



**KALAMIA CANE GROWERS
ORGANISATION LTD**

Weekly Web Round Up

Friday, 14th May 2021

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REMINDERS

Ergon Energy Tariff Change

Members are reminded to check their Ergon Energy Accounts and the tariffs they are currently under. Some farming tariffs will expire 30th June 2021. (No 2)

Members will need to consult Ergon Re: Best new tariff for their irrigation needs.

Harvest Deduction Costs Authority

Reminder to Members - Harvest Deduction Costs form is required to be signed each year for Harvest costs to be automatically deducted from cane pays.

Contact the KCGO office for assistance.



1. QSL Information Brief – Posted – 10/5/21



Dear Members,

Please find below a short news & information brief from QSL that you may wish to use in your communications to your members.

- **Self-Managed Harvest Pricing underway:** Pricing is now open in the 2021-Season Self-Managed Harvest Contract, following the close of nominations on 30 April. Under this self-managed pricing option, growers price their own QSL Harvest Pool allocation, with the final 20% of this tonnage used as a production buffer that is priced after delivery. First time users of this product are reminded that they have until 15 September 2021 to price their tonnage allocated to the October 2021 contract, but can extend this pricing window by electing to roll on or before this date. For more information about this product, please talk to your local QSL team or read the Pool Overview, [available here](#).
- **Guaranteed Floor Pool price set:** The floor and strike prices for the 2021-Season QSL April Guaranteed Floor Pool have now been established at the following levels:
 - FLOOR PRICE = \$457/tonne actual gross. This is the absolute minimum gross price return of the pool.
 - STRIKE PRICE = \$467/tonne actual gross. A daily participation rate of 50% applies when the market exceeds this strike price.

For more information about this pool, please [click here](#).

- **QSL video market update:** Have you been wondering what the sugar market and the Aussie dollar are doing? You can find this out, and what other sugar market influencers are doing by catching our video market update on our Facebook page this Wednesday, 12 May, at 4pm. Can't make it by 4pm? Not a problem, the video will stay uploaded on our Facebook so you can watch it any time.

If members have any questions in regards to the above, please don't hesitate to get in contact with:

- Russell Campbell - Grower Relationship Manager – 0408 248 385
- Kristen Paterson - Grower Relationship Officer– 0438 470 235
- Rebecca Love – Grower Relationship Officer – 0429 054 330 (Mon-Wed)

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Farmers remain in the dark ahead of tariff transition deadline

Queensland farming businesses on transitional and obsolete tariffs will have less than three weeks to assess new retail tariffs and implement any required infrastructure when the Queensland Competition Authority's (QCA) final determination on 2021-22 regulated retail electricity prices is handed down on June 11.

From 1 July, many of the tariffs that were specifically designed to meet the needs of irrigation and other farming activities will be phased out, leaving farmers, particularly those classed as large users, to negotiate higher cost demand-based tariffs.

Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) CEO Dr Georgina Davis said the standard business demand-based tariff options were limited and largely unsuitable for the state's agriculture sector, resulting in significant electricity price increases for many farmers.

"As of April 2021, there are still over 20,000 electricity users across Queensland on obsolete and transitional tariffs, of which, more than half are for farming and irrigation purposes," Dr Davis said.

"The current lack of clarity on what tariffs would be suitable for irrigation, agri-

processors and other agricultural-specific operations, and the significant bill increases that many farmers will face moving from transitional tariffs to standard business tariffs is unacceptable.”

“The QCA and the Queensland Government have had several years to set out a clear path for affordable energy, now farmers will be against the clock to assess the new retail tariffs, work out what was best for their business and if any structural change or new equipment is needed.”

“Concerningly, farmers who do not transition to the new demand-based tariffs before the deadline will have the decision made for them, so we encourage farmers to speak to their energy retailer as soon as possible.”

“In the meantime, QFF continues to call on the Queensland Government to set out a clear path for affordable energy by efficiently pricing electricity and increasing investment to help farmers improve their energy efficiency and remain viable into the future.”

