



**KALAMIA CANE GROWERS
ORGANISATION LTD**

WEEKLY WEB ROUND UP

FRIDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY 2022

Kalagro Fuel Price

DIESEL - \$1.63660 including GST

UNLEADED - \$1.64072 including GST

Fuel Delivery Days - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

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KCGO MEMBER NOTICE

P&K Farm Tender – Farm Manager Role & Application

This role is up for tender.

The tender requirements and application are available from the KCGO or PCGO Office.

Any enquiries, please contact Dave Paine

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1. REMINDER** - KCGO MEMBER DISCOUNTED HEALTH INSURANCE OFFER



Corporate Health Insurance

Working together with Kalamia Cane Growers, we are excited to offer you a healthy corporate discount on your health insurance under the Kalamia Cane Growers Corporate Health Plan. Experience the Queensland Country difference with:

- ✓ **Healthy savings**
A 6% discount* on your annual policy premium.
- ✓ **A dedicated Corporate Partnership Manager**
Kim Anderson, your dedicated Corporate Partnership Manager will be happy to help you with any questions you may have.
- ✓ **Easy to understand products**
Our products are easy to understand and provide our Members with great value for money and peace of mind.
- ✓ **Excellent service**
We're here to help. Our commitment to helping our Members is second to none with fast and friendly service both face to face or over the phone.
- ✓ **National Coverage**
We provide coverage anywhere in Australia, giving you peace of mind wherever you work, live or play.
- ✓ **95% Member satisfaction rating^**
- ✓ **Generous benefits**
Our benefits help promote a healthy lifestyle and based on direct Member feedback, are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain competitive.
- ✓ **Easy claiming**
Claim easily anywhere, anytime through our Mobile App by simply uploading a photo of your receipt or via our Online Member Services portal.

If you have any questions or for more information contact your dedicated Corporate Partnership Manager, Kim today!



**Queensland
Country
Health Fund**

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* The corporate discount is provided under the Kalamia Cane Growers Corporate Health Plan and is applied to the gross premiums at the chosen level of cover.
**Source: January 2021 Member Satisfaction Survey, 63% were very satisfied and 32% were somewhat satisfied from 1,494 respondents.

Already a Member with Queensland Country?

We'll give you a
\$100*
Gift Card!

If they take out an eligible singles policy

We'll double it for a couple or family!



Great news if you're already a Member you'll now be eligible to receive a **corporate discount*** on your premium! To receive this discount simply complete the Apply Discount Form on your health insurance portal. Once you have submitted the request form, we will confirm via email or post that the discount has been applied.

ALSO, don't forget to **refer a friend, family member, colleague or work mate** to Queensland Country and if they take out an eligible singles policy during the promotional period you'll receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card*. And we'll double it for couples or family policies!

Make sure you tell your friend when joining to provide us with your name and contact details, so we can send you your gift card.

There is no gift card limit, so tell as many friends as you like!!



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ScoMo prepares to make huge Great Barrier Reef announcement

Scott Morrison is set to make a major announcement about the Great Barrier Reef when he visits the natural wonder on Friday.

