



**Avocados Australia**  
**2018 Regional Meeting Series**  
**Mareeba, Queensland**  
**Thursday, 31 May**  
**Mareeba RSL Club, 88 Byrnes Street**

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.

- 2:15pm      Tea and coffee available
- 2:30pm      **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
- 3:15pm      **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
- 4:30pm      **Coffee & tea break (dinner provided at 6pm)**  
**Improving retail quality management** – Applied Horticultural Research, Adam Goldwater
- How new merchandising formats reduce bruising
  - New training resources available for retailers
- 4:45pm      **Supply chain quality improvements** – Queensland DAF, Geoff Dickinson
- Technologies and practices to reduce bruising
- 5:15pm      **Imports and exports** – Avocados Australia CEO 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
- 5:45pm      **Industrial relations** – WHSQ
- Labour Hire Licensing legislation and new compliance unit
  - Current WHSQ project and programs of work
- 6pm          Please fill out the feedback forms

**Dinner provided (barbecue)**

**RSVP** Please RSVP to Amanda on [admin2@avocado.org.au](mailto:admin2@avocado.org.au) or 07 3846 6566 by **22 May 2018**. Please specify which meeting/s you are attending and if you have any dietary requirements, and provide your mobile number for updates.