Media Contact:

Kayla Plunkett - 0448 000 692



3. SRA Media Release – Executive Manager Industry Services

Posted – 11/5/21



I am pleased to welcome Mr Hywel Cook to SRA today into the new position of Executive Manager, Industry Services.

Mr Cook comes to this role with extensive experience in the sugar industry nationally and internationally, having held prominent positions at MSF Sugar and Queensland Sugar Limited.

He will play a key role in delivering value for the Australian industry through SRA's new strategic direction, and especially through the new Industry Services business unit within SRA.

In this role, Mr Cook will lead a new team within SRA that will ensure we work more effectively with local and regional providers to bridge the gap between research and practice to improve productivity. This team consists of District Managers, applied research specialists, services such as near infra-red and disease testing, and communications and marketing.

This integrated team will make it easier for industry to adopt research by developing user-friendly and relevant extension programs, tools and products, as well as looking outside our industry for ideas and innovations.

Under SRA's new strategic direction, the new Executive Team is:

- Roslyn Baker, CEO
- Jane Sing, Executive Manager, Business Services
- Jason Eglinton, Executive Manager, Variety Development
- Harjeet Khanna, Executive Manager, Research Missions and Strategy
- Hywel Cook, Executive Manager, Industry Services
- Executive Manager, Commercial Development – *To be announced soon.*

We have also recently filled several new industry-facing positions that were created as part of the SRA restructure. These are:

- Agriculture Machinery Specialist – Phil Patane
- Manager Translation Research – Barry Salter
- Project Officer Central – Matt Schembri
- Manager Industry Services Operations – Heidi Du Clou
- District Manager, Far North Queensland – Gavin Rodman
- District Manager, Central – Dylan Wedel

Several other roles are at an advanced stage of recruitment and will be announced as soon as possible.

With the new SRA team taking shape over the next few weeks, I look forward to providing you with more detail on specific topics, in particular our new process for research investment via the Research Missions, and how we will deliver value to industry through the new Industry Services team.

Kind regards,

Roslyn Baker, CEO, SRA

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4. BCAS Cane Audit Service Levy Notice 2021 Season – Posted 11/5/21

BCAS

BURDEKIN CANE AUDIT SERVICES LTD

5th May 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

We wish to advise that for the 2021 Crushing Season our Cane Audit Service Levy will be set at \$0.105. This represents a decrease of \$0.01 from the previous season levy of \$0.115. As in previous seasons the levy will be charged at \$0.0525 for the miller and \$0.0525 for the growers.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Burdekin Cane Audit Services Limited

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Chairman – Burdekin Cane Audit Services Limited





NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

**The Annual General Meeting of
Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Limited
will be held at**

VENUE: Burdekin PCYC

DATE: Tuesday, 1st June 2021

TIME: 7.30pm

(Doors open at 7.00pm)

RSVP for catering purposes is required by Friday, 28th May 2021

A light supper & refreshments will be provided after meeting

****The Agenda and Meeting Reminder
will be sent to Members by
Tuesday, 25th May 2021****

**Any members wishing to raise matters of General Business at the Meeting are
requested to advise the Company Secretary 24 hours prior to the meeting.**

6. AgForce Sugarcane Industry Forum – Posted – 14/5/21



AgForce is hosting a sugarcane industry forum in Burdekin on Tuesday 25 May between 5 and 7pm.

Attendees will hear from industry representatives from Wilmar, QSL, BPS, Farmacist and AgForce Cane.

I would really appreciate your assistance to get the word out to cane farmers in the Burdekin region to register for these events. If you are happy to assist, would you mind forwarding the below invitation onto your members, fellow councillors?

As the venue has number limitations, and refreshments are being provided after the event, it would be Appreciated if you register your interest in attending via [Eventbrite](#).

This event is open to all cane farmers in the Burdekin district as well as interested community leaders.

Thanks for your assistance.

Many thanks,

Michael Kern
AgForce Cane Manager



5-7pm Tuesday 25 May
Hotel Brandon

Want to know what contribution the sugarcane industry makes in the Burdekin?