Courtney Gould

January 27, 2022 - 10:30PM

NCA NewsWire

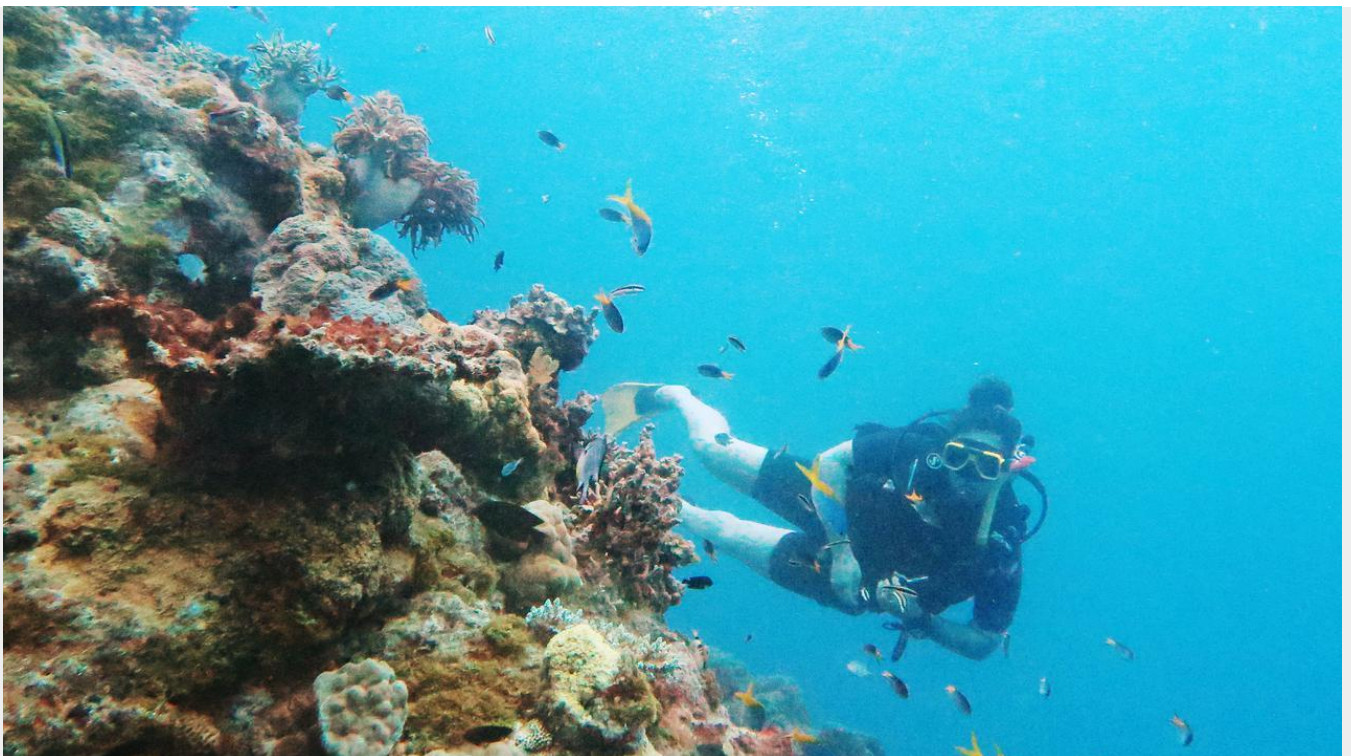
Scott Morrison has vowed to take the Great Barrier Reef to the next level with a major \$1 billion investment.

The Prime Minister will visit the coral reef with Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch on Friday as he seeks to shore up support in the region.

Mr Morrison said the investment was an extension to the \$2 billion outlined in the Reef 2050 plan.

“We are backing the health of the reef and the economic future of tourism operators, hospitality providers and Queensland communities that are at the heart of the reef economy,” the Prime Minister said.

“This is already the best managed reef in the world and today we take our commitment to a new level.”



The \$1bn announcement will go towards protecting the life of the reef. Picture: Brendan Radke

The funding will assist in the deployment of new climate adaptation technology, investments in water quality programs and to reduce threats from predators such as the Crown of Thorns starfish.

Last year, the government narrowly avoided a push to have the Great Barrier Reef's health status downgraded to "in danger".

But following lobbying from Environment Minister Sussan Ley, UNESCO agreed to defer a decision until delegates could examine the reef later this year.

The status change was based on concerns about water quality in the region and the impact of climate change on the reef.

It's anticipated the funding will help protect the 64,000 jobs that rely on the tourism industry in the area.



Mr Morrison will be hoping the investment will help quell anxieties of tourism providers. Picture: NCA NewsWire / Gary Ramage

Mr Morrison will be hoping the investment will help quell anxieties of tourism providers in the Far North who have been smashed by the pandemic and border closures.

Mark Olsen, chief executive of the region's peak tourism body, has said 9,000 jobs have been lost throughout the pandemic.

"At first it was the frontline staff — those on the part-time and casual roles, but as the pandemic extended on, we started losing highly skilled staff," the Tourism Tropical North Queensland boss told the ABC.

“We've lost a lot of skill and experience that has guided the region, which has been one of the most successful tourism destinations, over the last 30 years.”

Earlier this month, Opposition leader Anthony Albanese committed \$163 million to “restoring and protecting the reef”.



