

Fresh Potato Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 17 and 18 Jan 2018

Attendance:

SIAP Members: Pennie Patane, Ben Dowling, Daryl Lohrey, John Doyle, Terry Buckley, Frank Rovers, Tim Heysen, David Nix, Ken Morley, Sam Humphries and Kathy Ophelkeller

Hort Innovation - Anthony Kachenko, Greg Murdoch, Brenda Kranz, David Moore, Warwick Scherf, Vito Rajandran & Christian Patterson. *Bianca Cairns (dialled in)

Chair: Cath Botta

Apologies: Andrew Lamont and Geoff Moar

Location: Sofitel Hotel, Sydney

Next Meeting: Face-to-face (end of May 2018)

Overview

Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the fresh potato Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) in conjunction with the potato processing SIAP in Sydney on 17 and 18 January 2018.

The meeting was held over a day and a half with the first ½ day session being dedicated to the discussion of a potential Programmed Approach for the Potato sector.

The Programmed Approach has been discussed as a vehicle for the current projects and future projects as an umbrella for the management of these projects.

This session was also attended by a number of external potato research experts. Discussions are ongoing on the Programmed Approach with Hort Innovation to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) in the next 2 weeks.

On day two of the meeting the panel received project updates from current service providers regarding the following.

- National Tomato Potato Psyllid and Zebra Chip Surveillance
- Seed Potato Stewardship - Potato Certified Seed Care for Optimum Yield and Profitability

There was also discussion on some concepts that have been received with two (2) of the concepts moving to the RFP stage. The other concepts are to be further developed in discussion with a Project Reference Group (PRG) in conjunction with the Programmed Approach discussion.

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

Next steps

The next face to face meeting is still to be determined but will be held within the next 4 months.

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