

## Olive Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 11 Oct 17

**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:** Nov 2017

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### Overview

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Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the olive Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) on October 11, 2017. The panel meeting was timed to coincide with the Australian Olive Association (AOA) conference at which a number of Hort Innovation projects were profiled to the audience.

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

- Receive an update from Hort Innovation on the implementation of a number of new projects
- To review the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and identify any priority areas needing investment
- To provide advice to Hort Innovation in relation to a number of new R&D concepts.

The panel also received updates from Hort Innovation in relation to Hort Innovation's upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), trade initiatives, SIAP continuous improvement initiatives and changes to Hort Innovation's cost allocation model to increase transparency.

Panel discussions focussed heavily on the current investment program and in particular some recent initiatives aimed at improving olive oil quality and removing trade barriers.

A further meeting of the panel is being arranged for late 2017 in order to address a couple of objectives that were outstanding at the conclusion of this meeting.

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

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The panel will meet again in approximately late November 2017.

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