

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Under the theme “Rural women cultivating good food for all”, the [International Day of Rural Women](#) celebrates the heroes in the food systems of the world and encourages that we foster equal opportunities for all. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

2.

QFF has partnered with [Ergon Energy](#) and [Energex](#) to offer farmers belonging to any of QFF's 20 industry members a 50 per cent co-contribution a maximum of \$500 to match the funds of installing up to 10 rotamarkers on their properties. For more information about the rebate and eligibility criteria, click [HERE](#).

3.

It would be a great waste of this pandemic if it ended with no improvement in the resilience of our supply chains compared to when it started. [Growcom](#) believes a great opportunity remains for locally sourced solutions to fill the gaps where weaknesses have been found in our supply chains. More from the QFF industry member [HERE](#).

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Parental financial assistance has risen by almost 20% in the last year. But any arrangements should be treated with caution and diligence, as they may have unintended consequences if not adequately documented. More from QFF corporate partner [Holding Redlich](#) [HERE](#).

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Queensland's COVID Vaccination Plan has been released providing freedoms for those who are fully vaccinated including being able to cross the border from interstate hotspots. This will be achieved in stages once 70 and 80% of eligible Qlders are double-dosed. For more information, click [HERE](#).

6.

Vaccination remains the best way to keep our communities and businesses open. The [Department of Agriculture and Fisheries](#) has established an engagement hub to help agribusinesses have a conversation with their employees who wish to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Find resources including factsheets, a communication toolkit and FAQs [HERE](#).

7.

Farmers impacted by recent hail and storm damage can apply for an Individual Disaster Stricken Property (IDSP) declaration to access freight subsidies of up to \$5,000, as well as Disaster Assistance loans of up to \$250,000 at a concessional interest rate to help fix damaged infrastructure such as fences, sheds and hail netting. Apply [HERE](#).

8.

After [Get Ready Queensland Week](#), farmers are encouraged to identify any infrastructure at risk of storm damage, clear debris from drainage channels and gutters, have a written emergency plan, allocate priority tasks, ensure access to a backup generator in the event of a power outage and check your insurance cover for storm damage. More [HERE](#).

9.

Five sugarcane farmers have successfully traded 18,000 Reef Credits in the second ever tranche of Reef Credits to be sold, recognising, valuing and monetising the critical actions they undertake to integrate sustainable practices and provide clean water to the Great Barrier Reef. Details [HERE](#).

10.

Every day, Australia is faced with the prospect of plant pests hitchhiking on imported cargo or arriving in infected plants or seeds. But there is a lot of work being undertaken to address those risks. Join the [Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment](#) for a webinar on 29 October [HERE](#).



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