

## Update for Partners - May 5 2020

<p><b>1. Governance</b> RACE for 2030 Ltd company is established and operating – we even have a bank account!</p>
<p><b>2. Operations</b> We are implementing Turnkey CRC (a customised Salesforce CRM and TaskRay project management system) which is up and running and populated with all partners and key establishment tasks.</p>
<p><b>3. Personnel</b> We are building the team. Thushy Sathi employed on an initial 9 month contract as our Chief Operating Officer from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. We will add a comms contractor from May, and will seek a research coordinator to assist our Chief Research Officer. Accommodation: COVID-19 willing, we will eventually need a head office and are looking at options at UTS at present.</p>
<p><b>4. Government engagement</b> Commonwealth (DISER) has expressed their willingness to be flexible with payments during the COVID year. This has increased our confidence of an early start to the research program.</p>
<p><b>5. Industry engagement</b> We have had initial discussions with most Tier 1 and Tier 2 partners and we will extend this to all partners in May. It has been great to understand your priorities and we are looking forward to working with you to develop our first ‘shovel ready’ projects.</p>
<p><b>6. Researcher engagement</b> Discussions with Research Partners are progressing, and there is strong collaboration and excitement to get underway in engaging with industry partners in the research program. We are aiming to confirm four interim Research Program leaders by June.</p>
<p><b>7. Research</b> The first draft of the research plan has been prepared, and we expect to have a draft for discussion with partners in the next few weeks following sign off from the Board. Discussion is continuing on fast start projects and priority scoping studies. Please see our website for updated research theme information: <a href="http://racefor2030.net.au">racefor2030.net.au</a></p>
<p><b>8. Education and Training</b> A subgroup of Research Partners is working to establish a process to prioritise PhD topics with strong industry engagement. We are also considering innovative opportunities for blending Continuing Professional Development with post-graduate tertiary degrees, developing new undergraduate qualifications, and vocational education. We are planning to secure a suitable person by June to assist with developing our Education and Training activities.</p>
<p><b>9. Communications</b> Four partner workshops planned for June (dates TBA). First update of website has been completed. We will engage a Marketing and Comms professional on contract to assist with partner engagement in May.</p>
<p><b>10. Budget &amp; Finance</b> We will know soon the Commonwealth willingness to provide early funding. We are requesting State governments to pay 100% of their annual contribution up front on signing their partner agreement (ideally July), research partners 50%, and other partners their first quarter payment. Payment of dues will be a pre-requisite for participating in projects.</p>