

Banana R&D Strategic Investment Advisory Panel Meeting Summary

Date: Friday 10th March, 2017

Location: South Johnstone Research Station

Next Meeting: to be confirmed, post banana congress

Attendance:

Rosie Godwin
Stewart Lindsay
Cameron Mackay
Mark Nucifora
Doug Phillips
Stephen Spear
David Tate
Matt Abbott – Apology
Andre Drenth – apology
Tim Archibald
Astrid Hughes
Peter O’Brien – Chair
Matt Abbott – Apology
Andre Drenth – apology

Overview

The banana R&D Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) met primarily to discuss the development and update of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and to work through the R&D program with particular focus on the priorities and concepts that arose from either the strategic planning workshop or through the Hort Innovation concept.

A workshop session was facilitated to prioritise the key areas for investment and build on the concepts and ideas raised through earlier investment advisory panel meetings – key points raised by the group include – exports, coffee bean weevil, owner reimbursement costs, biosecurity, benchmarking and farm management. The draft document for the SIP will be available for comment and feedback on the Hort Innovation and Australian Banana Growers Council website over the next couple of months, notification will be emailed to members.

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

Next steps

The R&D SIAP will next convene later in the year with the key industry event – the Banana Congress, held in Sydney from 22nd June to the 24th June. It is anticipated that the SIAP will next meet in August/September via teleconference.

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