

Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Review

Update October 2019



DELWP received the final report of the VLFP Review from RMCG on 1 October. Since that time, we have been busily digesting the information and recommendations whilst working through the models and unpacking the detail to build options for a refreshed, stronger model moving forward.

This update aims to provide a summary of what we heard from the community, what we heard from RMCG, and what the plan is moving forward. Key things on our radar include establishing minimum standards for employment, developing a monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement plan and letting you know where you can find the latest information on what's happening with the review.

WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU:



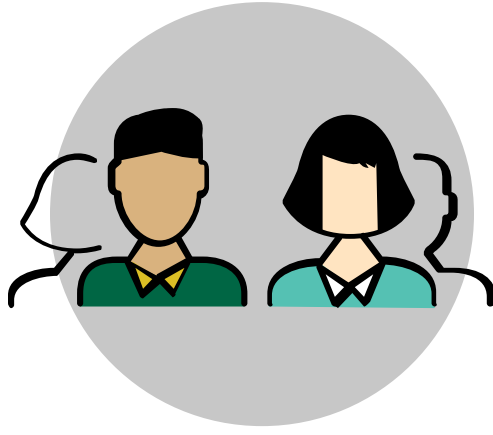
NEED FOR
MINIMUM
STANDARDS



PROFESSIONALISE
THE VLFP



IMPROVE
COLLABORATION &
SUPPORT



RETAIN LOCAL
OWNERSHIP &
FLEXIBILITY

WHAT WE HEARD FROM RMCG:

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

"All of our achievements have occurred due to having a facilitator"

Over 80% of respondents
believed facilitators helped:

Build community capacity | Build partnerships
Support NRM projects | Secure grants



1000

Landcare events each year



583

Natural resource management
projects running each year



996+

Active partnerships in 2018



43

New groups established per year



Source: RMCG VLFP Review Final Report. Data reported averaged from Landcare Facilitator Reporting.

KEY CHALLENGES

PROGRAM MONITORING, EVALUATION, REPORTING & IMPROVEMENT

There is a lack of:

- + Objectives / outcomes
- + Strategic alignment
- + Consistency
- + Annual review and reporting

PROGRAM DESIGN & GOVERNANCE

There is a lack of:

- + Understanding about responsibilities involved
- + Support
- + Appropriate oversight and control

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORTING

- + Improve activity level reporting
- + Develop a Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement Plan for the program



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

- + Implement an approach to continuous improvement (eg annual review of achievements or potential improvements)

PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

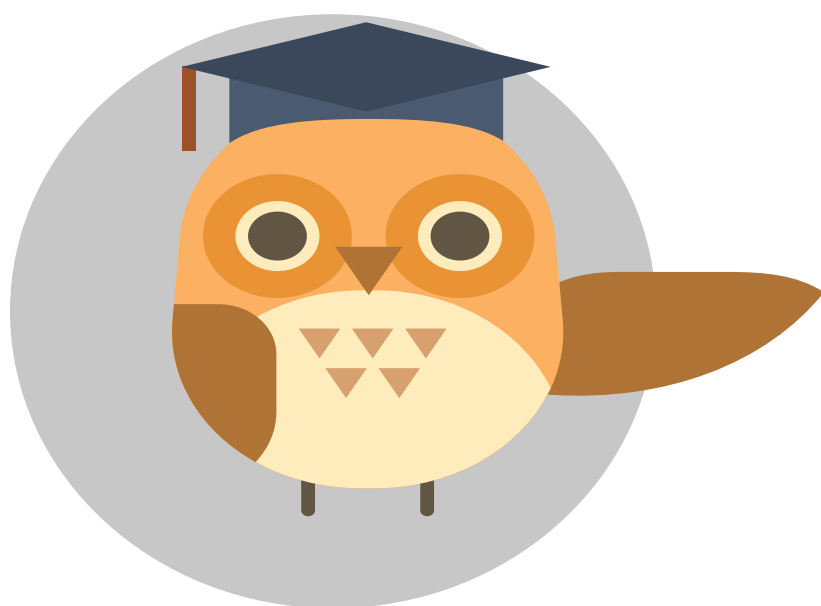
- + Review and update the Victorian Landcare Program Strategic Plan
- + Develop alternative models to improve program delivery
- + Review resourcing requirements for preferred future delivery model
- + Strengthen program governance arrangements and increase support

