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FOR BIOSECURITY READINESS AND RESPONSE**

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# The GIA partnership

The Government Industry Agreement (GIA) for Biosecurity Readiness and Response was established with the signing of the GIA Deed in May 2014. GIA operates as a partnership between government and primary sector industries to promote better biosecurity through an integrated approach to prepare for and respond to biosecurity risks.

## GIA PARTNERS

### Kiwifruit Vine Health

Signed May 2014

### Ministry for Primary Industries

Signed May 2014

### New Zealand Pork

Signed July 2014

### Pipfruit New Zealand

Signed December 2014

### New Zealand Equine Health Association

Signed January 2015

### Onions New Zealand

Signed October 2015

### New Zealand Forest Owners Association

Signed November 2015

### New Zealand Avocado Growers' Association Incorporated

Signed February 2016

### New Zealand Citrus Growers Incorporated

Signed March 2016

### New Zealand KiwiBerry Growers Association

Joined under Kiwifruit Vine Health  
June 2016

### Nashi New Zealand Inc

Joined under Pipfruit New Zealand  
August 2016

### Tomatoes New Zealand Inc

Signed September 2016

### Vegetables New Zealand Inc\*



*New Zealand Equine Health Association Incorporated*



Ministry for Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua



\* Application to sign the Deed approved by the Minister for Primary Industries and notified in the New Zealand Gazette after 30 June 2016.

In its second year, GIA has continued to build the strong partnership necessary to deliver better biosecurity in New Zealand



# GIA Secretariat's report

On behalf of the GIA Deed Governance Group (DGG), we are pleased to report on another year of strong progress for the partnership.

## Strength in numbers

The GIA partnership has more than doubled in size since this time last year. This growth illustrates New Zealand primary industries' increasing support for GIA and the benefits it offers. We welcomed the following industry groups to the partnership during the reporting year – Onions New Zealand, New Zealand Forest Owners Association, New Zealand Avocado Growers' Association Inc, New Zealand Citrus Growers Inc, the New Zealand KiwiBerry Growers Association (who joined under the existing Kiwifruit Vine Health mandate), Nashi New Zealand (who joined under the existing Pipfruit New Zealand mandate), TomatoesNZ Inc and Vegetables New Zealand Inc.

With 13 members, the partnership is beginning to demonstrate the pan-sector benefits promised by the joint approach of GIA. We expect it will continue to grow steadily in the 2016/17 year, as several more sector groups have sought mandate from their members (or intend to do so) to sign the Deed.

## The first operational agreement

Finalising GIA's first operational agreement for the management of fruit fly has been a significant milestone for 2015/16, and will

change the way fruit fly biosecurity threats are managed in New Zealand.

Fruit fly poses a significant threat to New Zealand's \$5 billion horticulture industry, and could potentially affect up to 80 percent of horticulture crops. This agreement reflects the industry's recognition of that threat, and the willingness of GIA partners to work together to minimise the impact of potential incursions.

This agreement was a significant undertaking, and we commend the Fruit Fly Council for their hard work during the many months of negotiations.

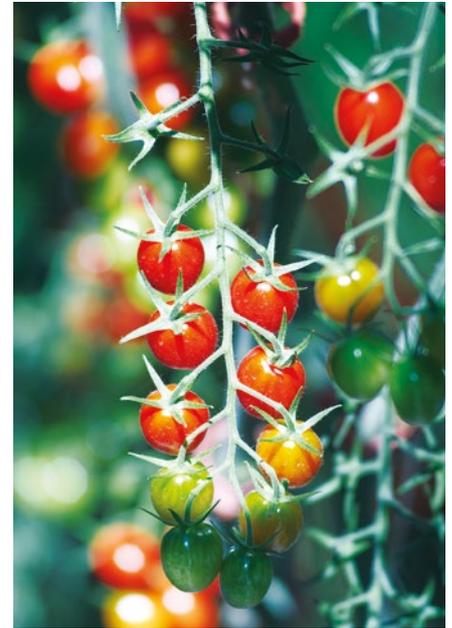
Operational agreements are a key facet of GIA, because partners work together to decide how to prepare for and deal with specific types of biosecurity threats, and how to share the costs of this work. This first agreement will provide a useful template for future agreements targeting other sectors and pests.

