

AGENDA FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA AVOCADO STUDY GROUP MEETING

Thursday 17 March 2016

Mitchell Ipsen's avocado orchard "Fonty's Pool Farm", 653 Seven Day Rd, Manjimup

- 10:00 am MORNING TEA**
- 10:30 am Welcome & introductions – Simon Newett, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Nambour, Queensland
- 10:35 am Industry update – Neil Shenton, Avocados Australia Ltd director and local grower
- 10:45 am Avocado flowering and fruitset in WA in 2015 – Simon Newett and Dudley Mitchell, HCMS
- 11:05 am IPM and six spotted mite in avocado – Lachlan Chilman, Biological Services
- 11:35 pm The 'Small Tree High Productivity Initiative' – Peter Rigden, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Nambour, Queensland
- 11:55 pm Industry information resources – Peter Rigden
- 12:05 pm Set the topic, venue and date for next meeting. Complete evaluation forms
- 12:25 pm LUNCH**
- 1:15 pm Avocado production in Peru and Chile, presentation from the visits in 2015 associated with the World Avocado Congress – Simon Newett
- 2:00 pm Overview of the orchard – Mitchell Ipsen
- 2:10 pm FARM WALK**
- 3:30 pm Depart

Please bring a chair. Morning tea and lunch will be provided but for catering purposes please **RSVP** by **Tuesday 15 March** with numbers attending to simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au or send a text with name and numbers attending to **0400 565 784** (or leave a message).

We look forward to seeing you there.



PTO for directions

Directions

On the southern side of Manjimup, more or less opposite the Manjimup aerodrome, turn west off the South Western Highway onto Seven Day Rd.

Drive 6.5 km and turn left (south) onto the sealed farm driveway.

Drive about 2 km to reach the large shed.

Please remember to bring a chair.