

Macadamia Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: July 26, 2016

Attendance: Paul O'Hare, Chris Searle, Graeme Fleming, Scott Allcott, Steve McLean, Kim Wilson, Andrew Pearce, Andrew Starkey, Trevor Steinhardt, Steven Lee, Lindsay Bryen, Richard de Vos (Chair), Corrine Jasper, Neil Burgess, Kathryn Young, independent note taker

Location: Brisbane

Next Meeting: September 7 and 8, 2016

Overview

The Macadamia Strategic Investment Advisory Panel met in Brisbane on the July 26, 2016. The meeting began with an update of the financials and the current levy available for investment.

Discussion was then held on progress of the macadamia marketing project and the gross value of production (GVP) cap.

Hort innovation provided an overview of the process for progressing concept proposals from initial proposal, alignment with Strategic Investment Plan, through to contracting.

An update was provided on the progress of the integrated pest management project and the Biological Husk Spot research project.

The meeting then progressed with advice sought for concepts including:

- Researchers Forum
- Macadamia Global Health (INC)
- Rootstocks
- Macadamia Harvest Improvement.

Discussions were also held on the following Pool 2 opportunities:

- Cross-RDC project on cover cropping
- National Bee Pest Surveillance.

Hort Innovation will be seeking further advice from the macadamia marketing committee as advised from SIAP, for the following concepts:

- Reporting and Analysis of Industry Trade Data
- Access to export/import data (multi) - Global Trade Atlas.

An update on the Pool 2 Leadership Fund was provided by Sharyn Casey, outlining a number of projects that are currently in progress.

A crucial component of the day was then allocated to a detailed discussion on the Macadamia Industry Strategic Investment Plan.

For further details on how you can provide input into the Macadamia Strategic Investment Plan, please go to <http://horticulture.com.au/about/consultation/>

For further details on Financials and R&D Project Investments please refer to Resources and downloads at <http://horticulture.com.au/grower-focus/macadamia-2/>

Next steps

Next meeting to be held on September 7 and 8, to discuss the Macadamia Industry Strategic Investment Plan and future R&D Investments.

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