## Other highlights

As GIA has evolved, partners have begun looking beyond readiness and response activities to identify ways of engaging across the full biosecurity system, as envisaged under the GIA Deed. Particular progress has been made in understanding the role of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and where there are opportunities for greater collaboration.

A symbolic milestone for GIA earlier this year was the decision by the Deed Governance Group (DGG) to drop the word 'transitional' from its name. The development of GIA is far from complete, but the name change reflects that the partnership is now operational.

The DGG this year began its first review of the GIA Deed to ensure it remains fit for purpose. We were gratified at the number of primary industry groups that gave their time and energy to this process and made suggestions for improvements. The review did not identify any critical issues impeding the implementation of GIA – though we identified a number of smaller changes that will help clarify interpretation, and we expect to launch a revised Deed later in 2016.



GIA partners appreciated the opportunity to assist in developing the Government's Biosecurity 2025 discussion document, which will help form a new direction statement for biosecurity in New Zealand. This was an important opportunity to influence New Zealand's biosecurity strategy, and we expect that the continuing dialogue will ensure GIA's emerging place in the strategic leadership of the biosecurity system will become better understood.

## Working in partnership

Involvement in decision-making during response situations is one of the key components of being part of GIA. This year, several GIA partners and potential partners took part in response activities. Besides the fruit fly response in Auckland (which was closed in late 2015), two responses – the Indian ringneck parakeets 2016 and eucalyptus variegated beetle (EVB) in Hawke's Bay – saw GIA partners at the table contributing industry's voice and experience to response decision-making. MPI invited a number of potential GIA partners to be involved at a response governance level on the Tau fly (Auckland), pea weevil (Wairarapa), velvetleaf, and black grass (South Island) responses.



GIA's involvement in these responses has highlighted a number of areas for improvement, both in implementing GIA and understanding partners' roles. This has been a useful learning experience, and is a positive sign, and further development of response processes will be a focus for us in 2016/17. Overall though, there is a noticeable increase in collaboration between industry and government – working on responses, developing operational agreements and engaging across the biosecurity system.

**Looking to the future**

A number of industry groups have told us they plan to seek a mandate to join GIA, and we therefore expect to welcome several more GIA partners throughout the 2016/17 year. While good progress has been made in growing the GIA partnership, membership numbers are not the sole measure of success. Over the coming year it will be essential to develop and implement further operational activities – these are the key component of delivering on a successful GIA.

In particular, we expect to build on the first operational agreement and finalise similar agreements between several other partners.

We have also identified a core set of success measures we can use to gauge our progress as we move into the delivery phase of GIA. These measures should give partners confidence that GIA is delivering value to its members.

We will continue to offer targeted assistance to industry groups that are still to make a decision on whether to join GIA.

With the continued growth in numbers in GIA, it has been necessary to review the way we govern GIA. We began a review of GIA governance during the year, and this will be finalised during 2016/17. We will implement a revised governance framework to accommodate the GIA's expanding membership.

**Our thanks**

During the year, we said farewell to a number of DGG members. We would like to

thank Lindsay Burton (Dairy Companies of New Zealand), Nikki Johnson (New Zealand Citrus Growers Inc), and Linda Calkin (NZ Pork) for their time, energy, and commitment to the success of GIA. We wish them all well in their future endeavours. Farewell also to Philip Manson (NZ Winegrowers), who, as chair of the Interim Fruit Fly Council, led the successful development of GIA's first operational agreement. Finally, our thanks to John Hellstrom who was the inaugural chair of the Interim Foot and Mouth Disease Council until the end of June.

Our sincere thanks to all of our colleagues on the DGG, who have committed considerable time, energy and expertise in getting GIA to where it is today. The range of views and constructive debate, along with a strong commitment to improving New Zealand's biosecurity, is much appreciated. We are sure that we are well placed to build on our success in the year ahead.



