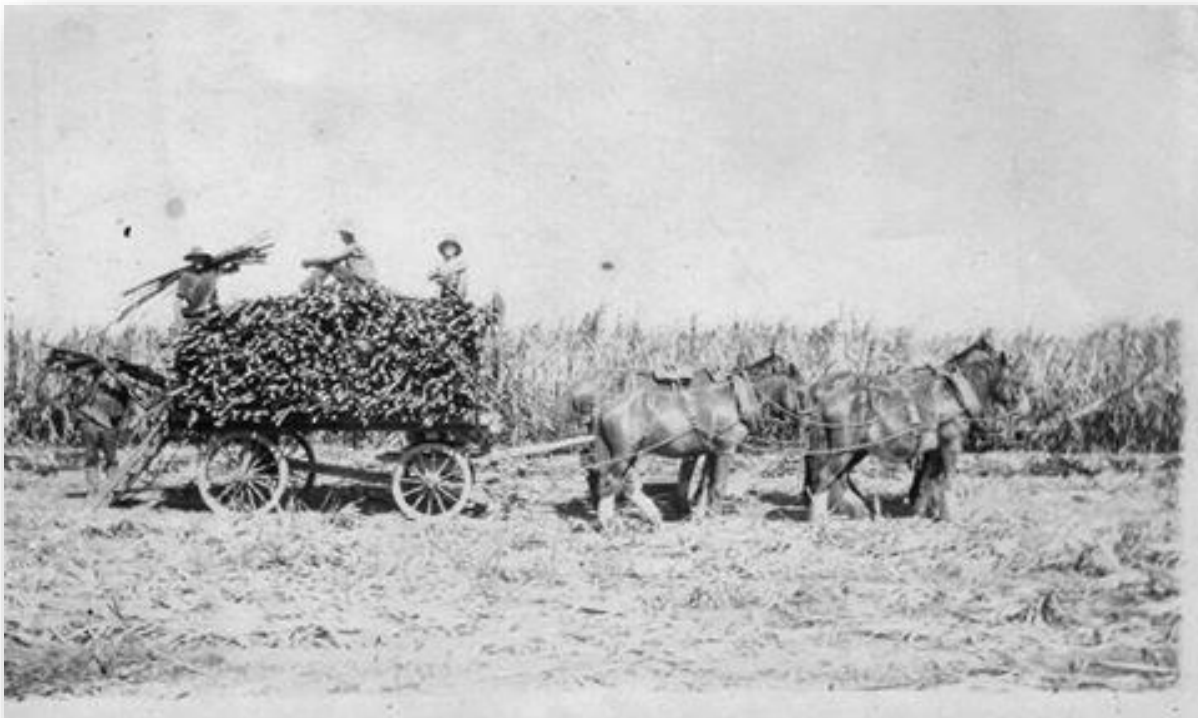




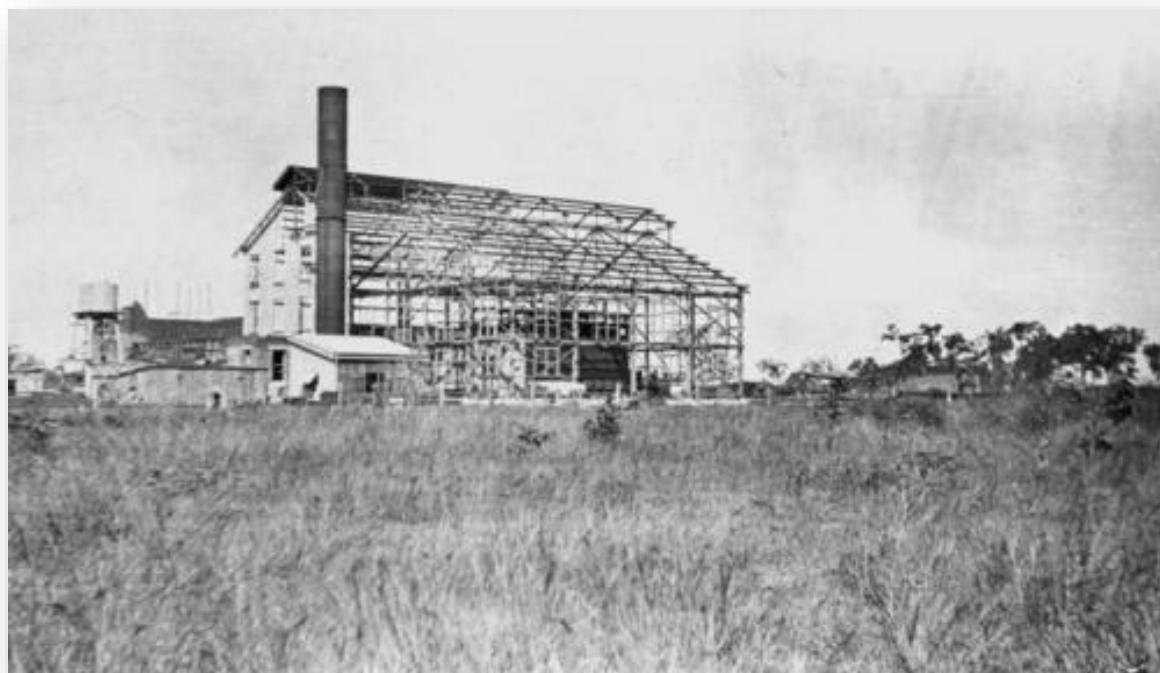
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FRIDAY, 17TH JUNE 2022

Kalagro Fuel Price

DIESEL - \$2.19579 including GST

UNLEADED - \$2.01539 including GST

Fuel Delivery Days – Monday, Wednesday & Friday



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!