Curious about the future outlook from a miller's, marketer's and farmer's perspective?

Want to contribute to a discussion about the opportunities, challenges and threats that lie ahead?

Gain an insight into some of the latest challenges, opportunities, research, and industry developments.

AgForce has arranged a sugarcane industry forum on Tuesday, 25 May at Hotel Brandon from 5-7pm, followed by nibbles and refreshments.

The forum will hear briefly from a panel of speakers from industry followed by a Q & A session where both cane farmers and community leaders will have the opportunity to engage in a productive discussion.

Speakers:

- Ricky Mio, AgForce Cane President
- Paul Giordani, General Manager – Cane Supply and Grower Relations, Wilmar Sugar Australia
- PJ Gileppa, Grower Marketing and Pricing Manager Wilmar Sugar Australia
- Ros Baker, CEO, SRA
- Russell Campbell, Grower Relationship Manager, QSL
- Jayson Dowie, Director, Farmacist
- Rob Milla, Manager, Burdekin Productivity Services
- Michael Kern, AgForce Cane Manager

Seats are limited and registrations close **11:30pm, Monday 24 May**. Any COVID-19 restrictions current at the time will apply to this event.

Contact: AgForce Cane Manager, Michael Kern on 0499 960 006 or KernM@agforceqld.org.au.



AgForce, Level 2, 110 Mary Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000, Australia

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7. LBW Nominations for Board Director Representative

Posted – 14/5/21



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY AS A LOWER BURDEKIN WATER RATEPAYER DIRECTOR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY AS A RATEPAYER DIRECTOR

Lower Burdekin Water (LBW) calls for nominations to fill a casual vacancy on the board for a water ratepayer representative.

Lower Burdekin Water is a category 2 water authority under the Water Act 2000 (the Act) and is responsible for sustainably managing water resources within and around the Lower Burdekin Water Authority Area ([Governance - Lower Burdekin Water](#)).

LBW is a Queensland Government Agency and as such Directors on the board are appointed by the Minister for Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water.

The obligations of the Board are set under the Act which include: to define policy and program outcomes, and monitor the effectiveness of such, to monitor finances and ensure the ongoing financial health of the Authority. These are in addition to other legal obligations as a director.

The obligations of the Ratepayer Director are set under the Act, and include:

- (a) serve on at least one Board committee;
- (b) read and understand all Board policies and program plans;
- (c) contribute skills, knowledge, and experience, when appropriate;
- (d) listen carefully for other viewpoints;
- (e) assume a leadership role in Board activities with special emphasis on those undertaken by a committee on which the Director serves;
- (f) support all decisions made by the Board and represent the Authority in a positive light to the public;
- (g) hold fellow Directors and officers accountable for performing according to these policies; and
- (h) attend training and up-skilling sessions as required.

Directors shall:

- (a) Review and understand director responsibilities and obligations as set out in the QLD GOV Welcome Aboard handbook;
- (b) regularly attend and participate in Board meetings;
- (c) attend and participate in committee meetings, where relevant;
- (d) be well-informed and prepared for meetings, which includes the review of all agenda documents and meeting materials in advance;
- (e) attend and participate in Ratepayer meetings and other events as required; and
- (f) give notice to fellow Directors whenever another commitment or illness will prevent attendance at one of the above.

7.4 Expertise Criteria for Directors

Skills and experience in the following areas have been determined as necessary for the Authority's directors:

- (a) good governance – the understanding of the processes and behaviours required;
- (b) strategic expertise – the ability to understand and review strategy;
- (c) sound financial and accounting knowledge. The ability to read and understand business accounts, financial statements and management reports presented to the board as well as financial reporting requirements;
- (d) compliance – the board's responsibility involving overseeing compliance with numerous laws as well as understanding an individual director's legal and fiduciary duties and responsibilities;



- (e) risk management – experience and understanding in managing areas of major risk within business;
- (f) managing people and achieving change – managing and understanding relationships and engagement with key stakeholders and staff;
- (g) information technology – basic understanding of the use of electronic communication and media; and
- (h) industry knowledge – background understanding of agricultural and water or similar industries.

