

Raspberry and Blackberry Fund Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 29 October 2018

Attendance: Jeff Mathews, Jon Gleeson, Kate Sutherland, Phil Rowe, Brad Mills, Alison Kelly (Chair), Alison Anderson, Caroline Nass (Minute Taker)

Location: Teleconference

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6 March 2019

Overview

The purpose of this meeting was to:

1. Discuss and prioritise potential R&D investments in key investment areas
2. Assess project concepts received and develop the scope of key investment priorities.

An update was provided on a range of issues currently involving Hort Innovation including the recent staff movements including the commencement of new CEO Matt Brand and changes at Hort Innovation including feedback on recommendations made in GHD's Independent Performance Review Final Report – June 2018.

The SIAP also reviewed and provided advice on several investment initiatives including:

- Berry industry crisis management plan
- Consumer research
- Spotted Wing Drosophila IPM control methods
- Communications and Industry Development Programs

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

Next steps

Hort Innovation will develop the recommended R&D concepts into 'Request for Proposal' (RFP's) to be tendered out over the next few months.

Potential project collaboration opportunities with other berry industries will be considered as part of this process.

Contact

Brad Mills: Relationship Manager: 0408 635 465 bradley.mills@horticulture.com.au