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WELCOME to the second edition of our quarterly newsletter. We are an independent, not for profit, community based company promoting sustainable management of land, water, plants and animals in the dry tropics of North Queensland.

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## 'Seeing-eyes' a fading Australian asset

AUSTRALIANS are proud of the natural assets in their local landscape. Many of us grew up with easy access to some sort of natural bushland - be it savannah grasslands, tropical

rainforest, or something in between.

Sadly, however, not many get to see the true nature of their local bushland because of the dwindling number of people with the knowledge to open others' eyes in that environment.

Mostly, they are Aboriginal Elders. They have a lot to share ... and it's not restricted to "bush tucker".

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## Reef Credits will soon be available

A REEF Credits scheme will soon be up and running in the Burdekin Dry Tropics region, with the potential to bring in additional funding for water quality improvement works.

Read CEO Scott Crawford's update on the latest developments in this space, as well as news on a proposed merger between NQ Dry Tropics and Southern Gulf NRM.

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## Edu-tourism: a sign of things to come?

EDU-TOURISM may be more significant to NRM groups than just being a new fad.

NQ Dry Tropics has dipped a toe in the water by providing a paid service to local tourism operator Brett Flemming from Bungalow Bay Koala Sanctuary.

Delivering lectures and guided bush walks to visiting American students could be the first step on the path to opening up a whole new revenue stream for the company, and others like it.

It's also a fun job!

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## Wetland weed choke to compost: a win-win

THE 1970s hit song "Everyone's A Winner" could be the anthem of this NQ Dry Tropics project in partnership with Evolution Mining and farmers that removes weeds threatening an ecologically-important wetland and turns them into valuable compost for a vegetable farmer.

The weeds, from Kalamia Creek, near Ayr, were mechanically removed from the wetland and, in a three-month process, converted to compost, highly valued by Bowen commercial vegetable grower Jamie Jurgens.

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## Can you master the quiz?

### THIS ISSUE'S TOPIC: SUGAR CANE

FIND the sweet spot in this quiz focused on sugar cane in the Burdekin Dry Tropics region. If you're a quiz-addict, there are others to test your NRM knowledge as well. Good luck!

[TAKE THE QUIZ](#)



WE acknowledge the Aboriginal Traditional Owners of land and sea country across our region and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their continuing relationship and cultural connection to country and in the spirit of reconciliation, seek to work in partnership to manage country for

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