

Moving forward, looking back

Looking back at the Focus Grove project to see what the results are from the actions we took at Leafyridge Olives. What worked? What didn't work?

What did we learn?

Initial concept was to walk
around the grove and observe

Structured approach rather than
ad hoc – doing what we thought
(hoped) was right.

What did we do before?

What did the grove look like?

Bi-ennial bearing

Started in 2016

Our trees were between 15 and 17 years old





Tree health and pruning

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Spray penetration and tree density

Tree height and width

Machine efficiency





When to begin the whole
regenerative pruning regime



Eliminated bi-ennial bearing

How to deal with new
growth





Key learning was that there was more to growing olives successfully than we thought.

Facilitated getting expert advice
and support from sponsors

Fostered a network of growers
keen to learn and improve
productivity

You never stop learning

And remember.....

Next year will be better