



## Groups

### Pistachio Information and Technology Groups.

#### **Pistachio Orchard Walk and Presentations July 2015**

The July 2015 round of PIT groups meetings on grower properties held in cold, blustery conditions had 28 growers braving the conditions to attend the two meetings – the first at Jay Ruediger's property at Renmark on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and the combined Sunraysia/Swan Hill meeting at the Binjara Nursery at Euston courtesy of the owner Justin Turner, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. I thank all the growers who took the time to attend these presentations and orchard walks, particularly considering the weather! I also sincerely thank hosts' Jay Ruediger and Justin Turner for allowing the use of their properties for the meetings.



**Dr Prue McMichael discussing fungicides and options with growers at the Renmark meeting.**

We had an excellent list of speakers and topics covered which included: Pistachio chill factors covered with great insight by Chris Joyce, BUDMON (bud monitoring) and ONFIT (overnight freezing incubation technique) for fungal and bacterial diseases delivered by Barbara Hall from the South Australian Research & Development Institute and Fungicides and options was addressed by Dr Prue McMichael from Scholefield Robinson. Trevor Ranford added information and sought input from growers on current fungicide uses and future needs of the industry. I sincerely thank the speakers for the great input they contributed to the meetings.



**Binjara Nursery owner Justin Turner discussing grower requirement with regard to pistachio grafts.**

The sausage sizzle provided at both venues proved popular again and will be continued for the November round of PIT Group meetings – perhaps with some lamb chops for Andrew Hobbs!

The next round of PITgroup meetings will be held during the first week of November. The first will be on Bob Hodgson's property in Renmark and the combined Sunraysia/Swan Hill meeting at Kyalite Pistachios' Rivernook property. We are still finalizing the topics to be covered and will forward details as soon as we have them. I look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget the Pistachio Growers AGM will be held in Robinvale on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September.

Please spread the word regarding the November meetings and give my contact details to anyone who is not receiving these emails.

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