

## QUARTERLY PROGRESS SUMMARY: July – September 2015

### High Performance Mānuka Plantations PGP Programme

#### Summary of progress during this quarter

- Three additional trial sites have been planted including a large-scale mānuka plantation trial in the Gisborne region and two further experimental trials at Massey University.
- Completed all growing phase data collection of the trials and broad-acre plantations. This included measuring plant survival and growth, and presence of sooty mould, pests and weeds. This information has been included in the database for modelling purposes and builds up the knowledge base on mānuka plantation establishment and management.
- A business plan and commercialisation strategy is in preparation for Manuka Farming New Zealand, the trading name for Manuka Research Partnership (NZ) Limited.

#### Key highlights and achievements

- Analysis of plant survival and growth rates, some of the trial plantations up to 5 years old, have highlighted the importance of on-going pest control.
- Annual plan for 2015 -16 year has been accepted by the Programme Steering Group and MPI.
- Two PhD students working within the High Performance Manuka Plantations PGP programme have received their confirmation.
- The data warehouse containing all the data from the plantation sites and research trials is now built and populated.

#### Upcoming

- Data on insect visitation, flowering time and flower density will be collected from all trial sites plus nectar samples.
- Complete the Communications Plan for the PGP Programme.
- Launch the website for Manuka Farming New Zealand.
- Presentation at the Manuka seminar being held in Taranaki on 17 February 2016.

#### Investment

<b>Investment period</b>	<b>Industry contribution</b>	<b>MPI contribution</b>	<b>Total investment</b>
During this Quarter	\$66,320	\$97,604	\$163,924
Programme To Date	\$1,002,818	\$644,893	\$1,647,711