3.QSL Information Brief – 31st January 2022 – Posted – 31/1/22



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

- **2022-Season Pre-Crush Advance Payment:** The QSL Pre-Crush Advance Payment Scheme opens for nomination on 1 February 2022. The scheme gives growers a payment for their 2022-Season QSL GEI Sugar in March 2022 — before the crush begins. Growers who have been accepted by QSL to participate in the scheme (at QSL's discretion), will receive \$50/tonne of sugar IPS on 25 March for up to half of their 2022-Season QSL GEI Sugar. Nominations close 11 March 2022 and can be made via your QSL Direct account. Please note, a cost of \$0.50/tonne IPS sugar applies. Find out more by reading the Pre-Crush Advance Fact Sheet by [clicking here](#).
- **Key dates:**
 - **1 February 2022:** QSL Pre-Crush Advance Payment Scheme opens for nomination. Nominations can be made via your QSL Direct account.
 - **15 February 2022:** March 2022 ICE 11 Contract Pricing Completion Date for growers using the Individual Futures Contract and Self-Managed Harvest Contract. This is the final day to achieve or roll pricing allocated to this contract. Any tonnage that has not been priced by this date will be priced by QSL at the next market opportunity.
 - **21 February 2022:** Final day to achieve 2021-Season Target Price Contract targets before the pricing window is automatically extended and roll adjustments apply.
 - **1 March 2022:** Nominations open for the QSL 2022-Season Actively Managed Pool.
- **Market Update Podcast:** Catch up on all the latest sugar market news and currency activity in this week's Market Update Podcast by [clicking here](#).
- **Cultivate Farms online pitching event:** Cultivate Farms brings aspiring farmers and investors together and they're hosting an event online on Thursday 3 March 2022. If you're interested in watching Queensland farmers pitch their farming dreams and plans to investors you can get more information and register to attend by [clicking here](#).

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

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HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM QFF QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF has partnered with [Airbnb](#) and [Regionality](#) to design a new regulatory framework for rural land to unlock Queensland's potential as the nation's agritourism capital. The Unlocking Queensland's agritourism potential – Discussion paper proposes a sliding scale of regulation to boost rural economies. Read the discussion paper [HERE](#).

2.

Queensland and New South Wales farmers could win one of two \$500 discounts off their energy bills for participating in a [research study](#) aiming to better understand how they consider and choose electricity tariffs for their agricultural operations. Get involved [HERE](#).

3.

While Queensland's agricultural sector has an established history of managing its waste streams effectively, illegal dumping on public and private land has caused ongoing issues for landholders. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

4.

Join the QFF [Energy Savers](#) team and guest host Manfred Nuestifter, CEO of Fluxpower for a webinar on the 17th of February at 12pm. Learn about the Fluxpower dashboard and how it monitors energy consumption, cost and carbon intensity in real time. Register [HERE](#).

5.

The last week brought with it a couple of important milestones in terms of an improved outlook for labour availability, for the entire economy, not just horticulture. First, Prime Minister Morrison announced visa charges would be rebated for incoming international students and working holiday makers. Read the additional milestones from [Growcom](#) [HERE](#).

6.

Dairy farms in central Queensland were impacted by recent flooding to varying severity with farm roads washed away, irrigation systems damaged and fences taken down or caught with debris. Flood water also affected some of our hay and crop producing farmers with paddocks inundated and crops waterlogged. Read more from [eastAUSmilk](#) [HERE](#).

7.

QFF industry member [Australian Cane Farmers Association](#) has launched a podcast to inform listeners about the sugar cane industry. In the latest episode, General Manager Stephen Ryan speaks to Brian O'Connell, Editor of Australian Sugarcane Magazine. Listen [HERE](#).

8.

Applications for round 2 of the [Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment's](#) Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot are open until 3 March. Farmers in the Fitzroy Basin who are willing to plant native trees, manage

vegetation or regenerate waterways and hillsides, can apply now [HERE](#).

9.

The Queensland Government has begun public consultation on the establishment of an independent environmental regulator. Submissions will be used to inform future decisions around a potential independent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). For more information and to have your say by 6 February [HERE](#).

10.

A granular fertiliser plant at [Mort & Co's Grassdale Feedlot](#), is being commissioned with an annual production capacity of 20,000 tonnes and plans to increase it to 100,000t by early 2023. The move is believed to be a first for an Australian feedlot. Read more [HERE](#).



5. QSL Harvest Pool Opt-Out Update – 31st January 2022 – 31/1/22

31 January 2022



Leave the QSL Harvest Pool at any time during the season and price more yourself using QSL's new **Harvest Pool Opt Out.**

Just choose to 'Opt Out' and any of your Harvest Pool tonnage which has not already been priced by QSL will be transferred to the Self-Managed Harvest Contract so you can price it yourself.

