

## CENTRAL NSW AVOCADO STUDY GROUP WORKSHOP

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

Commencing at Stuarts Pt Community Hall, Marine Parade, Stuarts Point, New South Wales 2441

- 9:00 REGISTRATION**, tea and coffee
- 9:30 Welcome – Simon Newett, Queensland DAF, Nambour
- 9:35 **Avocado industry update** – Ian Tolson, local director, Avocados Australia Ltd
- 9:50 **Avocado disease control update** – Dr Liz Dann, UQ, Brisbane
- 10:40 **The avocado industry in New Zealand and the NZ R&D program** – Dr Marisa Till and Phillip West, NZ Avocado Growers' Association
- 11:00 **SMOKO**
- 11:30 **Remote sensing in avocados** – Assoc Professor Andrew Robson, Precision Agriculture Research Group, University of New England, Armidale
- 12:00 **Update of Small Tree High Productivity Initiative including 2<sup>nd</sup> year's yields** – Peter Rigden, Queensland DAF, Nambour
- 12:30 **LUNCH**
- 1:15 Complete evaluation forms
- 1:25 **Overview of orchards** – Roger Cottrell and Malcolm Heather
- 1:45 FIELD WALKS** – lead by Roger Cottrell and Malcolm Heather
- 3:00 DEPART**

Morning tea and lunch will be provided but for catering purposes please **RSVP** by **Monday 30 October** with names and numbers attending to **Simon Newett** at [simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au) or send a text with name and numbers attending to **0400 56 57 84** (or leave a message). Please let us know if you have special dietary requirements. We look forward to seeing you there!



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