

Dried Grape Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 01/08/2016

Attendance: Malcolm Bennett, Thomas Cheung, Phil Chidgzey, Ashley Johnstone, Peter Jones, Mark King, Allan Long, Ivan Shaw, Michael Treeby and Will Gordon (Hort Innovation)

Location: Mildura

Next Meeting: November 2016

Overview

Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the dried grape Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) on August 1, 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 provided advice to Hort Innovation in relation to:

- The forecast for levy income for the current year and future years
- Marketing opportunities in Europe and Asia

Following the SIAP meeting, the panel also participated in an independently facilitated strategic planning workshop together with other interested growers and industry stakeholders. The Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) 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 dried grape R&D investments should note that a full list of projects, together with an overview of the program financials are available on the dried grape webpage of the Hort Innovation website.

Next steps

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

Hort Innovation is also working to implement a continuation of investments in marketing, data collection and international networking.

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