

Macadamia Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 9 Sep 2016

Attendance: Paul O'Hare, Andrew Pearce, Chris Searle, Andrew Starkey, Graeme Fleming, Trevor Steinhardt, Scott Allcott, Steven Lee, Steve McLean, Lindsey Bryen, Kim Wilson, Richard de Vos (Independent Chair), Corrine Jasper (Hort Innovation), Neil Burgess (Hort Innovation)

Location: Brisbane

Next Meeting: TBA

Overview

The Macadamia Strategic Investment Advisory Panel met in Brisbane on September 9, 2016. The meeting began with an update of the financials and the current levy available for investment.

An update was provided by Hort Innovation on recent discussions held with ABS regarding collection of data to assist in calculation of Gross Value of Production (GVP) for the macadamia industry. Discussions will be ongoing.

Updates were provided on the following projects:

- Integrated Pest Management Project- it is expected that Project will be contracted prior to the end of October
- Researchers Forum – To occur in February/March 2017.

The following Concepts were discussed:

- Cover Cropping – Multiple Industry Concept
- Enhanced National Bee Surveillance Program 2016-2021 – Pool 2 project initiative, multiple industry project
- Mentoring – potential to be directed to Pool 2 Leadership Fund
- Crop Loss Concept – potential new project

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

Next steps

Broader consultation for the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) to be extended to Macadamia Conference in October and survey made available through Industry Newsletter.

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