

Olive Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 21 March 2018

Attendance:

Rita Bikins
Michael Harbison
Peter Herborn
Leandro Ravetti
Lisa Rowntree
Tim Smith
Robert Spooner-Hart
Kevin Whithear
Rod Mailer
Richard De Vos (chair)

Location: Melbourne

Next Meeting: September 2018

Overview

Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the olive Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) on March 21, 2018.

The primary objectives of the meeting were for the panel to:

- Receive updates on a number of ongoing or recently completed projects
- Receive an overview of the current investment program
- Provide advice to Hort Innovation on future communications and extension investment
- Provide advice to Hort Innovation in relation to a number of new R&D concepts

The panel received presentations from service providers conducting projects relating to:

- Risk and crisis management
- Consumer research
- The food service sector and
- The health and nutrition sector.

Panel members were then requested to provide advice to Hort Innovation on proposed changes to a current benchmarking project and future investments in communications and extension.

The panel also provided advice to Hort Innovation on two project concepts. One of these, relating to the serious threat posed by *Xylella fastidiosa*, was recommended for funding.

Due to time constraints a small number of additional concepts were discussed by the panel. Hort Innovation will seek advice from the panel on these concepts at a teleconference in the coming weeks.

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

Next steps

The panel will meet again in September 2018.

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