

Macadamia Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 12th April 2016

Location: Brisbane

Next Meeting: July 2016

Attendance: Stephen Lee, Stephen McLean, Lindsay Bryen, Andrew Starkey, Graeme Fleming, Trevor Steinhardt, Andrew Pearce, Paul O'Hare, Chris Searle, Scott Allcott, Kim Wilson

Overview

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 then participated in a brief discussion on the new funding model and the availability of matching funds for the macadamia program.

A brief discussion was held on the Integrated Pest Management project highlighted as a priority; this was discussed in detail the following day at the Integrated Pest and Disease Forum facilitated by Horticulture Innovation.

Finally, the panel discussed the need to understand the future availability of matching funds before they could prioritise any further investment proposals.

The panel also discussed requirements for the upcoming Strategic Investment Planning process, which is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2016.

Next steps

The panel will meet again in mid-2016 in order to further discuss future investments.

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