

# **QUARTERLY PROGRESS SUMMARY: July – September 2016**

### High Performance Mānuka Plantations PGP Programme

### Summary of progress during this quarter

- Roll out of apiary management plans for each trial site in preparation for the upcoming honey season.
- Assessments of survival and growth of mānuka plantations is underway.

### Key highlights and achievements

 A full Functional Description of the predictive model for plantation mānuka has been completed. This describes the modelling approach and the data inputs and outputs for the predictive model.

## **Upcoming**

- An expert review of the modelling approach used in the predictive tool for plantation manuka.
- Continued assessment of growth and plant survival and nectar and honey collection of the trial mānuka plantations. The oldest trial sites are entering their fifth and sixth years.

#### **Communications & Tech transfer**

- Manuka Farming NZ had a stand at the National Māori Mānuka Conference 2016 on the 4th and 5th of August. Many discussions were had with bee keepers and landowners covering the PGP programme findings and the opportunity of plantation mānuka and how it may or may not work at specific sites.
- Attend and exhibit at the MPI PGP Expo and Annual Conference on 1st November 2016.

#### Investment

Investment period	Industry contribution	MPI contribution	Total investment
During this Quarter	\$53,808	\$0.00	\$53,808
Programme to Date	\$1,218,910	\$896,978	\$2,115,888