The eligibility to be nominated as a Director, obligations pertaining to the role, and the selection process being applied are defined in the LBW's [Governance Policy](#) in accordance with the relevant legislation.

Eligibility to be Nominated as an LBW Ratepayer Director:

7.7. Ratepayer Nominated Directors

- (a) ...
- (b) Ratepayer Director nominees shall be nominated by Ratepayers.
- (c) All Ratepayers are eligible to be nominated for Ratepayer Nominated Director positions.
- (d) Only one Ratepayer Representative from any one Ratepayer entity is eligible to stand for nomination.
- (e) ...

1.3 Definitions

Ratepayer means a person or entity who pays rates and charges or fees to the LBW as per the LBW's Rating Policy (RP001).

Ratepayer Representative means a director, employee or lessee of a Ratepayer entity or organisation who has been nominated in writing by the Ratepayer as its representative.

Nomination Process:

To be considered by the Selection Committee, all nominations must be:

- in writing (a form has been attached to this notice);
- signed by the candidate and signed by two (2) Ratepayers or Ratepayer Representatives; and
- received by LBW before nominations close at 5:00pm on Friday 28 May 2021.
- Nominees must demonstrate how they meet the Eligibility Criteria (a form has been annexed to this notice).

The Selection Committee will consider all properly made nominations to determine the most suitable candidates for the vacant position prior to providing the name of the candidates and all supporting information, as required under the Water Act 2000, to the Minister for his review and appointment. The Selection Committee may, at its sole discretion, interview nominated candidates before making a decision as to the most suitable candidates.

Further information about the Lower Burdekin Water governance process can be found at:

<http://lowerburdekinwater.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/ADM002-Governance-Policy.pdf>

On behalf of the Board, Lower Burdekin Water

c/- David Sartori

Executive Officer

Lower Burdekin Water

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**NOMINATION FORM TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY AS A LOWER BURDEKIN WATER RATEPAYER
DIRECTOR**

Nominee's name:	
Nominee's Address:	
I confirm that I am a Lower Burdekin Water ratepayer or an authorised Lower Burdekin Water ratepayer representative in the Lower Burdekin Water Authority Area:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I accept this nomination and have completed the eligibility criteria below:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominee's Signature	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
1 st Person Nominating Name:	
1 st Person Nominating Address:	
I confirm that I am a Lower Burdekin Water ratepayer or an authorised Lower Burdekin Water ratepayer representative	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator 1 Signature	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
2 nd Person Nominating Name:	
2 nd Person Nominating Address:	
I confirm that I am a Lower Burdekin Water ratepayer or an authorised Lower Burdekin Water ratepayer representative	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator 2 Signature	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>



Eligible Criteria	Nominees supporting information Please demonstrate how you meet the following <i>Expertise Criteria</i> for Directors. (If more space is required just send additional pages, with the nominees name at the top.)
(a) good governance – the understanding of the processes and behaviours required;	
(b) strategic expertise – the ability to understand and review strategy;	
(c) sound financial and accounting knowledge. The ability to read and understand business accounts, financial statements and management reports presented to the board as well as financial reporting requirements;	
(d) compliance – the board's responsibility involving overseeing compliance with numerous laws as well as understanding an individual director's legal and fiduciary duties and responsibilities;	
(e) risk management – experience in managing areas of major risk within business;	
(f) managing people and achieving change – managing relationships and engagement with key stakeholders and staff;	
(g) information technology – basic understanding of the use of electronic communication and media; and	
(h) industry knowledge – background understanding of agricultural and water or similar industries.	

AGRICULTURE NEWS

May 2021



Grab a taste of farm life

With arguably some of Queensland's best weather ahead of us, let's get off the beaten track and get a taste of farm life by visiting a Queensland farm.

