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Project Phoenix Communique



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Native seed for bushfire recovery

Project Phoenix ESC Meeting 5

The External Steering Committee (ESC) of Project Phoenix met on Thursday 17 September to progress priority issues with a focus on the endorsement of strategies and various project activities. The meeting was chaired by Brian Ramsay as a consultant to Greening Australia, enabling Project Director Paul Della Libera to provide expertise and advice to the ESC as an active member. Members discussed some items of Project Phoenix business and governance requiring endorsement.

Updated Terms of Reference

Members considered some amendments to be incorporated in the revised Terms of Reference. Among the revisions was provision to use technology to endorse matters out of session to progress actions with increased efficiency. The revised TORs were endorsed by the Committee.

Privacy and ethics of Committee operations

The Committee discussed the draft privacy document circulated earlier to members. Current priority activities are diverse and may include academic research requiring Ethics Approval from the tertiary or industry sector as part of the scoping phase. Project Phoenix requires that any products and services developed within the project must have the necessary approvals, including Ethics Approvals. Greening Australia is currently developing a GA Privacy Policy to support these activities.

Ten-year Strategy for native seed and landscape restoration strategy

A paper on the development process of the 10-Year Strategy (Priority 3 of Project Phoenix), which aims to bring investment to the industry and position the sector for the long term, facilitated a useful discussion. It was agreed that a broad range of stakeholders must be involved in order for the strategy to be supported and adopted by the sector. The strategy should be evidence-based with an action plan developed to illustrate the path to implementation. Development of the strategy will commence immediately with completion of the Strategy scheduled for the end of June 2021.



Project Manager Report

The Project Manager reported to the Committee on activities to date and agreed to continue providing members with weekly update reports to support project oversight. With an increase in project activities and the development of new scopes, members committed to continue endorsing project scopes out of session to fast-track activity implementation. The Project Manager's weekly updates will help to facilitate this process.

Contract Milestones

Due to COVID-19 delaying the implementation of Project Phoenix, there is one reporting milestone that has not yet been met in full (Milestone 5). The Project team are working with Activity teams and have committed to providing the Steering Committee with a briefing note giving a clear reflection of progress in completing the M&E and Program Logic components of milestone 5, a formal reporting requirement of the Australian Government Grant.

How the sector can get involved

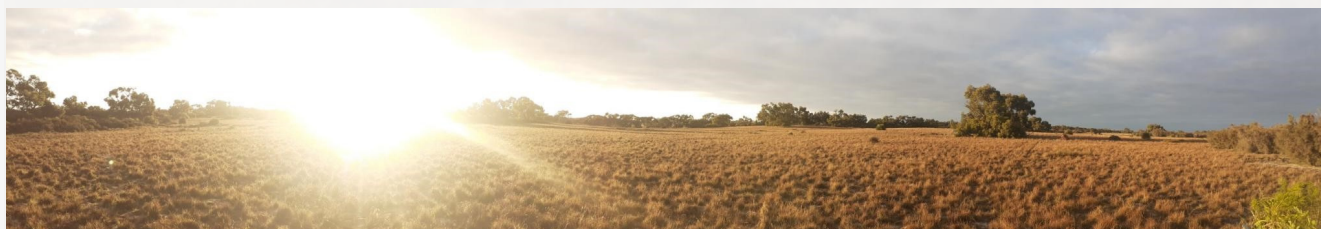
Project Phoenix is looking to provide both immediate response actions and solutions to long term issues at scale; from that perspective it is important we engage and receive input from as many interested parties as possible.

What can you expect by joining the Project Phoenix seed network:

- Business opportunities through the mapping of seed practitioners across the country on the upcoming relaunched Florabank website, so that organisations looking for services can locate a provider.
- Identifying seed training requirements and opportunities to deliver sector training
- Contribute to the development of solutions to the current issues affecting the seed industry.

If you would like to be involved, provide input or get regular updates on project progress, refer to your organisation's representative committee member or register to become part of the Project Phoenix network:

www.greeningaustralia.org.au/project-phoenix-seed-network



Project Phoenix steering committee

Role	Member organisation	Representative
Chairperson	Greening Australia	Paul Della Libera
Deputy Chairperson	Council Heads Australia Botanic Gardens	Judy West
Project Lead	Greening Australia	Samantha Craigie
Subject Matter Expert	CSIRO	Linda Broadhurst
Subject Matter Expert	Australian Seedbank Partnership	Damien Wrigley
Subject Matter Expert	Australian Network Plant Conservation	Martin Driver
Subject Matter Expert	Australian Tree Seed Centre	David Bush
Subject Matter Expert	Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation	Kylie Penehoe
Subject Matter Expert	RIAWA	Markus Mikli
Subject Matter Expert	Greenlife Industry Australia	Peter Vaughan
Subject Matter Expert	Society Ecological Restoration Australia	Tein McDonald
Subject Matter Expert	Australian Land Conservation Alliance	Nerida Bradley