

## Prune Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 13 Sep 2016

**Attendance:** Peter Calabria, Phil Chidgzev, Peter Cremasco, Grant Delves, Jeff Granger, Bruce Gowrie-Smith, David Swain and Will Gordon (Hort Innovation)

**Location:** Griffith

**Next Meeting:** November 2016 (teleconference)

August/September 2017 (face to face)

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### Overview

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Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the prune Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) on September 13, 2016.

Hort Innovation provided an induction for panel members outlining the objectives, governance and scope of operation of the panel. An overview of the Hort Innovation funding model, innovation process and procurement framework was also provided.

The panel also discussed:

- The forecast for levy income for the current year and future years
- Opportunities for alternative sources of funds to contribute to the objectives of the industry
- The industry's short term investment priorities including: extension and technical advice; pollination; and international networking

Prior to the SIAP meeting, the panel also participated in an independently facilitated strategic planning workshop together with other interested growers. The workshop built upon the feedback received from growers through a short survey and through direct discussions with growers at the Australian Prune Industry Association conference on September 12, 2016.

The strategic investment plan is now being drafted and will be made available for further industry comment and feedback in coming months. Anyone wishing to comment on the plan should contact Will Gordon at Hort Innovation on the details below.

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

### Next steps

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The panel will meet again in late 2016 in order to further the strategic planning process.

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