From farm gate sales of freshly picked produce, to food and wine sampling, farmers' markets, pick-your-own fruit and veg, farm animals, farm stays, and food festivals... there's something for everyone.

These exciting and memorable holiday (or day trip) adventures are often within easy driving distance of coastal communities and the time has never been better for people to get a real taste of where their food comes from.

So, #tastefarmlife today.

[Read more](#)



New ag portal launched

[The Data Farm portal](#) has been launched, providing a wider range of Queensland agriculture, fisheries and forestry data than what's been previously available.

Data Farm replaces the biannual Queensland AgTrends publication, also produced by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and features regional and trade datasets, as well as interactive visual displays allowing users to easily interpret industry trends.

Data can be downloaded and used to help with investment decisions that help grow the sector and create jobs.



Breedcow and Dynama video launched

A new video has just been launched to help beef cattle producers understand the potential economic impacts of different ways of managing their beef cattle enterprise.

The video highlights the main features of the Breedcow and Dynama program to help graziers understand the costs and benefits of management decisions such as trading cattle, supplementary or production feeding, or investing in infrastructure. Breedcow and Dynama is free to use and producers can sign up online at breedcowdynama.com.au.

For more information about upcoming training please email us at breedcow@daf.qld.gov.au or phone 13 25 23.



Subscribe to Drought and Climate Program news

Keen to hear about agribusinesses managing drought, flood and other climate impacts?

[Sign up for the Drought and Climate Adaptation Program \(DCAP\) newsletter](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest research projects and new tools that aim to help producers better manage our highly variable climate and its impacts.



Grow your horticulture knowledge at Hort Connection 2021

Horticulture leaders, growers, packers, marketers and more will converge on the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from June for Australia's largest event for the horticulture industry—[Hort Connections](#).

Be sure to visit our Queensland Government stand, where we'll be talking about growing exports, farms for the future, and transforming plant protection.

Our staff will also feature in the official conference program showcasing our world-class research, development and extension in the vegetable industry and supply chains.

At the Growcom Export Congress, we'll share our insights into improving the competitiveness of fresh vegetable exports.

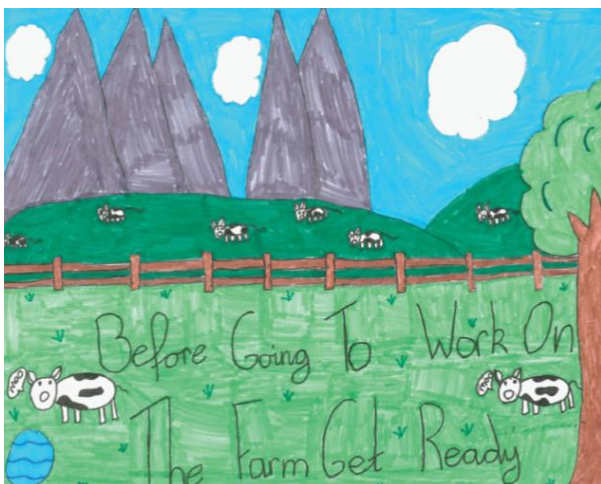
[Register here.](#)



Fair Farms

With consumers increasingly demanding that their fresh produce is sourced ethically, [Fair Farms](#) provides growers with a straight-forward and affordable Australian compliance option.

The program allows horticultural employers to demonstrate ethical and fair employment practices to their customers. Fair Farms is designed and delivered by peak industry body [Growcom](#). [Watch the explainer video](#) to find out more, and visit [Fair Farms](#) to sign up and start your pathway to training and certification.



Time to colour-in for farm safety

Entries are now open for the Farm Safety Calendar competition, which gives young artists an opportunity for their artwork to be published in the 2022 calendar.

The agriculture industry employs around 3% of Queensland's workers and accounts for more than 30% of workplace deaths. The numbers aren't great so we need to raise awareness among school children, their families and communities to help buck the trend.

This year's competition asks students to draw and colour a picture to illustrate one farm safety message about electrical safety, animal safety,

tractor and machinery safety, quad bike safety, water safety, and health and wellbeing. Entries close on Friday 25 June.

