

Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Review Update July 2019



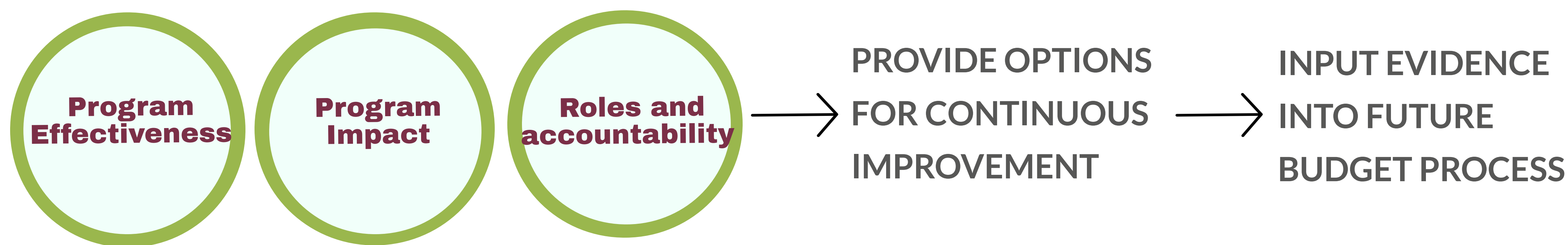
I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has taken the time to participate in the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Review process, acknowledging that this came at a tricky time with competing priorities. It has been a mighty effort over the past 7 weeks and I've been fortunate enough to tag along with RM Consulting Group as we ventured across Victoria to meet so many of you and hear first-hand about your experiences and challenges in supporting your respective communities.

Your time, consideration and effort in supporting this process has been highly appreciated and I wish to express my deepest thanks for being a part of this review. This update aims to provide a summary of progress against the review so far and ensure you're kept in the loop about our next steps. I look forward to sharing the outcomes of the review in due course. Thanks again, and keep up the amazing work!

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PURPOSE

EVALUATE AND UNDERSTAND:



ENGAGEMENT



MY OBSERVATIONS

01 The work undertaken by groups supported by a facilitator is extremely diverse. Facilitator contribution span projects across the traditional environment and agricultural space, but have recently also expanded to education, health, energy and migrant community inclusion.

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Facilitators are the connection to the landholders, they hold the key to the farm gate, the community and government departments.

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- Facilitator

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There is a significant amount of knowledge drawn from your experiences to be shared and celebrated that will strengthen other groups and communities further afield.

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Facilitators join the dots for us, they become the nucleus

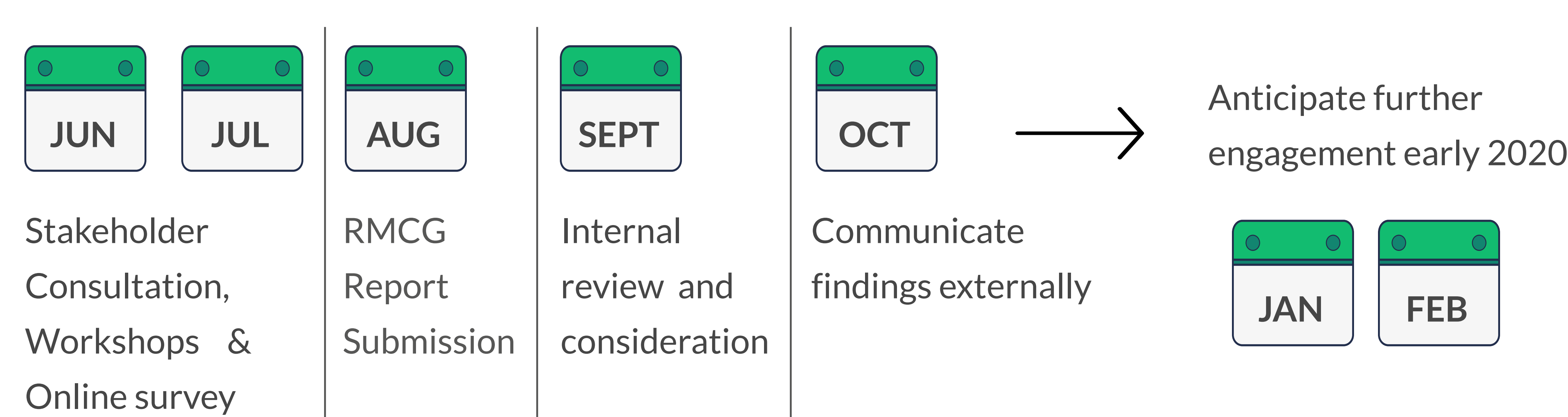
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- Office Holder

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Everyone loves the flexibility that comes with the employment of the facilitators. When its working, it's like a charm, but when it's not it can be challenging for both parties. Moving forward the team will explore solutions that enable us to retain flexibility, whilst ensuring that there are sufficient safeguards in place to support both facilitators and employers alike if things don't go to plan.

TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS



THANK YOU