

Melon Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 10 Jul 17

Location: Hort Innovation – Sydney office

Next Meeting: Late 2017

Attendance: Kane Younghusband, Fernando Rombola, Brad Dawson, Fiona Constable, Mark Daunt, Paul McLaughlin, Robert Granger (Chair), Sam Turner (Hort. Innovation), Christian Patterson (Hort Innovation), Tim Archibald (Hort Innovation), Michael Rogers (Hort Innovation)

Overview

Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the inaugural melon Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) at the offices of Hort Innovation, Sydney.

The key purpose of the meeting was to:

1. Induct the newly formed melon SIAP
2. Seek advice on the melon Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)
3. To assess project concepts received by Hort Innovation

The panel was given an extensive induction outlining the organisational governance, funding model, key objectives and communications of Hort Innovation. The panel was also informed of the SIAP's role and operations, governance, membership, and procedures.

The SIAP was consulted regarding the procurement of the required melon SIP. The position was taken that the existing melon SIP will be used as a basis for the further development of the SIP.

The SIAP were provided a briefing on the activities in Trade and Export. This included the details of an export plan and the means by which Hort Innovation supports export operations.

Finally, the panel were asked to provide advice on several new concepts submitted to Hort Innovation including the evaluation of new melon rootstocks, the industry capacity building project and the area wide management of vegetable diseases.

Anyone seeking further information on Hort Innovation's melon R&D investments should note that a full list of projects, together with an overview of the program financials will be available on the melon webpage of the Hort Innovation website.

Next steps

Hort Innovation is currently working to progress the Strategic Investment Plan.

The panel will meet again in late 2017 in order to comment on the SIP and projects.

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