

Fresh and Processing Potato Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 26 and 27 June 2018

Attendance:

Name	Role	Name	Role
FRESH		Cath Botta	Chair
Sam Humphries	Advisory Panel Member	Christian Patterson	Hort Innovation
Ken Morley	Advisory Panel Member	Tim Archibald	Hort Innovation
Kathy Ophelkeller	Advisory Panel Member	Anthony Kachenko	Hort Innovation
John Doyle	Advisory Panel Member	Bianca Cairns	Hort Innovation
Daryl Lohrey	Advisory Panel Member	Brenda Kranz	Hort Innovation
David Nix	Advisory Panel Member	Penny Measham	Hort Innovation
Frank Rovers	Advisory Panel Member	Jane Wightman	Hort Innovation
Terry Buckley	Advisory Panel Member		
Ben Dowling	Advisory Panel Member	Miriam O'Brien	Independent Minute Taker
Tim Heysen	Advisory Panel Member		
Pennie Patane	Advisory Panel Member		
Geoffrey Moar	Advisory Panel Member		
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Allan Smith	Advisory Panel Member		
Les Murdoch	Advisory Panel Member		
Angus Galloway	Advisory Panel Member		
Josh Opas	Advisory Panel Member		
Anne Ramsay	Advisory Panel Member		

Apologies: Calum Wilson, Paul McBeth & Andrew Lamont, Brett Pemberton

Location: Park Royal Hotel, Melbourne Airport

Next Meeting: 13 and 14 November 2018

Overview

The Chair, Cath Botta, opened the meeting and provided once again an outline of the SIAP members key responsibilities. Christian Patterson presented a Hort Innovation update. Tim Archibald gave a Fund Manager's update on the fresh and processing potato portfolios.

Cath Botta provided an update on the independent review of Hort Innovation recently conducted by GHD. The GHD review together with the Hort Innovation Board report will be released sometime in September.

Project updates included:

- PT16000 - Extension Activities for the Australian Potato Industry – Literature Review and Survey 2016/2017
PT16000 - The impact of Potato Seed Quality and Handling on Potato Seed Production, Processing and Fresh Market production
- PT16000 – Delivery of Activities for the Australian Potato Industry 2016-2019 – Pest & Disease App
- MT16009 - An IPM extension program for the potato and onion industries

- VG16009 - Adoption of precision systems technology in vegetable production
- MT16018 - National Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP) Program Coordinator

Kathy Ophelkeller gave an update on the PreDicta PT work. A more comprehensive update is recommended for the next SIAP meeting.

Seven concepts were reviewed, and advice given to Hort Innovation on their relevance and importance to industry.

Anthony Kachenko, Hort Innovation R&D Lead, presented some co-investment opportunities for the potato industry relating to the extension and building capacity vegetable projects. The SIAP asked for further information on the Soil Wealth and ICP project to be presented at the next meeting in November.

The SIAP also advised they would consider investment in other extension projects such as VegNet when new project proposals are expected to be developed in 2019.

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

Next steps



Next meeting: 13th and 14th November 2018

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