

## Myrtle Rust 2018 Governance Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	26 October 2018
<b>Time</b>	1:30 - 4:00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Pastoral House – Meeting Room 14.3
<b>Members in attendance</b>	John Walsh (Chair), Hilary Aikman (DOC), Matthew Dolan (NZPPI), Phil Brown (Auckland Council)
<b>Observers</b>	Paula Loader (MPI), Kim Morgan (DOC), Fiona Thomson (DOC), Megan Verry (MPI), Naomi Parker (MPI)
<b>Apologies</b>	Melanie Mark Shadbolt (Te Tira Whakamātaki, (TTW), Joris De Bres (Project Crimson Trust), Mike Slater (DOC), Haami Piripi (Iwi Chairs member)

Summary of Actions		Section	Responsible	Date	Status
1	Delivery of a draft strategy by December 2018.	5	Working Group	22/06/18	Ongoing – keep as an action item
2	Share information on the UK nursery accreditation programme with Rebecca Martin.	6	Melanie Mark-Shadbolt	01/08/18	Ongoing
3	Package of refreshed messaging and content to be shared with council's biosecurity network, industry and DOC.	3	MPI	26/10/18	
4	SSAG to be asked to provide a quick rundown on what the science programmes are, how we are monitoring the impacts and the time horizons are at the next meeting.	4	SSAG	26/10/18	
5	All organisations to build on our mechanisms for sharing information with one another.	5	Governance	26/10/18	
6	SSAG and programme team to come back to governance in next meeting on how we are going to manage and share the research information and outcomes.	5	SSAG MPI/DOC	26/10/18	
7	Change the December governance meeting date to an earlier date of the 11th or 12th.	6	MPI	26/10/18	✓ 29/10/18

### Items under discussion

#### 1 Welcome, introductions & apologies

Apologies from Mike Slater, Joris De Bres and Melanie Mark-Shadbolt. Hillary Aikman (DOC) is attending in Mike Slaters place.

#### 2 Previous minutes, matters arising and actions (attachment 1)

- The minutes were recorded as an accurate record of the previous meeting and were published on the MPI website.
- The previous action item 'share information on the UK nursery accreditation programme' is ongoing.
- DOC have done an initial follow up with their nurseries to make sure they have access to the right protocols.

#### 3 Joint dashboard report (attachment 2)

##### 3.1 Budget

It was highlighted that there will be changes to the funding figures, the research figure will remain unchanged as the projects have already been contracted. Work is on track to draft a collaborative budget bid between MPI and DOC.

### **3.2 Information sharing**

It was clarified that engagement information and documents can be shared within organisations to ensure there is a joint up approach coming into the warmer seasons. It was noted that there is already some good information and resources made publically available for staff in organisations to access.

### **3.3 Current engagement**

MPI are attending an upcoming research hui on the East Cape, as a case study area.

### **3.4 Compensation**

The chair noted that there are four outstanding nursery compensation claims down from nine.

### **3.5 Surveillance**

It was clarified that the progression of the disease is being tracked through the research programmes and public notifications through the notification number and iNaturalist application. The buffer zones on the map on the MPI website will be updated as myrtle rust is detected in new areas.

DOC noted that their myrtle rust specific surveillance will be integrated into their tier one biodiversity monitoring and reporting system. It was noted that MPI are developing a mobile tool aimed at people with expertise to help identify myrtle plants.

**Action:** MPI to do a package of refreshed messaging and content to share with council's biosecurity network, industry and DOC.

## **4 Working group (verbal update including strategy and engagement)**

The working group had a meeting in early October:

### **4.1 Engagement plan**

The working group worked through some web design concepts for the development of the myrtle rust website and were provided an overview of the citizen science approach. General feedback of the website and citizen science approach was positive. Governance will be provided an overview of the citizen science in November.

### **4.2 Strategy**

The working group continued developing the draft strategy, mapping the current activities to the strategy to see how they fit and to identifying any gaps. Note that MPI and DOC have been working together to progress the strategy. The final strategy is expected to be delivered to governance at the end of November, rather than the previously planned date of December.

### **4.3 Membership**

Recruitment of a new member continues with Cheri van Schravendijk joining the working group. NZPPI have appointed a technical biosecurity manager who will also be joining the working group.

**Action:** SSAG to be asked to provide a quick rundown on what the science programmes are, how we are monitoring the impacts and the time horizons are at the next Governance meeting.

## **5 Strategic Science Advisory Group (SSAG) (verbal update)**

Naomi Parker gave an overview on the role of the SSAG, their work to date and the next steps:

### **5.1 Current research**

During the myrtle rust response the SSAG developed a science plan that identified urgent science needs. This plan fed into a cabinet paper for funding. The outcomes of these projects are due to be delivered by June 2019.

### **5.2 Next steps**

The next stage is to hold a myrtle rust science symposium in mid-December to do a collaborative review of what we have learnt from the research so far and to identify areas of focus for future research that will inform a more comprehensive science plan. The SSAG are focused on pulling in all the information and all the different projects for myrtle rust, as well as looking at the overlap of programmes such as Kauri dieback and the One Billion Trees.

### **5.3 SSAG meeting outcomes**

A key outcome from the SSAG meeting held in mid-October was ensuring that we continue to focus on having best practise seed banking, including how we are engaging with Maori.

### **5.4 Governance feedback**

Concern was expressed by governance members that the process of review and sign off of the research results are slow. It was agreed that we need access to the key findings ahead of the sign off process so that we can make informed decisions and plan ahead for any research outcomes. It was noted that for the new science plan the research results will be coming out more regularly. Governance agreed that we all need to be better connected, open and transparent.

**Action:** All organisations to build on our mechanisms for sharing information with one another.

**Action:** SSAG and programme team to come back to governance in next meeting on how we are going to manage and share the research information and outcomes.

## **6 Next meeting - Friday 30 November**

There were no objections to the next scheduled meeting date.

Meeting closed at 2:45PM.

**Action:** Change the December governance meeting date to an earlier date of the 11th or 12th.

**Minutes taken by:** Kendal Ratcliffe