

Chestnuts Australia Inc. CAI Executive Committee Meeting Agenda



Date: 31st January 2024

Venue: Zoom

Time: 7:30 pm

1.0 **Present**

2.0 **Apologies**

3.0 **Minutes - attached**

Motion to approve minutes of the CAI Executive Committee Meeting held 11th October 2023, 2023 AGM Minutes, Post AGM CAI Executive Committee meeting held 18th November 2023, Out of Session CAI Executive Committee meeting held 11th December 2023

4.0 **Actions from Previous meetings**

All actions were followed up on

5.0 **Business arising**

5.1 **CAI Committee**

Portfolio appointments

5.2 **Hort Innovation**

5.3 **Comms Project CH22000**

February Field Day – Saturday 10th

5.4 **CAI AGM**

Review of AGM and February field day arrangements
2024 AGM date – 16th November?

5.5 **ANIC Update**

6.0 **Finance Report**

Finance report will be presented at the next meeting

7.0 **Correspondence – please refer to attachments 7.1 & 7.2**

8.0 **CAI Membership**

Current Membership – 70 (28) Single & (42) Joint Members/5 Affiliates/8 Life Members – Total 83 (new members added to these figures)

MOTION: To approve new single membership for Samuel Raciti of Yenda, NSW and Affiliate membership for David Schnitzer of Hobart, TAS.

1 member yet to pay

9.0 9.1 Marketing

Activity	Budget allocation
Emma Bickley's marketing services	\$26,320
Chestnuts Australia Marketing campaign	\$16,550
Media Relations campaign via Bite	\$10,000
Printing of recipe leaflets	\$6,130
Recipe leaflet distribution (\$1,000 included in CAI funding)	
Total	\$59,000

Marketing Subcommittee meeting is due to be held 7th February to discuss 2024 program and activities for 2025

Budget for 2025 has been advised by Hort Innovation in the amount of \$45,000.00

9.2 R&D

Report from the R&D Committee Meeting held on the 22nd of January

- Nut Rot
 - Update on Project application
 - Update on grower trials
 - Preparation of more detailed concepts for presentation at the February SIAP
- Phytophthora
- Chemical Permits
- Chestnut Blight
 - Update on survey work
 - Update on issues
- Monash internship program
- NECMA Irrigation Project
 - Milestone 1 Report
 - Milestone 2 Report
 - Project Irrigation workshop
- Funding opportunities

10.0 Other Business

10.1 Chestnut Roasting Pans

Quote to purchase amount from Spain to sell at CAI events

10.2 Biosecurity Producer Levy/Tax

Consideration of action by CAI

10.3 Next CAI Executive Committee Meeting Date

11:0 Industry Dates

SIAP meeting - Friday 9th February 2024 – 1:30 pm - Face to Face - Beechworth

CAI Field Day – Saturday 10th February 2024 – Beechworth & Surrounds

Irrigation Workshop – Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February 2024 – NE Region