



## **SRA eNewsletter 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

### **Video puts agricultural careers in the frame**

A new video developed for Queensland high school students is showcasing the many and varied career opportunities in Queensland agriculture.

The 'Your Future in Agriculture' video highlights some of the current, emerging and ever-evolving roles that support agriculture. Speakers in the video include SRA Principal Researcher, Disease Management, Dr Nicole Thompson.

### **Get clicking and win with 'Sugar Snaps'**

Budding sugarcane industry photographers are invited to share their best pictures as part of a new competition showcasing the beauty of the Australian sugarcane industry.

Both amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to submit their sugarcane industry photographs to the 'Sugar Snaps' competition, where they will have the chance to win prizes and see their work published in a 2020 shed calendar.

### **'Next Crop' program off and running to develop industry leadership**

A diverse range of sugarcane growers from across the industry are now taking part in the Next Crop program to hone their leadership skills and potential.

Next Crop is a new investment by SRA in industry leadership and capability, and it is spanning across several months in 2019, with participants undertaking a range of leadership and development activities.

The need for this program was identified during industry consultation for SRA's five-year strategic plan.

"The future of our industry relies on ensuring we continue to develop and encourage new leaders to participate, collaborate, and have their voices heard. Next Crop is increasing the pool of people who can contribute to our industry through leadership roles in industry representative bodies, productivity service boards, NRM groups, local government, and SRA," SRA CEO Mr Neil Fisher said. This year's participants are Aaron Moore (Atherton Tableland), Tony Bartolo (Mackay), Chris Lyne (Burdekin), Ben Spann (Rocky Point), Kevin Stevens (Brisbane), Michael Giudice (Mossman), Leyton Peterson (Hervey Bay), Rhonda Pirrone (Burdekin) and Michael Cavallaro (Bundaberg).

Burdekin grower Chris Lyne said he looked forward to taking part in the program.

"The future of the sugar industry depends on strong leadership at a range of levels, and this program is an opportunity to develop these critical skills," Mr Lyne said. "It is a chance to learn with other growers from across the industry and bring our new skills back to our respective regions."

To learn more, visit [www.nextcropleaders.com](http://www.nextcropleaders.com)

### **Step into the field with RP161 in the Burdekin**

A series of videos have been developed highlighting the great work of the RP161 project in the Burdekin. You can see the videos at the Queensland Government's Great Barrier Reef Facebook page.

### **New information sheet on alternative energy solutions**

Agricultural economists AgEcon, through a project funded by SRA and the Queensland Government Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, have completed a new information sheet on alternative energy solutions in cane. Through the project, they have looked at a range of irrigator case studies.

<https://sugarresearch.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/AgEconEnergyStudyFactSheet-1.pdf>

### **Events**

#### **Grower research updates**

We invite investors and stakeholders to join SRA researchers, technicians and adoption team staff to share the latest research developments.

You will have the opportunity to speak directly with the people conducting the research, as well as those who have implemented outcomes of research in their farming operations.

Coming research updates are:

[Proserpine: April 18, 2019](#)

[Burdekin: May 21, 2019](#)

#### **Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative**

Registrations are now open to attend the inaugural Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative ([PBRI](#)) research symposium. This two-day event will be held on 15 & 16 August, 2019 at 'The Edge', State Library, Brisbane. The event will showcase current plant biosecurity research supported by the PBRI member organisations and delivered by a large range of research teams in Australia. This includes research on pests, diseases and weeds affecting plant production systems and surrounding environments. Registrations are limited so please book early - [register here](#).