



## Our Stories

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In this eNewsletter, we share links to some recent reports, one from SRA and one from BOM, and we talk harvester design in our latest webinar recording.

### **New report: Pest, weed and disease situation analysis**

SRA recently commissioned a review into key research, development and adoption opportunities within the areas of pests, weeds and disease in the Australian cane industry (including biosecurity).

The review provides a set of recommendations for further RD&A that can be used by SRA to consult with industry and leading technical experts on the current management practices and threats, opportunities and priorities for pest, weed, disease and biosecurity management.

You can read the report from chief investigators Peter Allsopp, Barry Croft, Emilie Fillols [here](#).



## What is the impact of 'front-end' design and harvester operation on product quality and crop ratooning?

Find out by watching this recording of a recent webinar, presented by Chris Norris from Norris ECT, where he discusses results from a recent project in this area, completed through the Rural R&D for Profit Program.



## Clarification: funding sources for YCS PhD student

In a recent SRA newsletter article, we welcomed Hank Xu, who is a new PhD student with SRA working on yellow canopy syndrome diagnosis as part of a cross-sectoral Rural R&D for Profit project. In the article, we mentioned that the work is funded by the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC). To clarify, the work is funded by an SRA scholarship and has been leveraged through the Rural R&D



for Profit Program, with GRDC being a project manager for that particular investment.

## Developing the next generation of sugarcane scientists

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.



## Annual climate statement released

2020 was Australia's fourth-warmest year on record, with a move from drought and fire to La Niña. Read the full statement from the BOM, which includes details on temperature, rainfall, events, influences and sea surface temperature.



## Events

- [Regional Research Seminars](#) (milling), in conjunction with QUT - various locations and dates from 15 March
- Webinar: [Plant pathogens meet a novel class of “magnetic nanozymes” for plant disease diagnostics](#) - 16 March

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