

Citrus Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 17 and 18 May 2018

Attendance: David Arnold, Tania Chapman, Nathan Hancock, Allen Jenkin, Richie Roberts, Danny Thornton, Wayne Parr, Myles Parker, (SIAP members), Richard de Vos (Chair), Sam Turner, Stuart Burgess, Michael Rogers (Hort Innovation) Marilyn Hill (Minute Taker).

Apologies: Dean Morris, Gavin Porter

Location: Citrus Australia, Mildura

Next Meeting: 20 – 21 November, 2018

Overview

Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the citrus SIAP on the 17th and 18th of May in Mildura. The key objective of this meeting was to review the citrus fund financials, and review, discuss and advise on the next steps for the investment of the citrus fund.

On the 17th, the SIAP were given an update on the actions and recommendations from previous SIAP meetings and were provided a brief Hort Innovation update. The panel was then provided an update on the fund financials and a thorough R&D program update. This session included analysis of the current investment portfolio alignment under the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and the levels of investment across the outcomes and strategies of the SIP.

Citrus Australia then provided an update on the current Citrus Canker outbreak in the Northern Territory and Western Australia which helped inform discussion around biosecurity.

The panel then received updates from Hort Innovation regarding trade, the citrus marketing program the Hort Frontiers Advanced Production Systems fund.

On the 18th the panel reviewed, and offered advice on concepts relating to a number of investment themes including leadership, land use mapping and advanced production, production efficiency, agrochemical residues, and export.

Anyone seeking further information on Hort Innovation's citrus Industry R&D and Marketing investments should note that a full list of projects, together with an overview of the program financials is available on the citrus webpage of the Hort Innovation website (see: <http://horticulture.com.au/grower-focus/citrus/>).

Next steps

The next Citrus SIAP meeting will be held in November 2018.

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