**Steve Rich**  
Secretariat Manager



**Geoff Gwyn**  
Deed Governance Group Chair



# We've been working to deliver a partnership to improve biosecurity outcomes

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

### First operational agreement under GIA

GIA partners signed the first operational agreement in early May 2016. This sets out the contractual arrangements for how government and GIA partners will work together to prepare for and manage fruit fly incursions.

Pipfruit New Zealand, Kiwifruit Vine Health, New Zealand Avocado Growers' Association Inc, New Zealand Citrus Growers Inc and MPI signed the agreement, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of all parties, including how the costs of joint activities will be shared. Partners also have a say in how any fruit fly incursions will be managed. More industry groups are expected to sign this operational agreement in the coming months.

The Fruit Fly Council was established to provide governance oversight of the funding and costs for additional readiness activities under the operational agreement.

### Engaging across the system

This year, MPI continued to explore how it could deliver on its commitment under the Deed to engage with GIA partners. A joint working group, led by MPI and including industry representatives and GIA partners, was formed to agree on what this requirement for engagement should look like. The group has developed guidance material to support the implementation of

Deed expectations across the biosecurity system. This document was released in 2016.

In May, MPI invited GIA representatives to a workshop on the performance of its border operations. GIA partners were able to learn more about how MPI manages its performance in this area and understand more about the work of the Border Clearances Service Team – including the challenges they face.

The information and insights shared by MPI gave partners the opportunity to become actively involved in managing risk across the wider biosecurity system. It also gave GIA partners a better understanding of what engagement under GIA means in practice.

### Measuring our success

We commissioned an independent study of stakeholder views to gauge perceptions about GIA's progress and what a successful GIA might look like. The overall message was one of increasing trust, cooperation and an optimism about GIA, tempered with a need to see tangible biosecurity actions and results more quickly.

Stakeholders identified five key deliverables they wanted from GIA:

- partnership
- collaboration
- confidence regarding readiness and response

- impact and influence
- long-term biosecurity outcomes.

We've used these criteria to create a set of measureable indicators, both quantitative and qualitative, which we will begin tracking in 2016/17 to gauge GIA's progress. We'll report on this performance in future years' annual reports.

### Helping shape New Zealand's biosecurity strategy

The DGG, on behalf of GIA partners, was an important contributor in the development of Biosecurity 2025, the Government-led strategy for biosecurity in New Zealand. The DGG will also have an important contribution to make to the implementation of this strategy in the years ahead.

### Improved website and communications

We made changes to the GIA website so that it is easier and more intuitive to use, including changing the look and feel of the homepage, adjusting the way information is stored and categorised and adding new sections. These improve the site's usability, and make it easier to browse and find information.

The Secretariat also set up its own GIA email system, rather than using MPI's email service. MPI kindly provided this service to the Secretariat in its first two years of operation.



**Signing the Fruit Fly Operational Agreement.** **STANDING:** David Talbot (MPI), Veronica Herrera (MPI), Marie Dawkins (Summerfruit), Martyn Dunne (MPI), Hon Nathan Guy (Minister for Primary Industries), Philip Manson (NZ Winegrowers), Geoff Gwyn (MPI), Gisele Irvine (TomatoesNZ & Vegetables NZ), Stephen Ogden (NZ Citrus Growers Inc). **FRONT ROW:** David Teulon (B3), Jen Scouler (NZ Avocado), Alan Pollard (Pipfruit NZ), Barry O'Neil (KVH), Rebecca Fisher (NZ Citrus Growers Inc), Andrew Coleman (MPI).

## Building the partnership

### ONIONS NZ INC – OCTOBER 2015

“We are pleased to join the GIA partnership to help deliver the best biosecurity outcomes so that we can protect our sector.

“This partnership will see us working closely with the Ministry for Primary Industries to make joint decisions on readiness and response to manage priority biosecurity pest risks impacting our sector.” – **Michael Ahern, Chief Executive Officer, Onions New Zealand**



Owen Symmans – Onions NZ Independent Chair,  
Hon Nathan Guy – Minister for Primary Industries,  
Michael Ahern – Onions NZ CEO.

