



Groups

Pistachio Information and Technology Groups.

Pistachio Orchard Walk and Presentations May 2015

The May 2015 round of PIT groups meetings on grower properties was a definite success with 40 growers attending the three meetings - one at Martin Simpfendorfer's property at Renmark on Wednesday 13th May, the next at Rodney Hand's property at Colignan on Thursday 14th May and the last at Colin and Lois Caelli's property at Vinifera on Friday 15th of May. I thank all the growers who took the time to attend these presentations and orchard walks.



Topics covered included Grower return sheets and yields for the 2014/5 season, delivered by Trevor Ranford and winter pruning and sanitation delivered by Dr. Jianlu Zhang. There was an orchard walk at each venue which proved very popular with those who attended and a very interesting pruning demonstration provided by Chris Rayner from Kyalite Pistachios on the Caelli's property.



The sausage sizzle provided at each venue proved very popular and will be continued for the July round of PIT Group meetings.

The July 2015 round of PITgroup meetings will be held on Monday July 13th for the Riverland at Jay Ruediger's property, Tuesday 14th of July in Sunraysia (venue to be announced) and Wednesday 15th of July for the Swan Hill district , again at a venue TBA. Topics will include chill factors, Budmon as well as fungicides and the options.

There was discussion as to whether to combine the Sunraysia and Swan Hill meetings into one central (Robinvale) meeting and to that end I will be contacting local growers to discuss this more and seek venues for the meeting(s).

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

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