

Fresh potato industry Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 27 July 2017

Attendance:

Whole meeting Pennie Patane, Ben Dowling, Daryl Lohrey, John Doyle, Terry Buckley, Frank Rovers, Tim Heysen, David Nix, Kathy Ophelkeller (NHRN Representative), Cath Botta (Chair), Marilyn Hill (Minute taker), Greg Murdoch (Hort Innovation) & Christian Patterson (Hort Innovation)

Present for the joint SIAP discussion Bianca Cairns (Hort Innovation), Anne Ramsay, Peter Hardman, Josh Opas (Processed Potato SIAP members) & Calum Wilson (NHRN Representative)

Apologies: Andrew Lamont, Ken Morley, Sam Humphries & Geoff Moar

Location: Holiday Inn, Melbourne Airport

Next Meeting: Face-to-face (within 3 months)

Overview

The fresh potato Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) convened a meeting at the Holiday Inn at the Melbourne Airport.

It was great to be able to include Kathy Ophelkeller to the meeting as the new NHRN Representative and Tony Slater, the outgoing NHRN Representative. We would like to thank Tony for his service to the Panel and his enthusiastic approach towards the panel and their objectives.

The meeting was very productive discussing a number of new concepts with support for most of them. The primary objective was to combine the meeting with the Processors given the level of co-funded opportunities currently and potentially moving forward.

If there are any new ideas or concepts these can be submitted through the Concept portal as well as directly to the Relationship Manager, Christian Patterson (see: <http://horticulture.com.au/about/investing-is-our-business/concept-proposal-form/>).

The current Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP) incursion is still very much a concern and the industry is focused on trying to determine the best way forward as a collaborative group to best manage the incursion. More information to follow.

There was a brief update on the working version of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). With some minor changes required around the importance of bio-security as a focus. Anyone wishing to comment on the plan should contact Christian Patterson at Hort Innovation.

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

Next steps

Christian Patterson is to present a bundled package of current projects with a more descriptive explanation of them for greater clarity.

The next face to face meeting is still to be determined but will be held within the next 3 months.

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