Available to QSL Direct growers from 1 May 2022.

THE BENEFITS

- > Increase the tonnage you can price yourself after 30 April
- > Use the Self-Managed Harvest Contract without having

to commit before the harvest

> Enjoy increased price certainty rather than waiting for the
final Harvest Pool result

Starting from the 2022 Season, QSL Direct growers can access this product from 1 May to 20 April each season, or until all of their Harvest Pool sugar has been priced.

For more information [please click here](#), or contact your local QSL team.

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NEWSLETTER

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Recent Events

We hope you all had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed spending time with your family and friends over the holiday period. With 2022 already well underway, it is looking like another busy year is in store for BBIFMAC.

December and January had BBIFMAC staff very busy collecting water samples in the peak of irrigation, and it only got busier with the recent rain, combined with navigating the difficulties of Covid-19.

BBIFMAC continue to be involved in ongoing projects with the Department of Environment and Science, Greening Australia, Central Queensland University, NQ Dry Tropics, and Sugar Research Australia.

Let's take a closer look into these projects and give an update on where we are at!

Great Barrier Reef Catchment Loads Monitoring – Department of Environment and Science

The Great Barrier Reef Catchment Loads Monitoring program (GRBCLM) is funded by the Queensland Government, and is a sub-branch of the Paddock to Reef Project.

The GRBCLM project began in 2009, and enables the annual loads of key pollutants (sediment, nutrients, and pesticides) to be estimated for each of the 35 catchments draining into the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon from the Burnett Mary region to Cape York.

This year marks 10 years of BBIFMAC's involvement with the GRBCLM project, which includes monitoring 8 sites within the Burdekin region, from the Don and Bowen rivers in the south, to the Burdekin river, Haughton river, and Barratta Creek in the Burdekin region, and the Burdekin river at Sellheim (near Charters Towers).

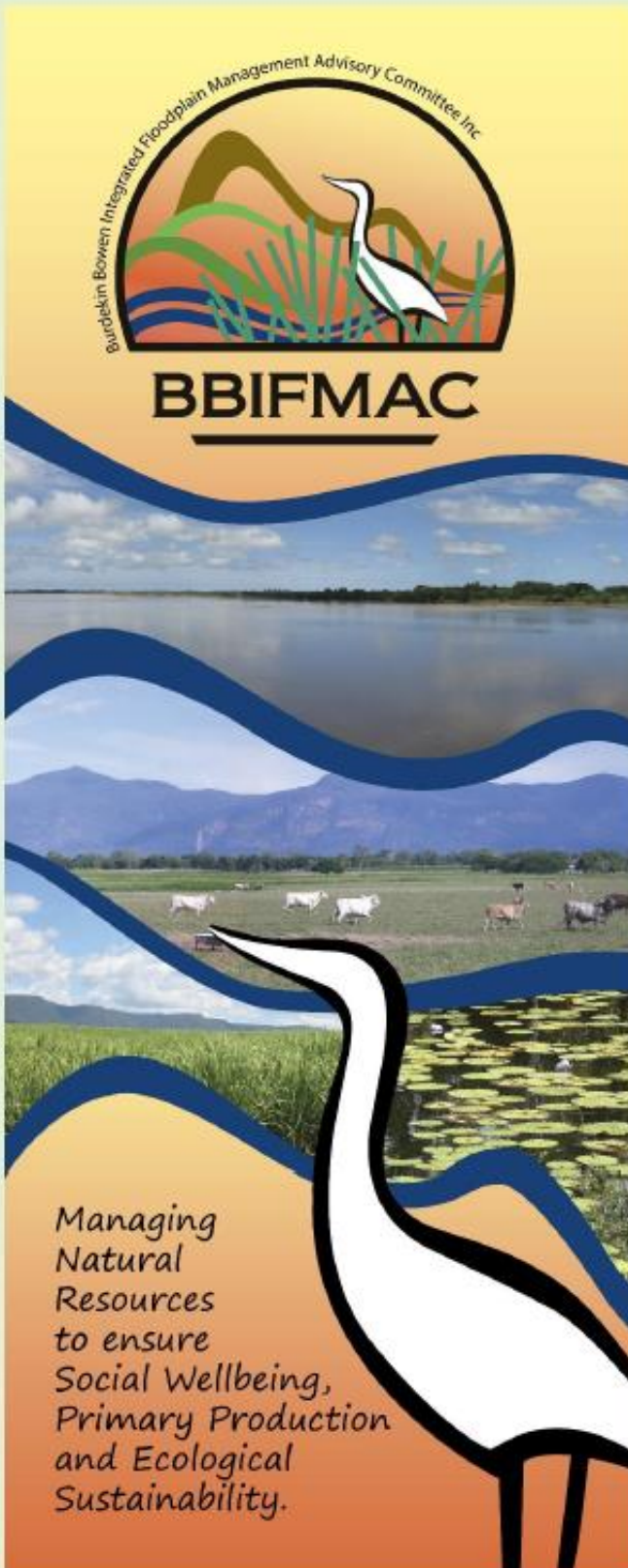
Fine Scale Water Quality Monitoring – Department of Environment and Science

