

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

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**Date:** 15 & 16 March 2017

**Attendance:**

Jeff McSpedden – SIAP Member  
Michael Radcliff – SIAP Member  
Rachel Lancaster – SIAP Member  
Andrew Craigie – SIAP Member  
Rob Hinrichsen – SIAP Member  
Sharron Windolf – SIAP Member  
Bill Bulmer – SIAP Member  
Jessica Lye - SIAP Member  
Ed Fagan – SIAP Member  
Mike Keller – SIAP Member  
Calum Wilson – SIAP Member

Catherine Botta – Chair  
Anthony Kachenko – Hort Innovation  
Lauren Monaghan – Hort Innovation  
Byron de Kock – Hort Innovation

Guest Presenters  
Salah Sukkarieh - ACFR  
Karl Larson - RMCG  
Kim Whiteoak - RMCG  
Dallas Gibb – Techmac  
Tristan Perez - QUT  
Chris McCool - QUT  
Chris Lehnert - QUT  
Russell Rankin - QUT  
Elio Jovichch - QUT

**Location:** Ipswich QLD

**Next Meeting:** 17 May 2017 - Adelaide

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### Overview



The vegetable FPRUM Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) met on 15 and 16 March 2017 in Queensland. The meeting covered the following aspects:

- The new vegetable Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) 2017-2022: The consultants developing the SIP facilitated a grower workshop that included all FPRUM SIAP members. This forum provided SIAP members the opportunity to note strategies and priorities they recommend be included in the new plan.
- Vegetable Robotics and Automation: the latest developments in the vegetable industry's robotics projects (VG15003; VG15059) were demonstrated on the farm, after which the SIAP provided advice on next steps

- Project concepts received via the Hort Innovation concept portal: Concepts received were reviewed and recommended: International Spinach Conference Study Tour, Prioritisation of Water Infrastructure Projects, Area Wide Management of Vegetable Diseases, Deployment of Smart Sensors, Diagnostics and Forecasting
- New project ideas : Cold Plasma; enhanced nutrient uptake in crops, effect on soil biology of current cropping practice, Cow Pea Mottle Virus, Novel Breeding techniques, IHC 2018 study tour, Scanning technology for below the surface assessment, TPP lessons learnt, Business Development Study Tours, PMA Courses and Delta Robot inclusions in robotics project

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

### Next steps

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The FPRUM SIAP will next meet on 17 May 2017 in conjunction with Hort Connections Convention to be held in Adelaide. A key component of this meeting will be reviewing the presentations delivered at the Global Innovations Seminar 2017 and developing potential R&D projects.

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