[Read more](#)

GasFields Commision Queensland snapshot

The GasFields Commission Queensland has released its latest report '[Shared Landscapes – Industry Snapshot](#)'.

COVID-19 has disrupted the way we go about our day-to-day lives and run our businesses.

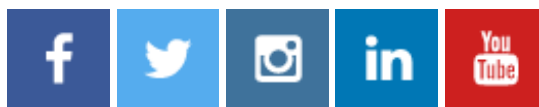
Sometimes we need to talk about it.

Call us

Lifeline 13 11 14

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Headspace 1800 650 890
(Youth mental health and wellbeing)



For more information visit daf.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23



This email was sent by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to manager@kalagro.com.au

BIOSECURITY NEWS

May 2021



Look out for signs of lumpy skin disease

Lumpy skin disease is a highly infectious disease of cattle and water buffalo that causes painful body lesions and impacts animal production.

It isn't present in Australia but has been spreading recently throughout Asia.

Do you know the signs?

- become infected
- swollen limbs, brisket and genitals
- fever
- watery eyes.

- firm, raised nodules up to 50mm diameter around the head, neck, genitals and limbs
- scabs in the centre of the nodules - when the scabs fall off, large holes are left which may

Report suspect cases to the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline** on **1800 675 888**.

Image: Raised nodules caused by lumpy skin disease. Photo credit: Noah's Arkive, PIADC.

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Don't be so koi

We receive occasional reports of people keeping koi carp in ornamental ponds in Queensland. This is illegal, and penalties may apply.

Populations of invasive fish have established in many of Queensland's native waterways and are a major threat to the high diversity of native freshwater fish in Queensland.

Unfortunately, much of this spread is caused by human-assisted translocation or dumping, allowing them to naturalise and establish breeding populations.

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Nosema Masterclass

Have you "bee-n" keeping up with our monthly bee biosecurity talks?

This month, Dr Rebecca Laws spoke about Nosema - a disease of worker, drone and queen bees that is caused by a fungal parasite, and can have widespread impacts on your apiary.

If you missed it, you can [view the recording](#), or catch up on all of our bee biosecurity talks [here](#).



Love online shopping?

If your new items come from overseas, remember to check the packaging for hitchhiking insect pests.

One such insect pest, the khapra beetle, is smaller than a grain of rice, and can hide in tiny spaces, so keep an eye out for them (and their larvae) in any parcels that come from overseas - including the packaging.

If you find bugs that could have hitchhiked from overseas, put the infested item(s) in a container with a tight lid, or wrap them thoroughly in plastic (sturdy bin liners are good for bigger items) and report them to the **Exotic Plant Pest Hotline** on

1800 084 881.



Have your say about animal welfare

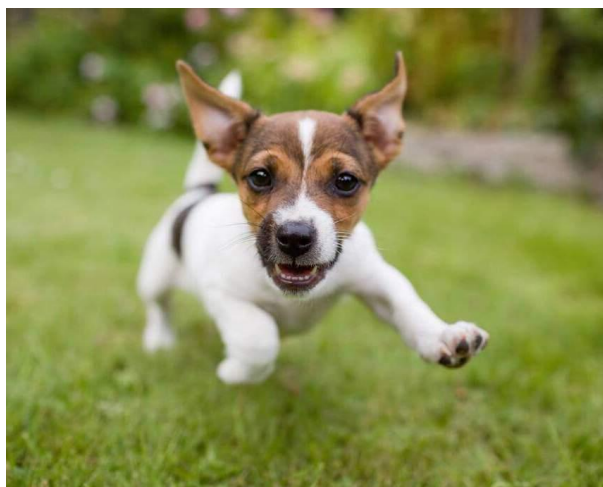
Have you had your say about proposed changes to Queensland's animal welfare laws?

We're seeking community feedback about Queensland's laws to protect the welfare of all animals.

Consultation closes midnight Friday 21 May 2021.

