

## INVITATION FOR NNSW/TAMBORINE STUDY GROUP MEETING

Thursday 18 May 2017,

Morning: Hudson Conference Room, Wollongbar Primary Industries Institute, 1243 Bruxner Highway Wollongbar (just west of Wollongbar town)

Afternoon: Centre for Tropical Horticulture, Alstonville

### 10:00 am MORNING TEA

10:30 am Welcome & introductions – Simon Newett, DAF, Nambour, Queensland

10:35 am Industry update – Tom Silver, Avocados Australia Ltd director and local grower

10:50 am Avocado insect pest management including latest developments with fruitspotting bug – Craig Maddox and Ruth Huwer, NSW DPI

11:30 am The ‘Small Tree High Productivity Initiative’ including the planting systems trial - background and results to date – Peter Rigden, DAF

12:00 pm The ‘Small Tree High Productivity Initiative’ – new information on avocado orchard light interception - John Wilkie, DAF

12:20 pm Principles of canopy management –Simon Newett, DAF

12:45 pm The “Great Canopy Management Debate” – discussion by all

### 1:10 pm LUNCH

1:50 pm The new YouTube video “How to plant an avocado tree”

1:55 pm The new “Best Practice Resource”

2:00 pm Complete evaluation forms

2:10 pm Explanation of the trap hedge monitoring system - Craig and Ruth

2:20 pm Travel to Alstonville Centre for Tropical Horticulture

### 2:35 pm FARM WALK – inspect spottingbug monitoring options including trap hedges and lures

3:15 pm Depart

Morning tea and lunch will be provided but for catering purposes please **RSVP by Tuesday 16 May** with names and numbers attending and any special dietary requirements to [simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au) or text 0400 56 57 84

We look forward to seeing you there.

