



Avocado Soil Health

Wednesday November 25

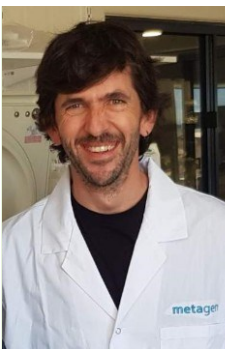
Presentations: Conducted via **ZOOM** - the link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to you via email following your RSVP to Amanda Madden - email admin2@avocado.org.au

Note: Starting times will be as follows: QLD - 1pm, SA - 1:30pm, NSW & VIC - 2pm, WA - 11am.

RSVP Date: Friday November 20

Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter
1:00pm - 1:05pm	Introduction	Simon Newett - Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF)
1:05pm - 1:50pm	<i>Exploring soil microbiology in avocado production</i>	<i>Dr Neil Wilson - Metagen Australia</i>
1:50pm - 2:10pm	Improved orchard mapping and yield forecasting	Andrew Robson, Craig Shephard & Joel McKechnie - University of New England (UNE)
2:10pm - 2:15pm	Conclusion & Feedback	Simon Newett - Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF)
End		



Guest speaker **Dr Neil Wilson** from Metagen Australia will explore what soil microbiology is, what function soil microbiology plays in the avocado rootzone and how we can support soil microbiology in avocado orchards to maximise production and fruit quality.

Neil is a microbial ecologist with more than 15 years research experience. He has worked in a range of fields including medical, environmental, and agricultural microbiology. After many years working as a university-based researcher, he took on the role of Director of Research at Metagen with the aim of working more closely with farmers, developing new products and services for the sustainable agriculture sector.



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