

## Almond Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

## Date: 22 March 2017

Attendance:

Ross Skinner, Brendan Sidhu, Ben Brown, Toby Smith, Craig Simes, Dominic Cavallaro, Troy Richman, Paul Martin, Claude Gauchat – Chair, Corrine Jasper – Hort Innovation

Location: Loxton SA Next Meeting: 9 August 2017

## **Overview**

The Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) met at the new Loxton Research Centre (Almond Centre of Excellence) located in Loxton, SA, for the purpose of identifying current gaps in R&D investment and recommend concepts for investment.

A number of gaps were identified with the following concepts receiving advice for future investment:

- Integrated pest management
- Irrigation systems management
- Benchmarking
- Post Grad/Summer Students.

Pollination was highlighted as an additional area for investment to be discussed at the next meeting.

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 almond webpage of the Hort Innovation website

Next steps

Next meeting to be held on 9th August in Loxton.

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