

[View Online](#)

[Home](#) | [About Us](#) | [Membership](#) | [Events](#) | [Growers](#) | [Services](#) | [News](#) | [Contact](#)

Wednesday, 26th March 2014

## The latest industry news at your fingertips

'Guacamole' is the Australian avocado industry's email newsletter delivering the latest news of relevance to the Australian avocado industry.

Make sure you check out:

[Tamborine Northern Rivers Qualicado Workshop - 3 April!](#)

[Sunshine Coast Qualicado Workshop a Success](#)

[HAL Review - Submissions now Online!](#)

[Supply Chain Directory - Lists our industry online](#)

[TAFE Students in Brisbane get Hands-on with Avocados](#)

[Permit 14597 - Chemical control of Ectropis Looper on Avocado](#)

[Best Practice Resource Users - Redshouldered leaf beetle](#)

[Dry Matter Results & Retail Prices](#)

[Colombia: Avocados affected by disease](#)

[Barnaby Joyce targets red tape](#)

[Less volume, good quality expected this year](#)

[California Avocado Commission launches consumer blog](#)

## Grower Update



### Tamborine Northern Rivers Qualicado Workshop - 3 April!

The **Tamborine Northern Rivers Qualicado Workshop** is coming to the Tamborine Northern Rivers growing region on **Thursday 3 April 2014**. All growers in the area are invited to attend this free and informative event aimed at covering a range of topics to assist growers with fruit quality and productivity as part of Avocados Australia's Qualicado program. This free event will take place at **702 Green Pigeon Road, Kyogle NSW** as Jon and Chris Culross have kindly offered to be our hosts for the day.

[Click here](#) to view the program.

RSVP now by calling **Nathan Symonds** on **07 3846 6566** or email [supplychain@avocado.org.au](mailto:supplychain@avocado.org.au).

### Sunshine Coast Qualicado Workshop a Success

A strong turn out of growers, packers and other members of the avocado industry from the Sunshine Coast attended the Sunshine Coast Qualicado Workshop last Thursday.

Researchers and Avocados Australia's John Tyas and Nathan Symonds provided presentations for

the first half of the day at Birdwood Nursery and this was followed by an orchard visit to Jahade Farms at Glass House Mountains.

During the event Henry Kwaczynski was presented with Avocados Australia Life Membership in honour of his significant and lengthy contribution to the avocado industry. This award is well deserved and more information about this recognition will appear in the Autumn issue of Talking Avocados magazine.

Avocados Australia would like to thank Peter Young and Denis Roe at Birdwood Nursery and Norm and Ann Pringle from Jahade Farms for hosting this event.

### **Supply Chain Directory - Lists your business online**

Avocados Australia provides a free supply chain directory on our website. You can find this feature by going to the [Avocados Australia website](#) and clicking on "SUPPLY CHAIN DIRECTORY" located top right on the top menu bar. The Supply chain directory provides us with a great way for listing businesses active in the industry and for directing enquiries.

To be listed just [click here](#) and fill in the online form.

When we get enquiries for industry contacts (e.g: someone seeking to import Australian avocados, someone seeking processed product, someone seeking a particular service or product etc.) we can then direct these people to this page.

### **HAL Review - Submissions now Online!**

The Horticulture Australia (HAL) Independent Review is now at the stage where all of the submissions by stakeholders have been made and these can be viewed online by [clicking here](#). In all 47 submissions were made by a range of stakeholders.

Avocados Australia's detailed submission (#45) can be accessed directly by [clicking here](#).

As you know the Review involves an examination of HAL's service delivery and operational model, as well as the efficiency of levy arrangements. Apparently the consultants are in the process of considering this input and will provide their final report to the Minister the Honourable Barnaby Joyce and the HAL Board on **3 May 2014**. It is expected that in late May Avocados Australia, along with other HAL members, will then be considering the review's findings and recommendations.

Any questions about the HAL Review project can be directed to Alex Gash at **ACIL Allen Consulting** call (02) 6103 8203 or email [a.gash@acilallen.com.au](mailto:a.gash@acilallen.com.au).

A detailed article about the HAL Review will appear in the next issue of Talking Avocados magazine.

