

## Almond Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 2nd February 2017

**Attendance:**

Ross Skinner, Brendan Sidhu, Ben Brown, Toby Smith, Craig Simes, Dominic Cavallaro, Troy Richman, Claude Gauchat (Chair) and Neil Burgess

**Location:** Glenelg SA

**Next Meeting:** 22nd March 2017

Apologies: Paul Martin

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### Overview

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A half-day meeting was held with the Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) in Glenelg, SA to discuss and provide advice on 11 concept proposals received by Hort Innovation.

A number of concepts were discussed and recommended. Next meeting is scheduled for the 22nd March in Loxton, to discuss concepts to meet current gaps in R&D. This will be followed by a tour of the new Almond Centre of Excellence and proposed research site.

The panel were also updated on the progress of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). The SIP is now in draft form on the website and has been circulated to industry for comment via the industry newsletter. Comments close on the 9th February. It is expected that the almond industry R&D SIP will be completed by the end of March.

Anyone seeking further information on Hort Innovation's almond investments should note that a full list of projects, together with an overview of the program financials are available on the almond webpage of the Hort Innovation website.

### Next steps

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Next meeting scheduled for 22nd March in Loxton.

Focus of the meeting - discuss R&D gaps and submit concepts.

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