The installation of fine scale water quality monitoring sites has been ongoing since the end of 2020 in both the Lower Burdekin and Lower Herbert regions. The project is led by the Queensland Government's Water Quality Investigations team, and delivered in partnership with BBIFMAC.



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*Managing
Natural
Resources
to ensure
Social Wellbeing,
Primary Production
and Ecological
Sustainability.*



The micro sites are recording nitrate-nitrogen (in mg/L) and stream level (in metres) which is uploaded to the CSIRO 1622™ portal. This information is available for public viewing.

To access the data, visit: <https://wq.1622.farm/>

A meeting with stakeholders in the Burdekin is planned for early 2022 to discuss the improvements made to the app and the water quality results to date.



BBIFMAC staff collected manual samples to compare with the in-situ sensors at many of the Fine Scale sites during the recent rainfall. This image is of the Cassidy Creek site.

Constructed Wetlands Baseline Monitoring

- Greening Australia

In the latter part of 2021, BBIFMAC began undertaking baseline monitoring at three drainage systems in the region to assist Greening Australia with determining site suitability for transition to Constructed Wetland Treatment Systems. An additional three sites have been added to the list of prospective locations and monitoring is underway.



Arwen taking a velocity reading at one of the drainage systems during the recent high rainfall period.

Peanut Crop Trial

- Central Queensland University, CRCNA

A new project led by Central Queensland University (CQU), with funding from the CRC for Northern Australia (CRCNA) is the Grain and Graze: Dual purpose peanuts for Northern Australia. This project will assess new peanut varieties as dual purpose crops for kernel yield in combination with different fodder production options in five locations across Northern Australia. Locally, BBIFMAC are assisting with a small plot trial of three varieties in Home Hill.



Emergence of the peanut crop in Home Hill.

Reducing Burdekin Sediment

- NQ Dry Tropics

The fourth and final year of the NQ Dry Tropics 'Reducing Burdekin Sediment' project will soon be completed. BBIFMAC was contracted by NQ Dry Tropics to support local cane growers through on-farm paddock scale water quality monitoring, and provide individualised water quality enhancement plans to complement the efforts that farmers are already undertaking to reduce sediment, nutrient, and pesticide concentrations in irrigation tail water.

The local wetlands and waterways of focus were Kalamia and Liliesmere creeks, Plantation Creek, MacDonald and Maryplain creeks, Saltwater creek, and the Lower Burdekin River.

Burdekin Irrigation Project

- Sugar Research Australia

The Burdekin Irrigation Project (BIP) is led by Sugar Research Australia (SRA), and aims to transition growers to scalable, sustainable, and technologically assisted practices in irrigation management, using a whole-of-systems approach that includes water quality validation.

The project is being delivered by a consortium of cross-disciplinary stakeholders, which enables integration of existing relationships with growers, lessons learnt and practical outcomes across numerous water quality improvement projects.

BBIFMAC have been engaged as an independent organisation to undertake the water quality monitoring for the project. There are currently four sites with which BBIFMAC are involved.



Flumes and water depth loggers have been installed at each of the four sites to determine the proportion of water lost to runoff in irrigations.

Become a BBIFMAC member!

JOIN NOW FOR JUST \$20 PER YEAR.

BBIFMAC members receive:

- ❖ Free or discounted water quality tests.
- ❖ Discounted water quality monitoring equipment.
- ❖ Exclusive access to BBIFMAC Newsletter!



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are proud to provide
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of the Burdekin Region.
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KCGO PROVIDES PAYROLL SERVICES

Service offered to KCGO Members & Non-Members

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



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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

Service offered to KCGO Members & Non-Members

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

