

CENTRAL NSW AVOCADO GROWER STUDY GROUP MEETING

Stuarts Point Community Hall, Ocean Ave, Stuarts Point
Orchard walks at nearby orchards
Thursday 3 December 2015

PROGRAM

- 10:00am **MORNING TEA** at Stuarts Point Community Hall
- 10:30am Welcome & introductions – Simon Newett, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries, Nambour, Queensland
- 10:35am Industry update – Ian Tolson, Avocados Australia Ltd Director and local grower
- 10:45am Fruit retention and plant growth regulants – Simon Newett
- 11:05am The Small Tree High Productivity Initiative – Peter Rigden
- 11:20am A new perspective on insects that are pollinating avocados - recent results from studies in Victoria & South Australia – David Pattermore, NZ Plant & Food
- 11:50pm Mulch and nutrition – Simon Newett
- 12:10pm Industry information resources: Problem Solver, Phytophthora root rot poster, Best Practice Resource – Peter Rigden
- 12:20pm Set the topic, venue and date for next meeting
- 12:35pm **LUNCH**
- 1:20pm Avocado production in Peru and Chile – Simon Newett
- 2:05pm Complete evaluation form
- 2:15pm Overview by owners of farms to be visited on farm walks
- 2:25pm **ORCHARD WALKS**
- 3:15pm Depart

Please RSVP to Simon Newett at simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au with numbers for catering by **Tuesday 1 December** or leave message on **07 54 535 926**.

We look forward to seeing you there.

