

# HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

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1.

A new [science and technology report](#) by the [CSIRO](#), the [Queensland University of Technology's Centre for Future Enterprise](#) and the [Department of Environment and Science](#) provides the foundation to set a new strategic direction for the state after recent disruption, and the agriculture sector is ready to be part of the solution. QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

# 2.

Indigenous Australians are our original farmers, caring for country and using land management that worked with the environment. This year's [NAIDOC Week](#) theme 'Healing Country' reminds the agriculture sector that we still have a lot to learn. Read more [HERE](#).

# 3.

Join the QFF [Microgrids Project](#) team for a webinar exploring microgrids and how they can be positioned to play a growing role in the future of our energy systems. The webinar will feature guest speaker Scott McGregor, CEO of Birdwood Energy, and will also include project updates and a Q and A session. Register [HERE](#).

# 4.

The start of July is an important time for sugarcane growers who use electricity to irrigate and [CANEGROWERS](#) is able to help with the important task of selecting the right Ergon tariff for your farm business. Read more from the QFF industry member [HERE](#).

# 5.

Natural turf has numerous benefits of including cooling our cities, reducing bushfire risks, and promoting biodiversity. [Turf Australia](#) and the turf industry have put

together a video sharing the research the proves why natural turf is the best choice. Check it out [HERE](#).

6.

The [Rural Industry Sector Standing Committee](#) has received clarification from [Workplace Health and Safety Queensland](#) regarding fit-testing requirements for tight-fitting respirators and health monitoring requirements for organophosphate pesticides. Read the advice [HERE](#).

7.

The [Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority \(QRIDA\)](#) has \$120m available to support primary producers enter the ag industry, assist with succession planning and improve operation efficiency and practices with our First Start and Sustainability Loans. For more information, click [HERE](#).

8.

Queensland's waste levy increased on 1 July 2021. The waste levy is now \$85 per tonne for general waste, \$115 per tonne for category 2 regulated waste, and \$165 per tonne for category 1 regulated waste. These updated levy amounts will apply from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. Details [HERE](#).

# 9.

Queensland agritourism businesses should be aware that the supply of single-use plastic straws, stirrers, plates, bowls, cutlery and expanded polystyrene takeaway food containers and cups will be banned in Queensland from 1 September 2021. More information [HERE](#).

# 10.

Queensland exporters are encouraged to enter the Premier of Queensland's Export Awards to build business connections, elevate their brand and be recognised for their export achievements in 2021! Click [HERE](#) to meet some of the past winners and apply before 6 August.



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