

# AGENDA FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND AVOCADO STUDY GROUP MEETING

Thursday 21 April 2016

Simpson Farm's 178 Coach Rd orchard, Childers

## 10:00 am MORNING TEA

10:30 am Welcome & introductions – Simon Newett, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Nambour, Queensland

10:35 am Industry update – Lachlan Donovan, Avocados Australia Ltd director and local grower

10:50 am Results of monitoring flowering and pollination at four CQ properties in 2015 – Helen Hofman, DAF, Bundaberg

11:15 am The banana spotting bug pheromone trap: Use patterns and damage thresholds in avocados – Ian Newton, DAF, Mareeba

11:55 am Update on the Small Tree High Productivity Initiative – Peter Rigden, DAF, Nambour

12:05 pm Avocado orchards in Peru and Chile – Simon Newett, DAF, Nambour

12:50 pm Complete evaluation forms

## 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:45 pm Set the topic, venue and date for next meeting.

1:55 pm Overview of the orchard – Simon Grabbe, Simpson Farms

2:00 pm FARM WALK – Simon Grabbe, Simpson Farms

3:15 pm Depart

Morning tea and lunch will be provided but for catering purposes please **RSVP** by **Tuesday 19 April** with numbers attending to [simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au) or send a text with name and numbers attending to **0400 565 784** (or leave a message). Please let us know if you have special dietary requirements.

We look forward to seeing you there.



**PTO for directions**

## **Directions**

Address is 178 Coach Road Childers 4660

### *Directions from Childers*

Turn onto Goodwood Road

Follow this approximately 15km

Turn Left into Coach road

Follow till you see a big green shed on your right (approximately 2km)

### *Directions from Bundaberg*

Get on Goodwood Road

Travel towards Childers approximately 40km from the Ring Road

Turn Right into Coach Road

Follow till you see a big green shed on your right (approximately 2km)