ALTERNATE DELIVERY MODEL OPTIONS



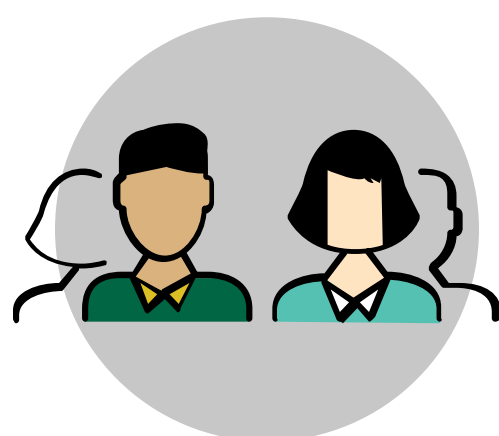
NEXT STEPS:

BUILDING A PREFERRED MODEL



LEARNING FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

- + NSW LANDCARE PROGRAM
- + COASTCARE
- + REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL LANDCARE FACILITATORS



EMPLOYEE
ARRANGEMENTS:
'FLEXIBLE & ROBUST'



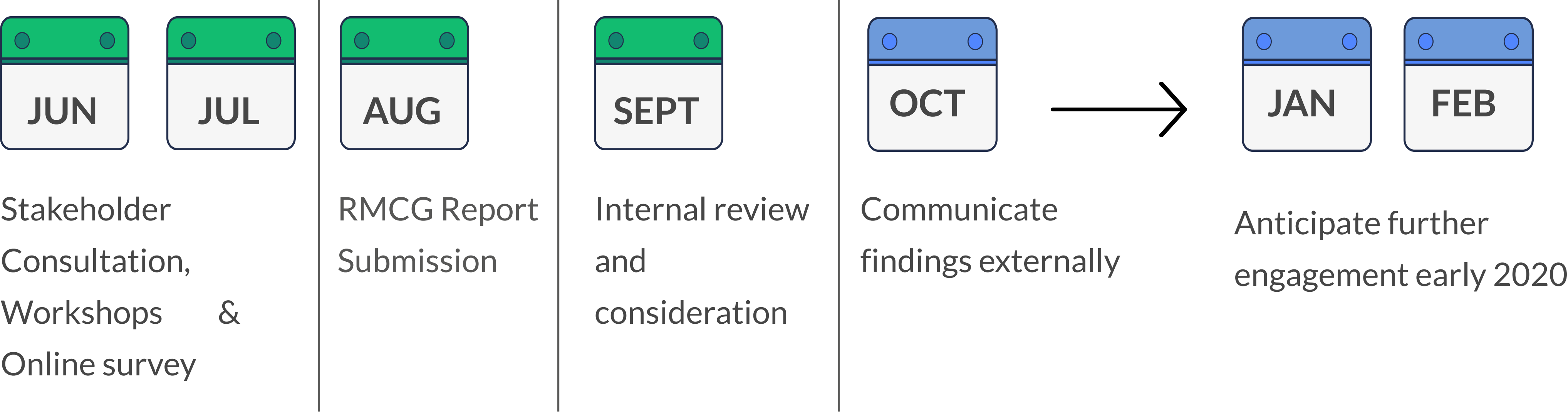
RESOURCING:
'REDUCE THE BURDEN'



