



Avocados Australia
2018 Regional Meeting Series
Stuarts Point, NSW

Tuesday, 5 June
Stuarts Point Community Hall, Ocean Avenue

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.

9:45am Morning tea and coffee available

10:15am **Industry update** – Avocados Australia CEO 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

11am **New Best Practice guide** – Applied Horticultural Research, Adam Goldwater

- 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

12pm **Coffee break (lunch provided at 1.30pm)**

12:15pm **Improving retail quality management** – Applied Horticultural Research, Adam Harber

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

12:30pm **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

1.15pm **Safe harvesting** – SafeWork NSW Principal Inspector Rod Allan

- Safe harvesting work with mobile EWPs

1.30pm Please fill out the feedback forms

Lunch provided

RSVP

Please RSVP to Amanda on admin2@avocado.org.au or 07 3846 6566 by **25 May 2018**. Please specify which meeting/s you are attending and if you have any dietary requirements and provide your mobile number for updates.