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## The latest industry news at your fingertips

'Guacamole' is the Australian avocado industry's fortnightly email newsletter. It is intended to be a topical and industry specific newsletter.

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## Grower Update



### Winners of the free iPads announced!

Avocados Australia last week announced that **Peter and Vicky Jones of Irymple Victoria** and **Kim and Claire Skoss of Manjimup Western Australia** have each won a brand new iPad! During the last few months Avocados Australia has been running a competition where two free iPads are up for grabs as a reward for growers taking the time to return their 2012 **OrchardInfo** forms to us by the end of September. Everyone who did so went into the draw. Congratulations to the lucky winners and thank you to everyone who returned their data to us by the deadline! If you have any questions regarding the form or this system please don't hesitate to contact Julie Petty on 07 3846 6566 or [infocado@avocado.org.au](mailto:infocado@avocado.org.au).

### Tristate Qualicado Workshop - 14th Nov!

The **Tristate Qualicado Workshop** will take place on **Thursday the 14th of November** at **Bonyaricall Vineyards, 55 O'Connor Lane Robinvale**. All avocado growers and packers in the

area are invited to attend. The program includes information on how to achieve maximum shelf life, understanding tree growth cycles and canopy management and of course an opportunity to learn more about the Qualicado program. Weather permitting several different sprayers will be demonstrated with some analysis provided on their accuracy. [Click here](#) for more information.

Growers who attend the Tristate Qualicado Workshop will also have the opportunity to undertake a short self-assessment of their on-farm practices. The self-assessment is designed to be a useful aid to monitor practices and identify areas for improvement. The survey results are confidential and used to help identify information gaps which can then be actioned. To view the self-assessment please [click here](#). For more information about Qualicado please [click here](#). If you are interested in attending the Tristate Qualicado Workshop please **RSVP to Julie Petty** on 07 3846 6566 or email [supplychain@avocado.org.au](mailto:supplychain@avocado.org.au) before **Friday 8 November**.

### Infocado - October Quarterly Report

The next Infocado Quarterly Report is due to be published this month. All packhouses have already been emailed their seasonal forecast forms and these are due back to Avocados Australia ASAP. Thank you to all the packhouses who have already returned this information to us. The new forecast information will be used in generating the Infocado October Quarterly Report. Should you have any questions please contact Julie Petty on 07 3846 6566 or [supplychain@avocado.org.au](mailto:supplychain@avocado.org.au).

### Business Supports Qualicado Program

Avocados Australia is pleased to announce that **Birdwood Nursery** is a national sponsor of the **Qualicado Program**. The nursery specialises in the production of avocado and other subtropical fruit trees, supplying wholesale quantities of the highest quality to commercial growers and retail nurseries throughout Australia. They are accredited to the highest level within Australia for a plant Nursery, including NIASA Best Management Practices (BMP), ECOHORT, BioSecure HACCP, and Avocado Nursery Voluntary Accreditation Scheme (ANVAS) Accreditation. The nursery has received a number of awards in recognition of its performance, including: Queensland Large Production Nursery of the Year 2010, 2011 and 2012, Biosecurity Farmer of the Year for 2011, and Australian Large Production Nursery of the year 2012/13. We are pleased to have Birdwood Nursery on board supporting the Qualicado Program.

For more information about Birdwood Nursery please click here: [www.birdwoodnursery.com.au](http://www.birdwoodnursery.com.au).

### WHSQ's Safe Work Month 2013 Information Sessions

Hear from inspectors and advisors about how you can improve your health and safety systems, injury prevention and return to work practices. WHSQ will be holding information sessions in 29 locations throughout the state as part of Safe Work Month. These sessions are a must for anyone responsible for workplace safety in their organisation.

Each session will include:

- an overview of safety priorities unique to the region
- a description of what inspectors look for during a workplace visit
- advice about how to prevent injuries and how to establish good return to work practices
- case studies on local industries
- information on the benefits of joining local safety networks and the Zero Harm at Work Leadership Program

To view further information and to register [click here](#). Register now as places are limited.

## Industry Update

### Hurry to take advantage of a FREE Online Training Offer

Horticulture Australia Ltd is offering free online training courses as part of the Horticulture - the Next Generation Leadership Program. The courses come from the international consultancy group Mindshop. There are eight courses on topics including business improvement, marketing

and sales, personal improvement and leadership.

Those wanting to take up the offer have until October 31 to register. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Melbourne Qualicado Workshop targets Wholesalers, Ripeners & Transporters**

Wholesalers, ripeners and transporters will be able to learn more about how avocado bruising occurs in the supply chain and find out ways to get the most shelf life from ripening practices at Avocados Australia's "**Melbourne Qualicado Workshop**". The half day workshop will be held on **Wednesday 13 November** with a free breakfast starting at 9am. The workshop is one of a series of events designed to roll-out the new Qualicado program and this workshop is tailored to meet the needs of the wholesaling sector. The workshop will be held at the Melbourne Wholesale Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Market Conference Centre, 542 Footscray Road, West Melbourne VIC 3003 (adjacent to gate 1 entrance off Footscray Road). More information about the day will be provided in the coming weeks. For more information about Qualicado please [click here](#) or contact Julie Petty on 07 3846 6566 or [supplychain@avocado.org.au](mailto:supplychain@avocado.org.au). If you are interested please RSVP to Julie **before Friday 8 November**.

### **Online Report Centre - View the 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, marketing reports, Member notices and other useful documents. A number of documents have recently been uploaded to this site so you might like to pay the Online Report Centre a visit. 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.

### **Front Cover Photo competition - We have a Winner!**

Janelle and Alan Lendrum from Fishermans Reach New South Wales are the winners of the **Front Cover Photo competition for Talking Avocados Magazine**. Their photo of a bee mid-flight pollinating avocado flowers will appear on the front cover of the Spring edition of Talking Avocados magazine. A profile about the winning photographers will also appear inside the magazine. Selecting a winner for the Talking Avocados Front Cover Photo competition was exceptionally hard. All 15 entries were of a high calibre so we thank everyone who took part and sent in an entry.

## **Industry News**

### **Lower Mexican supply makes room for NZ avocados in Asia**

New Zealand Avocado Exporters & Growers (AVOCO) has experienced a "buoyant" start to the export season in Asia, highlighting significantly improved prices in Japan where there has been less Mexican supply. Read more by [clicking here](#).

### **Peruvian avocado production to grow in 2014**

Peruvian avocado volume is set to grow 15.6% year-on-year to reach 336,100 metric tons (MT) in 2014, according to a forecast by Lima-based consultancy Maximixe. Read more by [clicking here](#).

### **Avocado boom on the cards for Sunraysia**

Sunraysia has the potential to replace New Zealand as a supplier of avocados over the summer months, according to Avocados Australia CEO John Tyas. 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.

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