



Avocados Australia
2018 Regional Meeting Series
Childers, Queensland

Thursday, 7 June

Don's Fort Packing, 9 Kevin Livingston Drive, Isis Central

This meeting is your chance to hear the latest industry updates, developments with avocado imports and exports, supply chain quality improvements and to receive a free copy of the new best practice guide.

9:15am Tea and coffee available

9:30am **Industry update** – Avocados Australia, John Tyas

- Industry status – How good! But for how long?
- What's new in avocado marketing, R&D and extension?
- Avocados Australia's on-line resources
- How useful is our industry data?
- Tell us what you want

10:15am **New Best Practice guide** – Applied Horticultural Research, Jenny Ekman

- How harvest practices (can) reduce quality
- Getting the best from fungicides and sanitisers
- To pre-cool or not to pre-cool
- Avoiding damage on packing-lines
- Post-harvest cooling and the mysterious 'tree factor'
- Transport temperatures – are you getting the cold you paid for?
- What the wholesaler did next – ripening and distribution

11:15am **Improving retail quality management** – Applied Horticultural Research, Adam Goldwater

- How new merchandising formats reduce bruising
- New training resources available for retailers

11:30am Morning tea

11:45am **Supply chain quality improvements** – University of Queensland, Daryl Joyce

- Technologies and practices to reduce bruising

12:15pm **Imports and exports** – Avocados Australia, John Tyas

- What would Mexican avocado imports mean for Australia?
- Update on Chile and Peru avocado import applications
- Our export strategy
- New market access for Australian avocados to Japan
- Update on market access to Thailand
- New avocado export resources and in-market training

12:45pm **Industrial relations** – WHSQ, Mick Russell & Ros Rees

- Labour Hire Licensing legislation and new compliance unit
- Legislative changes coming in on 1 July
- Current WHSQ project and programs of work
- Safety leadership and culture

1:15pm Please fill out the feedback forms

Lunch provided (barbecue)

RSVP

Please RSVP to Amanda on admin2@avocado.org.au or 07 3846 6566 by **28 May** 2018. Please specify which meeting/s you are attending and if you have any dietary requirements, and provide your mobile number for updates.