

Vegetable - Farm Productivity, Resource Use and Management (FPRUM) Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) meeting summary

Date: 22 November 2016

Attendance: Jeff McSpedden, Michael Radcliff, Rachel Lancaster, Andrew Craigie, Rob Hinrichsen, Sharron Windolf, Bill Bulmer, Jessica Lye, Greg Murdoch (Hort Innovation), Byron de Kock (Hort Innovation), Brenda Kranz (Hort Innovation), Doris Blaesing (Guest presenter RMCG), Anne-Maree Boland (Guest presenter RMCG), Gordon Rogers (Guest presenter AHR), Andrew Shaw (Guest presenter AUSVEG)

Location: Melbourne

Next Meeting: Feb 2017

Overview

The inaugural Vegetable FPRUM Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) addressed the governance requirements of the new advisory mechanism that Hort Innovation works within. Hort Innovation provided an induction for panel members outlining the objectives, governance and scope of operation of the panel. During that presentation, an overview of the Hort Innovation funding model, innovation process and procurement framework was also provided.

The panel reviewed suggested options and agreed on recommendations for next steps on three key vegetable projects around soil condition management, crop protection and Enviroveg.

The panel provided Hort Innovation advice on 16 concepts such as landscape diversity, field margin management and impact of pesticides.

The panel reviewed the current financial status of the vegetable R&D levy and the capacity to invest.

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 are available on the vegetable webpage of the Hort Innovation website.

Next steps

The FPRUM SIAP will likely meet in late Feb 2017. A key component of this meeting will be a Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) workshop to allow the FPRUM SIAP to provide advice in the development of the new vegetable SIP 2017-2022.

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