirmed.

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