QUARTERLY PROGRESS SUMMARY: July – September 2017

High Performance Mānuka Plantations PGP Programme

Summary of progress during this quarter

- On-going development and testing of the predictive tool for plantation mānuka. Historical weather data from NIWA, which can be linked to GPS co-ordinates of plantation sites, has been inputted into the plantation growth model within the predictive tool.   The model will also allow for data from on-site weather stations to be downloaded.

Key highlights and achievements

- The MRPL PGP Research team and its Partners presented at the "Mānuka the Plant" conference organised by Plant & Food Research, Scion, Landcare Research, Massey University and Waikato University. The conference was aimed solely at researchers from a range of disciplines and organisations.

Upcoming

- Testing and continued development of the predictive tool for plantation mānuka.
- Honey and nectar sampling from all trial sites commences and will be completed by the end of February 2018.

Communications & Technology transfer

- Presenting at the 'Transforming Biodiversity' National Conference in Napier, 14 to 16 November 2017
- Attending and exhibiting at the MPI PGP Expo and Annual Conference on 30 November 2017

Investment

Investment period	Industry contribution	MPI contribution	Total investment
During this Quarter	46,994	40,326	87,320
Programme to Date	1,422,733	1,313,349	2,736,082