



Avocados Australia
2018 Regional Meeting Series
Sunshine Coast, Queensland
Wednesday, 2 May
Sunfresh, 43 Link Crescent, Coolum Beach

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.

1:45pm Tea and coffee available

1:55pm **Welcome** – Sunfresh Chair Tom French

2pm **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

2:45pm **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

3:45pm **Improving retail quality management** – Applied Horticultural Research, Jenny Ekman

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

4pm Coffee break

4:15pm **Supply chain quality improvements** – University of Queensland, Melinda Perkins

- Technologies and practices to reduce bruising

4:45pm **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

5:15pm **Industrial relations** – WHSQ, Dean Matthews

- 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

5:45pm Please fill out the feedback forms

Dinner provided (barbecue)

RSVP

Please RSVP to Amanda on admin2@avocado.org.au or 07 3846 6566 by **23 April 2018**. Please specify which meeting/s you are attending and if you have any dietary requirements, and provide your mobile number for updates.

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