### NZ FOREST OWNERS – NOVEMBER 2015

“The only missing element has been a formal agreement with government on who will make decisions and fund the response of an exotic pest or disease outbreak.

“The partnership will provide joint decision-making. Also, the funding formula will take into account the industry’s big investment in forest health surveillance and the many social benefits of forestry and trees.” – **David Rhodes, Chief Executive, NZFOA**



Jo Goodhew – Associate Minister, Hon Nathan Guy – Minister for Primary Industries, David Rhodes – NZFOA Chief Executive, Lindsay Bulman – Scion Research.

### NZ CITRUS GROWERS INC – MARCH 2016

“The citrus industry faces a number of serious biosecurity threats that could decimate our industry. The GIA provides an opportunity to work more closely with government to understand the risks, undertake activities to prevent entry, and respond quickly and appropriately if required.

“Signing the GIA Deed will give the citrus industry a much stronger voice and working in partnership with MPI provides the best opportunity to manage our biosecurity risks, thereby maximising our industry potential.” – **Richard Curtis, NZCGI Chair**



Martyn Dunne – MPI Director-General, Hon Nathan Guy – Minister for Primary Industries, Richard Curtis – NZCGI Chair.

## Building the partnership continued

### NZ AVOCADO GROWERS' INC – FEBRUARY 2016

“Signing the GIA Deed will give the avocado industry the opportunity to influence how we are impacted in the event of a biosecurity response, and influence readiness activities.” – Jen Scoular, Chief Executive Officer, NZ Avocado



Hon Nathan Guy – Minister for Primary Industries, Jen Scoular – NZ Avocado CEO, Julian Raine – HortNZ President.

### NZ KIWIBERRY GROWERS INC – JUNE 2016

“Kiwiberries are likely to be susceptible to many of the same pests and diseases as other kiwifruit cultivars, so working together is critical.” – Barry O’Neil, Chief Executive, Kiwifruit Vine Health



Deborah Roche – MPI Deputy Director-General, Hon Nathan Guy – Minister for Primary Industries, Geoff Oliver – NZ KiwiBerry Growers Inc, Barry O’Neil – KVH.

### NASHI NEW ZEALAND – AUGUST 2016

“Being part of GIA ensures that nashi growers are connected to and benefit from the collective efforts of government, science and industry to protect our borders and respond effectively if a biosecurity event occurs.” – Alan Pollard, Chief Executive, Pipfruit NZ



Alan Pollard – Pipfruit NZ Chief Executive, Andrew Coleman – MPI Chief Operations Officer.

### TOMATOES NEW ZEALAND INC – SEPTEMBER 2016

“The signing of the GIA Deed is an important step to securing the future growth of our industry. Becoming a Signatory to the GIA Deed will benefit fresh tomato growers by giving us a seat at the table with government and a greater say in preparing for and managing biosecurity risks specific to our industry.” – Alasdair MacLeod, TomatoesNZ Inc Chair



Hon Nathan Guy – Minister for Primary Industries, Alasdair MacLeod – TomatoesNZ Inc Chair.

# GIA partners working with Government to manage pest threats

## RESPONDING TO PESTS

There were 11 biosecurity responses activated in the 2015/16 year, eight of which involved GIA partners. Two of these responses involved GIA partners in formal joint decision-making – the eucalyptus variegated beetle (EVB), and the Indian ringneck parakeet. GIA partners were also involved in ongoing active responses, such as the Queensland fruit fly. In those responses,

GIA industry groups took part in joint decision-making and were represented at a governance level.

A number of GIA industry groups and potential partners (who were not formal partners at the time of the response) were invited to attend response governance meetings as observers and provided input

into response governance decision-making. Having GIA partners and industry groups involved in responses at a governance level has proven to be invaluable; industry participants contributed to the knowledge and expertise that ensured their interests were taken into account, and formed a key part of the decision-making process.

