

Processing Tomato Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 11/10/2017

Location: 465 High Street, Echuca, VIC 3564

Next Meeting: Early 2018

Attendance: Matthew Wright, Charles Hart, Jim Geltch, Liz Mann, Nick Raleigh, Tony Henry, Andrew Ferrier, Sam Turner (Hort Innovation), Cath Botta (Chair), Natasha Rice (Minute Taker), Scott Williams (SIP Service Provider)

Apologies: James Weeks, Sze Flett

Overview

Hort Innovation convened a meeting of the inaugural processing tomato Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) in Echuca.

The key purpose of the meeting was to:

1. Induct the newly formed SIAP
2. Seek advice on the processing tomato Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)
3. To assess project concepts received by Hort Innovation

The panel was given an extensive induction outlining the organisational governance, funding model, key objectives and communications of Hort Innovation. The panel was also informed of the SIAP's role and operations, governance, membership, and procedures.

The SIAP was given an update on the processing tomato SIP and participated in an extensive discussion on the direction and priorities for strategic investment.

Finally, the panel were asked to provide advice on 2 projects currently being undertaken by Hort Innovation in response to the TPP outbreak, including the processing tomato industry capacity building program, surveillance of tomato potato psyllid in the Eastern States and South Australia, and the national tomato potato psyllid (TPP) program coordinator.

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

Next steps

Hort Innovation is continuing to work on the development of the processing tomato SIP.

The panel will meet again in late 2017 via teleconference in order to comment on the SIP and projects.

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