

# Avocado Regional Forum

## South Queensland Regional Forum

Tuesday, 11 February 2020

**Presentations:** Blackbutt Community Hall - Bowman Rd, Blackbutt (near showgrounds)

**Orchard walk:** Andy & Judy Veal - Touchwood Farming, 1671 Cooyar/Mt Binga Rd, Mt Binga (directions next page)

| Time                     | Item  | Presenter   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| <b>8:45am - 9:15am</b>   | <b>Registration</b>                                   | <b>Tea &amp; Coffee Available</b>                                       |
| 9:15am - 10:00am         | Industry Update                                       | <b>John Tyas</b> - Avocados Australia (AAL)                             |
| 10:00am - 10:30am        | <b>Drought relief assistance available to growers</b> | <b>Stephanie Denman</b> - Senior Agribusiness Development Officer - DAF |
| <b>10:30am - 11:00am</b> | <b>Morning Tea</b>                                    |   |
| 11:00am - 11:30am        | The science behind soils and nutrition                | <b>David Hall</b> - David Hall Consulting                               |
| 11:30am - 11:50am        | Managing avocados in dry times                        | <b>Simon Newett</b> - Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF)       |
| 11:50am - 12:10pm        | Dry orchard management strategies                     | <b>Grower Experiences</b>   |
| 12:10pm - 12:20pm        | New fruit quality project - AV18000                   | <b>Noel Ainsworth</b> - Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF)     |
| <b>12:20pm - 1:20pm</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>  |   |
| 1:20pm - 1:30pm          | Orchard Overview & Forum Review                       | Andy & Judy Veal - Touchwood Farming                                    |
| 2:00pm - 3:00pm          | Orchard Walk  | Andy & Judy Veal - Touchwood Farming                                    |
| <b>End</b>               |   |   |



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## Directions to orchard walk site

*Andy & Judy Veal - Touchwood Farming*

**1671 Cooyar/Mt Binga Rd, Mt Binga**

**(it is approx. 22km from hall to orchard)**

- Drive into Blackbutt from Brisbane down the main street – Coulson St heading to Kingaroy
- Passed the servo – turn left at Radnor Hotel on the corner heading towards Crows Nest
- This is the Crows Nest/Mt Binga Rd
- Keep going past Googa Camp, through forestry – road keeps changing from dirt to bitumen
- Go passed the Touchwood sign and Wodonga Park sign on your right
- About 500m after Wodonga the road bears left to Crows Nest or right to Cooyar and Mt Binga Camp. Bear right and hard right towards Cooyar - go passed the sign for Jimara on your right
- Touchwood is the next entrance on the right (1671 Cooyar/Mt Binga Rd) at the top of the rise – there will be a sign
- As you come in the gate , please park near the water tanks on the left



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