“ MPI, GIA industry partners and potential partners have worked together on a number of incursions in 2015/16, resulting in a greater understanding of each party’s objectives, expertise and knowledge. This has contributed to better decisions, actions and trust among the partners. ”

– Mike Chapman, Chief Executive, HortNZ

Response Name	Scientific Name	Organism Type	GIA Partners, potential industry partners involved	Involvement	Response Outcome
<b>Raspberry Ringspot Virus, Karaka 2015</b>	<i>Raspberry ringspot virus</i>	Virus/viroid	New Zealand Plant Producers Incorporated (NZPPI) (formerly Nursery & Garden Industry Association of New Zealand) Strawberries NZ (initially involved)	Observers in response governance	Established
<b>Tau Fly Detection 2016</b>	<i>Bactrocera tau</i>	Insect	NZ Citrus Growers Vegetables NZ Horticulture NZ	Observers in response governance	Risk mitigated
<b>Queensland Fruit Fly</b>	<i>Bactrocera tryoni</i>	Insect	Pipfruit NZ Kiwifruit Vine Health	Joint decision-making and observers	Eradicated and restrictions lifted
<b>Velvetleaf 2016</b>	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>	Plant	Foundation for Arable Research DairyNZ Beef+Lamb New Zealand Federated Farmers of NZ NZ Grain & Seed Trade Association	Observers in response governance	Ongoing
<b>Eucalyptus Variegated Beetle (EVB) Hawke’s Bay 2016</b>	<i>Paropsisterna variicollis</i>	Insect	NZ Forest Owners Association	Joint decision-making	Ongoing
<b>Black Grass 2016</b>	<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>	Plant	Federated Farmers of NZ Foundation for Arable Research	Observers in response governance	Ongoing
<b>Indian Ringneck Parakeets 2016</b>	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Bird	Pipfruit NZ	Joint decision-making and observers	Ongoing
<b>Pea Weevil Wairarapa 2016</b>	<i>Bruchus pisorum</i>	Insect	Federated Farmers of NZ Vegetables NZ	Observers in response governance	Ongoing



## QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY RESPONSE

The Queensland fruit fly response (Auckland 2015) was the first full-scale response that had GIA partners sharing decisions at a governance level. It illustrated how GIA operates in practice and how industries and government can work together to achieve better biosecurity outcomes. It also identified areas where GIA can be refined as it is fully implemented.

In December 2015, the fruit fly response operational activities were completed. The controlled area was lifted, removing all restrictions on the movement of fresh fruit and vegetables in Auckland.



## VELVETLEAF

In February 2016, the invasive weed velvetleaf was found on a number of farms in the South Island. Over the following weeks it was confirmed in most regions of New Zealand. Initially, some potential GIA partners were invited to attend the response governance meetings as observers.

As the scope of the velvetleaf infestation became apparent, the response became a useful example of how an unexpected widespread multi-sector pest can be found in New Zealand, and how the GIA Deed provisions may apply in such situations.

## EXERCISE RĀWAHO

Hosted by MPI and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the all-of-government biosecurity “Exercise Rāwaho” simulated the incursion of the brown marmorated stink bug in urban Auckland.

GIA partners Pipfruit New Zealand and Kiwifruit Vine Health participated in the development of this exercise, with input from other industry bodies that are considering joining GIA. The exercise helped highlight how MPI and industry can best work together to address biosecurity risks that can affect multiple primary industry sectors. It also helped show how GIA joint decision-making could operate in an all-of-government setting.





## Engaging across the system

### GIA Mandate Forum

In October 2015, about 40 primary industry representatives from a range of sectors attended the GIA Mandate Forum in Wellington. The goal of the forum was to explain the GIA mandate process, and identify the specific issues and barriers each sector group faced in seeking mandate from their members. The meeting was designed to reach industry groups that have not yet signed the GIA Deed, but are working towards getting mandate.

GIA partners shared their experiences of the mandate process, the barriers they faced and how they managed to solve those issues.

### Onions New Zealand hosts officials

In October, government officials got a unique insight into the harvesting, handling and packing functions of the onion industry during a one-day tour hosted by Onions New Zealand.

