

AGENDA FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AVOCADO STUDY GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Starting at the Costa Exchange Training Room, 260 Chowilla St, Renmark then later at Nick Hobbs' Chinoola orchard, Chino St, Renmark

10:00 am MORNING TEA

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

10:35 am Industry update (to be confirmed) – Kym Thiel, Director, Avocados Australia Ltd

10:45 am Managing frosts on avocado orchards – Lisa Martin, Ripe Horticulture

11:15 am 10 mins discussion on frost management – all

11:25 am Outline of the new project: “Maximising yield and reducing seasonal variation in avocado” – Dr Harley Smith, CSIRO, Adelaide

12:00 pm Managing heat waves on avocado orchards – Lisa Martin, Ripe Horticulture

12:30 am 10 mins discussion on managing during heat waves – all

12:40 pm LUNCH

1:25 pm New video “How to plant an avocado tree”

1:30 pm Management of Phytophthora root rot – Simon Newett, Queensland Department of Agriculture & Fisheries

2:00 pm Complete evaluation forms and discuss the next avocado extension project

2:15 pm Background to the orchard walk – Nick Hobbs

2:25 pm FARM WALK led by Nick Hobbs – focus on management of heat and cold

3:30 pm Finish

Morning tea and lunch will be provided but for catering purposes please **RSVP** by **9am Monday 24 July** with names attending to simon.newett@daf.qld.gov.au or send a text with names 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.

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