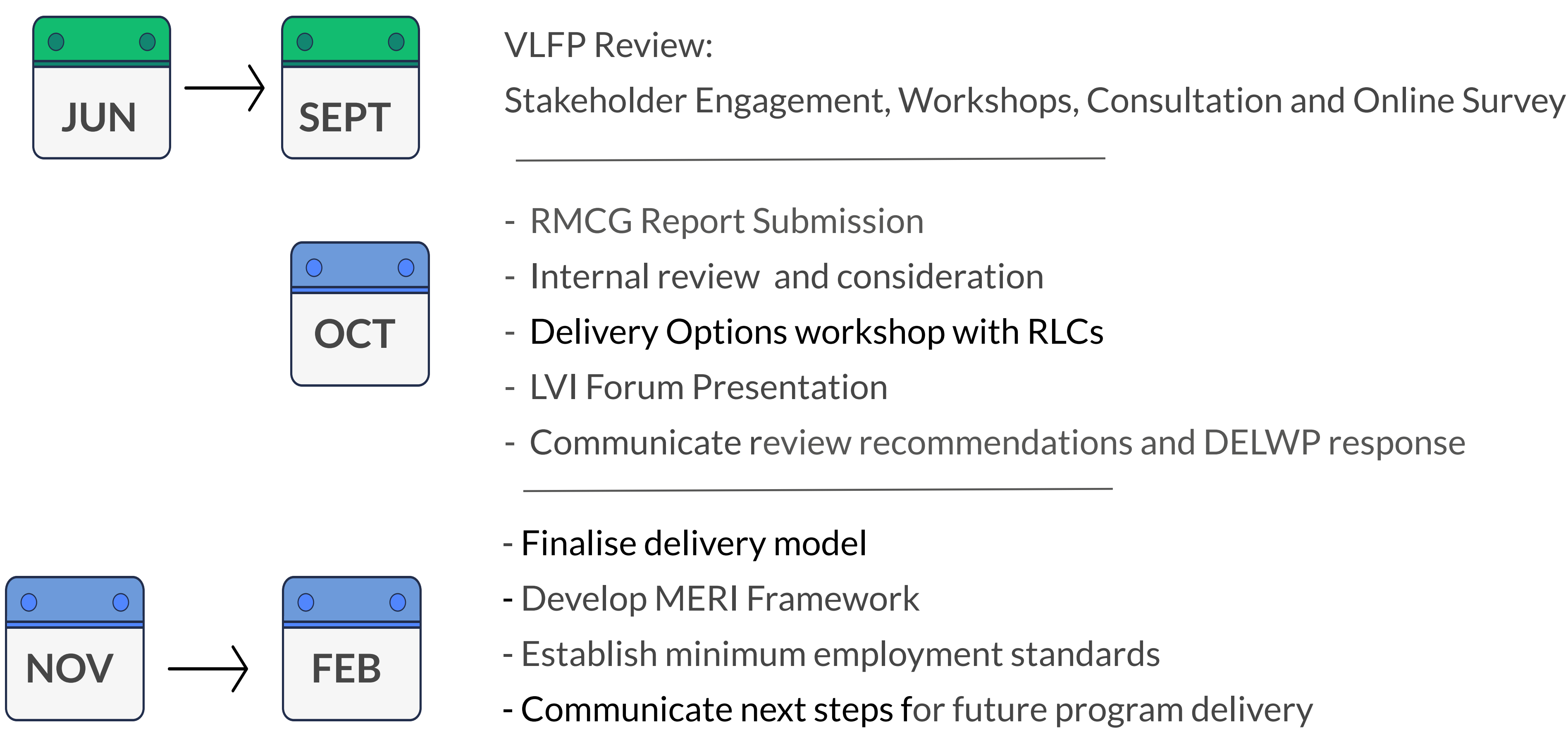
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LANDCARE FACILITATOR
ALLOCATION:
'LANDCARE FOR ALL'

ORIGINAL TIMELINE



UPDATED TIMELINE



KEEPING UP TO DATE

The VLFP Review Final Report and recommendations will be made available with DELWP's Response on the Landcare Gateway shortly. Stay up to date with the latest information here: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/resources/victorian-landcare-facilitator-program/vlfp-review-2019/updates/>

THANK YOU

Throughout this process, we are committed to ensuring the Victorian Government can continue to support Landcare and Environmental Volunteer groups that care for our landscapes. Thank you for your contribution to the review of the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program. We look forward to continuing to work together in the future.