Staff from MPI, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the GIA Secretariat and New Zealand Customs travelled to Pukekohe and the wider Franklin district for the tour, and came away with a better understanding of the issues and opportunities faced by the sector. This is a great initiative from Onions NZ, which will ensure some of its key partners in government understand the realities the industry faces, and how the decisions made at a policy level affect those 'coal-face' industry participants on a day-to-day basis.

### Border clearance operations briefing

On the back of a formal governance meeting, the DGG took the opportunity to see MPI's border clearance operations in action at Wellington Airport. While there, they also met the airport detector dogs and watched a demonstration of how the dogs find items that could be a biosecurity risk. The DGG appreciated the opportunity

to learn more about how MPI manages its border operations and what challenges are involved.

### MPI's border performance

GIA representatives attended an MPI workshop to gain a better insight on the performance of MPI's border operations. The workshop provided the opportunity to engage with MPI's Border Clearances Service Team and learn more about how the border is working, how MPI manages its performance in this area and the significant challenges faced.

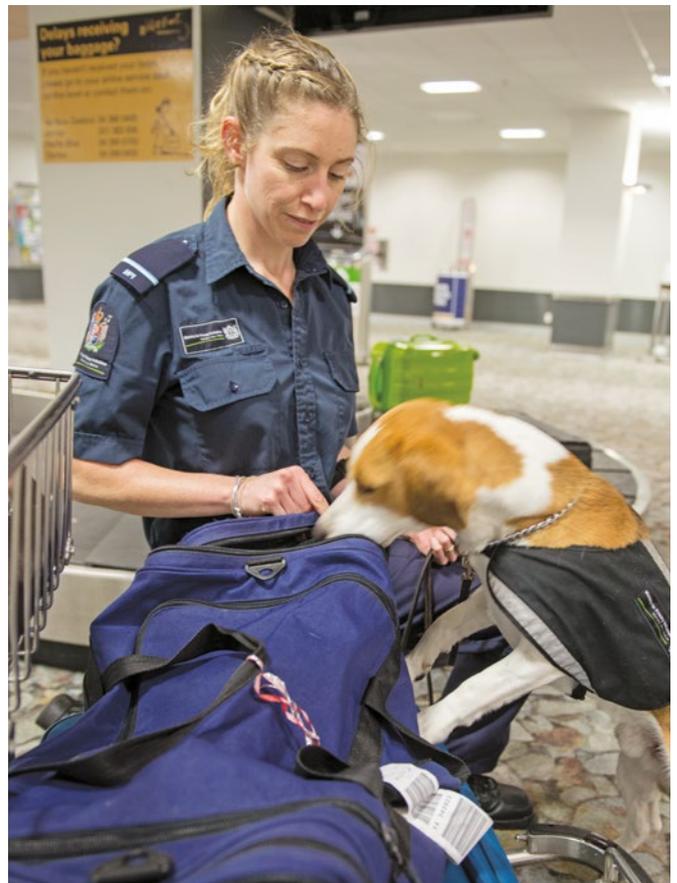
This meeting was a valuable first step for MPI in exploring its commitment as a GIA Signatory to provide a mechanism for the other GIA partners to be actively involved in managing biosecurity risk across the wider biosecurity system.



Primary industry representatives attending the GIA Mandate Forum in Wellington, October 2015.



Onions NZ hosted a tour of sector operations for government officials.



Detector dog demonstration.

# Governance

GIA is governed by the Deed Governance Group (DGG). DGG members are drawn from the GIA partner organisations, with each organisation nominating its own representative.

The DGG:

- provides strategic oversight to best represent partners' interests
- oversees day-to-day administration requirements
- supervises the GIA Secretariat – the independent body that oversees GIA Deed processes.

For the past two years, the DGG has operated in a similar fashion to a corporate board, but has been reviewing the governance framework to make sure it continues to meet its obligations as the number of GIA partners grows. The DGG will implement a new structure during the 2016/17 year.

## Statement of purpose

To guide its work, the DGG adopted a new statement of purpose in November 2015. It says the DGG will:

- implement the requirements of the GIA Deed
- represent the collective interests of GIA partners to proactively influence the delivery of biosecurity activities, the development of biosecurity policy and the delivery of research initiatives
- play a leading role in the governance of New Zealand's biosecurity system.

