

Passionfruit Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 7 February 2018

Attendance: Eoin Wallis (Chair); Tina McPherson; Melissa Smith; Jane Richter; Ross Brindley; Brian Westwood; Brad Mills; Kelly McGuinness; Penny Measham

Location: Hort Innovation Office, Brisbane

Next Meeting: Thursday 25 October 2018

Overview

The purpose of this meeting was to:

1. Review and prioritise the objectives, strategies and actions identified in the draft Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)
2. Assess project concepts received and develop the scope of key investment priorities
3. Review passionfruit R&D investment priorities for the next 12 months.

An update was provided on a range of issues currently involving Hort Innovation including the upcoming review of Hort Innovation by the Australian Government (occurs every four years) as well as improvements in transparency of operations including further cost allocation breakdowns in industry financial reports. The resignation of Hort Innovation CEO John Lloyd was also mentioned.

Hort Innovation led a discussion where the SIAP reviewed the current SIP and identified gaps in current investments under the SIP's various strategies as well as prioritising the strategies for future investments.

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

Next steps

The SIAP recommended that a number of priority investment concepts including export market development, post-harvest management, supply chain engagement and biosecurity be developed for potential tender and future investment. These concepts are to be further discussed at a teleconference to occur in late March.

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