### **Permit 14597 - Chemical control of Ectropis Looper on Avocado**

A new permit has been issued for Methomyl (Lannate L) for the treatment of Ectopis looper in avocado (NSW and QLD only). Permit number 14597, held by Avocados Australia, is current for five years. Please [click here](#) to view the permit directly.

Permit 14597 will be in force from the **1 April 2014** until **31 March 2019**. Please note that the current permit (PER11284) expires on **31 March 2014**.

### **Register now to attend IHC2014!**



The 29th International Horticultural Congress (IHC2014) will be taking place in Brisbane from the 17th to the 22nd of August at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Register to attend now by going online to: <http://www.ihc2014.org/registration.html>.

Full details of this event are available at [www.ihc2014.org](http://www.ihc2014.org), where you can also register your interest (at no charge) in order to receive newsletters and updates about this event.

### **Dry Matter Results & Retail Prices**

The latest Dry Matter results and Retail Prices have been uploaded to the Avocados Australia website. You can regularly access this information by going to the Avocados Australia website (<http://industry.avocado.org.au>). Glide your cursor over the maroon menu bar to "Services". Once there drag your mouse down the list or for quick access click on these links: "[Maturity Monitoring](#)" and "[Retail Pricing](#)".

### **Online Report Centre - latest uploads!**

Avocado levy payers and Avocados Australia members that have access to the **Online Report Centre** (located on the Avocados Australia website) can view and open electronic copies of Avocado-related Research & Development reports, Annual Reports, Market Data, Member notices and other useful documents. To view the latest uploads, and all of the above documents, [click here](#) to access the Online Report Centre and then enter your username and password to log in. If you require assistance in accessing the Online Report Centre please email [co@avocado.org.au](mailto:co@avocado.org.au) or call 1300 303 971.

### **DATE CLAIMERS!**

#### **Qualicado Events for Growers and Packers:**

Tamborine/Northern Rivers - Thursday 3 April 2014  
 South Queensland - Thursday 8 May 2014  
 Central New South Wales - Wednesday 11 June 2014  
 Western Australia - Thursday 24 July 2014

#### **Qualicado Events for Wholesalers, Ripeners & Transporters:**

Adelaide Qualicado Workshop - Thursday 22 May 2014  
 Perth Qualicado Workshop - Wednesday 23 July 2014

### **Industry News**

#### **Colombia: Avocados in Montes de María affected by disease**

The Colombian Agricultural Institute announced the results of the avocado census conducted on 2,169 plots of land in Montes de María, with the goal of identifying the extent to which the crop has been affected by avocado root rot. Read more by [clicking here](#).

#### **Barnaby Joyce targets red tape**

Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce, recently introduced legislation to reduce red tape associated with the use of veterinary chemicals. Read more by [clicking here](#).

### Less volume, good quality expected this year

Apparently this year's California avocado crop should be down significantly from last year, but still there should be plenty of the fruit to go around. [Click here](#) to read more

### California Avocado Commission launches consumer blog

The California Avocado Commission recently introduced the latest in its communication efforts designed to encourage demand and increase awareness of California avocados: The Scoop blog. Read more by [clicking here](#).

Can't wait for Guacamole? You can read all the latest [Avocado News](#) and industry-related [National & International News](#) on the Avocados Australia industry website.

## Qualicado Program Sponsor:

National Sponsor:

**Planting Avocado Trees?**

Birdwood Nursery is a specialist fruit tree nursery supplying the highest quality fruit trees to commercial growers and retail nurseries throughout Australia.

- We are BioSecure HACCP and ANVAS certified to provide the healthiest trees possible.
- Phytophthora-tolerant clonal rootstocks available to order.
- Enquire about the latest Hass-like cultivars Maluma, Carmen and Gem.

For more information contact [info@birdwoodnursery.com.au](mailto:info@birdwoodnursery.com.au)

[www.birdwoodnursery.com.au](http://www.birdwoodnursery.com.au) BIRDWOOD NURSERY Ph 07 5442 1611 Est. 1978

Qualicado National Sponsor

2012 Winner of the Year WINNER

2012 Quality Standard Australia

ANPFA

BIRDWOOD

This email was sent by Avocados Australia, Level 1 / 8/63 Annerley Rd, Woolloongabba, Australia 4102 to [co@avocado.org.au](mailto:co@avocado.org.au)

[Unsubscribe](#)