Read the discussion paper for more detail and submit your feedback online.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Selling or giving away a dog?

Remember to complete a change of ownership form and provide it to the new owner.

This will allow the new owner to change the dog's ownership details with the microchip registry, helping the dog be safely reunited with its owner if it becomes lost.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Our eye in the sky

Aerial thermal imaging is helping the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program detect fire ant nests from the air. Its remote sensing surveillance project collects high-resolution imagery, including a thermal infrared band, using cameras mounted on a specially designed camera pod attached to a helicopter.

The helicopter flies over large areas of land and collects imagery of the land below, which can be analysed to look for soil temperature differences caused by fire ant nests.

The pilot project captured approximately 13,000 ha of multispectral imagery over known areas of infestation and 17 new clusters of nests were confirmed.



Think you're pretty cluey?

Whether it's fishing, camping, hiking or biking... do you think you've got what it takes to be an outdoor biosecurity warrior?

The team at Mission Biosecurity are all about teaching us what biosecurity is, how it can impact our way of life and how we can all help protect our environment, community and economy from biosecurity baddies.

Test your knowledge and [take the quiz](#).



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QFF advocacy secures cheaper water for more irrigators

Following continued advocacy by the Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) and its industry members, the Queensland Government has clarified that nuts, turf, flowers and nursery growers will have access to a 50 per cent price reduction election commitment for horticulture irrigation water users.

While QFF welcomed the government's announcement to reduce water bills for the state's irrigators serviced by Queensland's state-owned irrigation schemes by at least 15 per cent, there is still work to do to achieve fair and equitable pricing for all irrigators across all commodities.

QFF CEO Dr Georgina Davis commended the Queensland Government for listening to QFF's concerns and allowing more irrigators to access cheaper water to continue growing world class produce.

"However, the full 50 per cent discount will not come easily for horticulture irrigators who will have to apply for a rebate through the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA)," Dr Davis said.

"Further details are required regarding the facilitation of this process, and QFF is consulting with the government and QRIDA to ensure irrigators applying for the rebate do not face any additional administrative burden."

“Further, the state government has delayed expected irrigation water price increases following the end of their 2019/20 price freeze on 30 June 2021, which would have left many irrigators no better off even if they qualified for the 50 per cent discount.”

“The government has recognised how expensive irrigation water is in the state, and instead of facing a two-year jump in water prices on 1 July, irrigators will see some price relief and only pay the 2020/21 prices.”

However, QFF maintains it is wrong to favour one agricultural commodity, or regional community over another by selectively providing favourable pricing and may result in unintended consequences.

“Despite extensive advocacy and detailed pricing data provided by QFF, this water pricing policy continues to exclude other irrigated primary produce including sugar cane and cotton from accessing the 50 per cent price reduction.”

“It is clear there is a long way to go for Queensland to achieve equitable and affordable water pricing, to ensure our food, fibre and foliage sector is sustainable into the future.”

Media Contact:

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Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Services

Offered to Members and Non-Members



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of the Burdekin Region.
Call now to take advantage
of our discounted pricing.**

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KCGO PROVIDES PAYROLL SERVICES FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

- Wages Preparation – Fair Work ATO & STP Compliancy
- Superannuation
- End of Financial Year Processing
- WorkCover – Premiums & Claims Assistance



BAS agent
25954836

Payroll Manager
Jacki Kratzmann

KCGO PAYROLL SERVICE CHARGES

Members

\$12.20 (incl GST) per Payslip

Non-members

\$14.15 (incl GST) per Payslip

All Clients

\$20.25 (incl GST) End of Financial Year Processing (per Employee)

Harvest Invoice Services



PREPARATION OF WEEKLY HARVEST INVOICE CHARGES

Members:

\$12.20 (incl GST) per Invoice

Non-members:

\$14.15 (incl GST) per Invoice

Postage Charges:

\$1.10 per Env.

Delivery Options:

- Invoices emailed
- posted
- KCGO office pickup option

**** Service offered to
KCGO Members
& Non-Members ****