

Chestnut Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 27 Feb 2017

Attendance: Chris Dikkenberg, Jane Casey, Richard Guthrie, Heather Kane, David McIntyre, Luciano Cester, Tom Robertson.
Claude Gauchat – Chair
Corrine Jasper, Neil Burgess – Hort Innovation
Brian Casey, Michael Clarke – SIP Workshop attendees

Location: Melbourne

Next Meeting: TBA

Overview

Hort Innovation's chestnut industry Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) met in Melbourne on Monday, February 27 to discuss the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and concepts for investment.

The SIAP, and members of the CAI Executive, were invited to attend a workshop to discuss the priorities compiled through consultation with growers and industry members by Michael Clarke (AgEconPlus Pty Ltd). After lengthy discussions, the group concluded the workshop with a list of priorities for the Marketing and R&D chestnut SIP which when finalised will be the guide for the SIAP for future investments. A draft of the SIP will be made available on the Hort innovation website next month and circulated through the chestnut industry "Nuts and Burrs" newsletter, enabling growers to view and provide further comment.

Later that day, the SIAP panel met to discuss and prioritise a number of concepts received by Hort Innovation. This included "Nut Rot" and "Bird Damage in Chestnuts".

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

Next steps

Draft SIP to be circulated on the Hort Innovation Website and "Nuts & Burrs" newsletter for feedback and comment from the industry.

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