

# AGENDA FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA AVOCADO STUDY GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 20 June 2017

Lisa Roche's orchard, 139 Roche Rd, Eastbrook/Pemberton

- 9:30 am REGISTRATION Tea/coffee available**
- 9:45 am Welcome & introductions – Simon Newett, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Nambour, Queensland
- 9:50 am Update on avocado industry issues – Dudley Mitchell/Neil Shenton, AAL directors WA
- 10:05 am The latest information on disease management – Dr Liz Dann, UQ, Brisbane
- 10:45 am MORNING TEA**
- 11:15 am Black root rot – Louisa Parkinson, UQ, Brisbane
- 11:35 am Ambrosia/pinhole borer beetles – are they a threat? – Kaila Ridgway, DAF, Mareeba
- 11:55 am Observations during the 2016 flowering season in Western Australia – Simon Newett, DAF Qld & Dudley Mitchell, HCMS
- 12:15 am Different nutrient levels for WA conditions - Dudley Mitchell, HCMS
- 12:35 am Recent developments in canopy management techniques in the Bundaberg/Childers region – Chris Searle, Stahmann Farms, presented by Simon Newett
- 12:55 pm LUNCH**
- 1:40 pm New YouTube video “How to plant an avocado tree”
- 1:45 pm The potential of UAVs (drones) in avocado orchards – Jon Smith, Stratus Imaging
- 2:00 pm Complete evaluation forms & receive handout about the orchard
- 2:15 pm FARM WALK with Lisa Roche**
- 3:15 pm Depart

Morning tea and lunch will be provided but for catering purposes please **RSVP by 9 am Friday 16 June** stating **“Pemberton field day: with all names and numbers”** attending to [simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au) or via text or message on **0400 565 784**. Also please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.



## DIRECTIONS

From Manjimup, drive 14 km southwards along the South Western Highway, turn right (SW) onto the Vasse Highway towards Pemberton, drive 5.4 km then turn right into Eastbrook Rd, drive 4 km then turn left onto North Pemberton Rd, drive a further 1 km and then turn right into Roche Rd, drive through the orchard to the large shed.