



## Our Stories

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In this eNewsletter, we bring you the latest recording from our biosecurity webinar series and we learn how climate research has assisted the Red Witchweed eradication program.

### **Controlled-traffic farming**

This video from a couple of years ago gives a visual demonstration of the benefits of controlled-traffic farming and wide row spacing during a wet harvest in the Harwood Mill area. The video, filmed by grower Peter Rose in 2018, shows the harvester and haulout within a 1.8m controlled traffic scenario and concludes with a comparison of a conventional system in similar conditions.





## Biosecurity webinar series: Current sugarcane diseases and future threats

SRA has continued with our biosecurity webinar series with a presentation from Principal Researcher for Disease Management, Dr Nicole Thompson, on the topic of current sugarcane diseases and future threats. You can view the recording of this webinar at the link. The next webinar in this series will be with Dr Kevin Powell, where he will discuss major pest threats and current research.



## **Forewarned is Forearmed experimental forecasts and their use in managing a weed eradication biosecurity program**

The project Forewarned is Forearmed (FWFA) aims to help farmers and agriculture value chains to proactively manage the impacts of extreme climate events. Experimental forecasts from the project, including rainfall products, have helped plan activities in the red witchweed eradication program around forecast dry and wet weather periods.



## **Reminder: Sugar industry research awards and post-graduate research scholarships**

The next generation of sugarcane industry researchers is being offered a head-start into the world of sugarcane industry science and technology, through two capability development programs being offered through SRA.



# SUGAR SNAPS

**WE'RE CALLING ON ALL BUDDING  
AND PROFESSIONAL SUGARCANE  
PHOTOGRAPHERS TO SEND US THEIR  
BEST PICTURES FROM THE INDUSTRY.  
WIN A \$500 GIFT CARD.**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this competition is to showcase some of the best pictures that illustrate the hard work, beauty, and landscape of the Australian sugarcane industry.

#### **WHAT WE ARE AFTER**

Images that capture the depth and breadth of the Australian cane industry that we can showcase in a 2021 shed calendar.

From the people, to harvesting, to farming systems, to transport, to milling – we want your best photographs.

#### **KUDOS**

The top three winning entries will be published in a shed calendar for the 2021 year. Other entries to the competition may also be published in the calendar at the discretion of the judging panel. The competition is run by SRA.

This calendar will be produced as part of the Nutrient Management projects, currently being delivered in the Burdekin, Mackay, Whitsunday, Herbert and parts of Far North Queensland. These projects are funded by the Queensland Government Reef Water Quality Program and the Australian Government Department of Environment and Energy (Reef Trust).

#### **HOW TO ENTER**

Email your entries to [photocomp@sugarresearch.com.au](mailto:photocomp@sugarresearch.com.au) by midnight Friday September 30, 2020. Images should be a high resolution jpg, and your email needs to include your name, contact number, address, and a brief description of your photograph including when and where it was taken.

#### **PRIZES:**

First: \$500  
Second: \$100  
Third: \$50

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Events

- SRA is continuing its biosecurity webinar series across August. Please join us for these webinars to hear from SRA Researchers Dr Kevin Powell, Dr Rob Magarey, and Dr Nicole Thompson. [Click here](#) for more information and to mark the webinars into your diary.

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