

Quarterly Report

Third Quarter – July to September 2019

Progress summary

- Website migration is needed and will involve a conversion to WordPress.

Governance

Meetings

Monthly ESC meeting held 12 Jul, 9 Aug, 13 Sep

Communication and engagement

Website

Website migration briefing recommended a conversion to WordPress which was endorsed by council.

Meetings

Briefing notes have been adopted to present items for discussion at monthly ESC meetings.

Finance

Funding framework/proposal to progress ESC toward financial independence was developed and distributed to subgroup.

Key Directions

Long term research -

- Visit to Bush Heritage's Nardoo Hills reserves in central Victoria on 23 Sept. To discuss collaboration. Bush Heritage (BH) were supportive of long-term research on their properties. Moreover, there's scope to build a network of LTR sites within regions given BH links to reserves on private land, government land and also their connections with aboriginal rangers.
- Chair, Glenda Wardle, attended ILTER Open Science conference in Leipzig [ILTER Open Science conference in Leipzig](#) (2-6 September, 2019) and presented "*Near-term iterative forecasts of biodiversity change.*" that mentioned the Australian ESC long-term plan, the role of ecosystem forecasting in informing policy, AusLTER Forum, and the scoping study for the National Environmental Prediction System (NEPS).

Making the most of data -

- Glenda and Mike Liddell had a meeting to update on progress on the discussion paper for the Australian Sensor Network. Glenda and Beryl also had a meeting to update on the progress with the NEPS.

Future planning and priorities

Finalisation of the enabling ecosystem surveillance policy brief ahead of Science meets Parliament.