

## Vegetable Farm Productivity Resource Use and Management Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

**Attendance:** Michael Radcliff, Rachel Lancaster, Andrew Craigie, Rob Hinrichsen, Bill Bulmer, Jessica Lye, Ed Fagan, Jeff McSpedden, Sam Turner (Hort Innovation), Anthony Kachenko (Hort Innovation), Jane Wightman (Hort Innovation)

**Location:** Qantas meeting rooms, Sydney Airport

**Next Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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### Overview



Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the vegetable Farm Productivity, Resource Use Management Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) in Sydney.

The key purpose of this meeting was to:

- Review current vegetable fund financials and levy forecast
- Provide an overview of the current investment program
- Review, and advise on the next steps for the vegetable fund and review concepts received by Hort Innovation.

The panel was given an update on the progression of the actions and recommendations arising from the previous SIAP minutes and an overview of the current vegetable fund financial position.

The panel was also given an update on the robotics program and the strategy that Hort Innovation is implementing for its commercialisation. This communication with the SIAP will be ongoing.

The SIAP then received presentations from Hort Innovation staff and service providers relating to:

- Hort Frontiers
- Biosecurity
- Seed viability
- Communication and extension

The panel was then asked to advise Hort Innovation on a number of concepts including:

- Parasitoids for the management of fruit flies
- Nuffield Scholarship
- Application of augmented reality and virtual reality in horticulture
- Improved understanding of the impact of management of bacterial disease.

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

### **Next steps**

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Hort Innovation, in collaboration with the vegetable SIAPs, will continue to align investments with the new vegetable Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and to continue to identify program efficiencies.

The next SIAP meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June at Hort Connections

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