The DGG uses this purpose to guide its consideration of decisions, opportunities and risks facing the partnership.

## Sub-groups

When they consider it necessary, GIA partners will create sub-groups or similar structures to address or discuss specific sectors, pests, threats or topics.

During 2015/16, two such groups were established:

- Fruit Fly Council – overseeing the Fruit Fly Operational Agreement
- Foot and Mouth Disease Council – an interim council overseeing the development of an operational agreement, and helping industry groups seek a mandate from members to join the GIA.

## DGG chair and composition

The DGG chair is elected by members of the group. In February 2016, the DGG re-elected MPI's representative Geoff Gwyn as chair.

The DGG has one representative from each Deed partner and a number of observers. DGG members do not receive fees for their participation, and their costs are met by their Signatory organisation. When the delegated representative is unavailable, GIA partner organisations may send alternates.



# Governance

continued

The DGG interest disclosure and management policy is available on the GIA website.

## Members (as at 30 September 2016)

- Alan Pollard, Chief Executive, Pipfruit NZ (representing the pipfruit and nashi sectors)
- Alasdair MacLeod, Chairman, Tomatoes New Zealand Inc
- Barry O'Neil, Chief Executive, Kiwifruit Vine Health (representing the kiwifruit and kiwiberry sectors)
- David Rhodes, Chief Executive, New Zealand Forest Owners Association
- Frances Clement, Policy and Issues Manager, New Zealand Pork
- Geoff Gwyn, Director, Intelligence, Planning and Coordination, MPI
- Jen Scoular, CEO, New Zealand Avocado Growers' Association Inc
- Michael Ahern, Chief Executive, Onions New Zealand

- Stephen Odgen, Biosecurity Manager, New Zealand Citrus Growers Inc
- Trish Pearce, Executive Advisor, New Zealand Equine Health Association.

## Observers

The DGG invites observers to assist in its deliberations and ensure the group has expertise and input from across the primary sector. Industry groups that apply for a GIA mandate can also participate as observers while their applications are under review:

- Chris Claridge, CEO, Potatoes New Zealand Inc
- John Seymour, Senior Business Manager, Vegetables New Zealand Inc
- Richard Palmer, Biosecurity and Trade Manager, Horticulture New Zealand (representing horticulture groups not in GIA)
- Tim Richie, Chief Executive, Meat Industry Association (representing animal sector groups not in GIA).

## DGG meetings

The DGG usually meets once every two months, with extra meetings (often teleconferences) scheduled as required. 2015/16 formal meetings were held on:

- 1 September 2015
- 3 November 2015
- 15 December 2015
- 4 March 2016
- 5 April 2016
- 14 June 2016.

**The Deed Governance Group.** From L–R: Jen Scoular (NZ Avocado), Geoff Gwyn (MPI), Stephen Odgen (NZ Citrus Growers Inc), David Rhodes (Forest Owners Association), John Seymour (Vegetables NZ Inc), Richard Palmer (Horticulture NZ), Helen Barnes (TomatoesNZ Inc), Martin Burns (alternate NZ Equine Health Assn), Tim Richie (Meat Industry Association), Barry O'Neil (KVH), Michael Ahern (Onions NZ), Frances Clement (NZ Pork), Alan Pollard (Pipfruit NZ).



## Sub groups

### Fruit Fly Council

The Fruit Fly Council was created as part of GIA's first operational agreement, and provides governance oversight for the funding and costs involved in addressing the fruit fly threat. Besides relevant GIA Signatories, it includes non-signatory groups that have aligned interests to the council's work. Most of these groups are expected to sign the GIA Deed, and will then look at joining the operational agreement.

In its first 18 months, the council focused primarily on negotiating the terms for the operational agreement. This was a complex, ground-breaking and demanding process which has ultimately set the scene for a new way of managing fruit fly biosecurity risk in New Zealand.

