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## Sunshine Coast Qualicado Workshop invite

Avocados Australia's 2016 series of Qualicado grower workshops will begin this year at the Sunshine Coast on Thursday, 28 April at Jocelyn and Neil Donovan's Bellthorpe farm.

According to Avocados Australia's CEO John Tyas, this year's program will cover a range of topics aimed at helping the industry to improve quality and productivity.

"Our Qualicado workshops represent a program of continuous improvement for avocado industry members," Mr Tyas said.

"Growers, packers, wholesalers, ripeners and transporters are encouraged to participate in this program because our goal is to improve fruit quality for Australian households."

All growers from all regions are welcome to attend sessions from the other regions as well as their own, if they are interested.

All dates have now been locked in ([click here](#) to view them) with the Sunshine Coast being the first event of the season.

The Sunshine Coast's Qualicado program and property directions can be viewed (printable version) from the Avocados Australia's website ([click here](#)).

### Sunshine Coast Qualicado Growers Workshop Program

- 08.30am Tea and coffee on arrival
- 09.00am Welcome by Robert Price, AAL Sunshine Coast Director
- 09.05am Program and Industry Update - John Tyas, Avocados Australia
- 09.50am Production Management: Phytophthora re-visited - Simon Newett, QDAF
- 10.20am Using the Best Practice Resource (BPR) - Jenny Margetts, Avocados Australia
- 10.30am Morning Tea (30mins)
- 11.00am Avocado Nutrition - Lisa Martin, Ripe Horticulture
- 11.40am Production Management: Pollination - Simon Newett, QDAF
- 12.10pm Export Development - John Tyas, Avocados Australia
- 12.20pm Update on organic inputs - Jason Vella, Organic Crop Protectants
- 12.30pm Lunch (45mins)
- 01.15pm South American Avocado Industry - Simon Newett, QDAF
- 01.45pm Industry Marketing Update - John Tyas, Avocados Australia
- 02.00pm Making your supply chain work - Noel Ainsworth, QDAF
- 02.35pm Wrap up of day - John Tyas, Avocados Australia

02.45pm Orchard Walk - with Lisa Martin, Simon Newett & Noel Ainsworth

03.30pm Wrap Up & Finish

*(Note: This program may be subject to change.)*

**Special Reminder:**

Please wear clean shoes when visiting the orchard to help us meet recommended orchard biosecurity measures. Don't forget a hat and please also advise us if you have any special dietary requirements.

Regards,  
John Tyas  
Avocados Australia CEO

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