After the agreement was signed in May 2016, the council began developing its work programme and identifying priority areas for fruit fly readiness activities.

Barry O'Neil, who represents Kiwifruit Vine Health and KiwiBerry, was elected chair of the group in May 2016. Other members are:

- Alan Pollard, Pipfruit NZ and Nashi Inc
- Geoff Gwyn, MPI
- Jen Scoular, NZ Avocado
- Stephen Ogden, NZ Citrus Growers Inc.

Observers to the Council are:

- Brigid Jenkins, MPI
- David Talbot, MPI
- Gisele Irvine, Vegetables NZ & TomatoesNZ
- Marie Dawkins, Summerfruit NZ
- Richard Palmer, Horticulture NZ
- Veronica Herrera, MPI.

### Interim Foot and Mouth Disease Council

In July 2015, the GIA Secretariat hosted a workshop with representatives from the animal sector along with MPI. Industry groups were Beef + Lamb NZ, Dairy Companies of NZ, DairyNZ, Deer Industry NZ, Federated Farmers NZ, NZ Pork and the Meat Industry Association.

The workshop created an interim Foot and Mouth Disease Council tasked with:

- developing an operational agreement for foot and mouth disease
- giving industry groups the information they need to decide whether to recommend to members that their organisation join the GIA.

The council has met regularly in 2015/16 to work toward these aims. In the 2016/17 year, we expect industry groups will make their final decisions on whether to seek a GIA mandate from members.



The council is chaired by Gavin Forrest of Federated Farmers. He took over from John Hellstrom, who stood down from the role on 30 June 2016.



**The Fruit Fly Council.** From L-R: Brigid Jenkins (MPI), Gisele Irvine (TomatoesNZ & Vegetables NZ), Barry O'Neil – Council Chair (KVH), David Talbot (MPI), Veronica Herrera (MPI), Stephen Ogden (NZ Citrus Growers), Jen Scoular (NZ Avocado), Richard Palmer (Horticulture NZ), Geoff Gwyn (MPI), Alan Pollard (Pipfruit NZ).



## Financial performance – GIA Secretariat

GIA partners pay their own participation costs; the figures below represent costs budgeted and incurred by the Secretariat only. In future, costs for readiness and response activities under operational agreements will also be included in our annual reports.

Currently, MPI meets the full costs of running the GIA Secretariat, and will do so until 31 December 2019. The GIA Secretariat proposes a budget each year, and the DGG then requests funding from MPI. MPI determines and provides funding

accordingly, and also provides some administrative support and accommodation costs (estimated at an additional 22 percent of budget).

Though funded by MPI, the GIA Secretariat is operationally independent. Its role is to support the GIA partnership and the DGG as specified in section 4.2 of the Deed.

Because GIA is still getting established, the 2015/16 budget was significantly higher than in 2014/15 reflecting the need to build operational policy and processes. This rise included the legal costs of establishing

GIA's founding infrastructure. Wellington commercial legal firm Franks Ogilvie was retained as the partnership's provider of independent legal advice.

Overall, the Secretariat managed within 2 percent variance of its budget. Efficiencies were achieved by replacing contract staff with fixed-term employees, and by re-prioritisation during the year.

Once the long-term governance structure for GIA is set, a review of the GIA Secretariat will take place.

**Table 1: GIA Secretariat – Financial Performance 2015/16**

GIA Secretariat expense type	Actual 2015/16 \$000	Budget 015/16 \$000	Variance \$000	Actual 2014/15 \$000
Personnel (including contractors)	414.2	443.0	(28.8)	357.6
Travel and related expenses	12.1	15.7	(3.6)	9.3
Forums/meetings	9.6	10.5	(0.9)	20.3
Communications, IT and equipment	6.9	3.6	3.3	5.7
Office consumables and printing	2.7	0.8	1.9	1.0
Legal and financial fees	84.9	47.2	37.7	0.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>530.3</b>	<b>520.7</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>394.2</b>

All figures are GST-exclusive.

These figures have not been independently audited. While MPI continues to fund GIA, GIA's financial information will be included in MPI's annual independent audit process.