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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?



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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* Applies to first month premium on eligible new policies issued between 1 June - 30 June 2022. Not available with any other offers. Excludes Budget Hospital (Basic+) as standalone or packaged, Select Extras and Young Extras covers as standalone product only, policy changes, upgrades or downgrades. Full terms and conditions available queenslandcountry.health/made-in-queensland.
Queensland Country Health Fund Ltd ABN 18 085 048 237

2. Fire Permit Application Information – Posted – 10/6/22

In Queensland, apart from some exemptions, it is illegal to light a fire in the open without a Permit to Light Fire (permit).

- Fires that are exempt are:
- those less than two metres in any direction unless prohibited by local government bylaws. *NOTE: These fires may not be exempt during a declared Fire Danger Period or a Fire Ban.*
 - those lit outdoors in a properly prepared fireplace for the purpose of cooking (e.g. BBQ and campfires).
 - certain fires used by primary producers or for industrial purposes.

The Permit to Light Fire system

For fires that are not covered by an exemption, a permit can be obtained from a Fire Warden. A Permit to Light Fire is only issued for burning vegetation. Fire Wardens can grant or refuse a permit in their fire warden district, but cannot issue a permit outside of their district.

You can locate your local Fire Warden by contacting a Rural Fire Service (RFS) Area Office or by using the Fire Warden finder on the RFS website. By searching for your address in the Fire Warden Finder, the map will display the Fire Warden District and contact number.

A tear-off Application for a Permit to Light Fire is attached to this brochure. You can also request a copy from your local RFS Area Office or Fire Warden, or download a digital form from the RFS website.



Unfold this brochure to see the explanatory notes for the completion of an Application for Permit to Light Fire. A blank, two-sided, tear-off application form is attached for your convenience.

RFS Area Office Contacts

Barcaldine	(07) 4651 1190
Bundaberg	(07) 4154 6120
Burnett	(07) 4172 8700
Caboolture	(07) 5420 3733
Cairns	(07) 4232 5468
Caloundra	(07) 5293 4200
Darling Downs	(07) 4698 5720
Emerald	(07) 4843 9020
Gladstone	(07) 4899 2200
Innisfail	(07) 4063 4004
Mackay	(07) 4967 4357
Maryborough	(07) 4122 0337
North West	(07) 4796 9082
Rockhampton	(07) 4932 8129
South Coast	(07) 5587 4101
Townsville	(07) 4796 9082
Warrego (Roma)	(07) 4578 0045
West Moreton	(07) 3294 4944
Western Rivers (Dalby)	(07) 4596 9403



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APPLYING TO LIGHT FIRES IN QUEENSLAND



Form

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO LIGHT FIRE

Note to Applicant: All areas of this form are to be completed before submission to the Fire Warden

Associated Permit Number

To: Fire Warden:

I, John Smith

Date of Birth

Ph:

Mob: 07 3999 0000Mobi: 0400 171 137

Fax:

Email:

John.Smith@gmail.com

Postcode: 4884of: 28 Tormesona Drive

Street Address

Locality:

Kilbirnie

Postcode: 4884Being the Owner, Occupier or Caretaker of the property, or the Trusted for the owner/occupier, or being the Agent of the owner, occupier or person charged with the care and management of the property shown below, (circle appropriate), hereby apply for a permit to light a fire in the open air on the following portion (s) of that property or properties described as:

Real Property Description of the land on which the fire is to be lit: (This information is available on your Rates Notice. Note: Street address and Lot/Plan details must both be included.)

Street (No. / Name):

28 Tormesona Drive

Postcode: 4884Lot and Plan No(s): Lot 4 RP 225611

I provide the following in relation to the planned fire:

➤ I request a Permit To Light Fire be issued for the following period: 11 / 05 / 2020 to 25 / 05 / 2020➤ Purpose of the fire: Remove burning rubbish➤ Material to be burnt: 9m x 3 stacks➤ Total area to be burnt: 2.4 stacks of timber cut 2 each

➤ I have taken (will take) the following precautions to prevent the spread of the fire:

➤ Constructed a firebreak consisting of: burn marks around each stack➤ Will have the following tools / equipment on site to prevent the spread of, or to extinguish the fire: 4 x 4 with 600L pop up tank, fireaxe with head block➤ Will have 2 capable persons available on site to prevent the spread of fire form the area to be burnt (minimum of 2 persons)

➤ I have notified, or made reasonable attempts to notify all adjoining owners or occupiers of my intention to apply for a Permit to Light Fire, at least 72 hours prior to submitting this application

If not notified, what reasonable attempts were made and when: advise if any objection given and reasons.

Date and Time Notified

14/04/20 6:00pm

14/04/20 6:30pm

14/04/20 7:00pm

Unable to contact - left message on phone but no call back, left note in gate on 14/04 still there

Leaving 1m gap who is aware

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LEGEND

Required information under section 65 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 or, by section 38 of the Fire and Rescue Service Regulation 2001.

Must be accurately completed to clearly identify you as the permit applicant and ensure contact in the case of fire emergencies, increased fire danger or to notify of local fire bans.

Required to clearly identify the property on which the intended fire will be lit. The Fire Warden may require a copy of your rates notice.

This information will help the Fire Warden determine if your fire management practices are sufficient for the job.

Reasonable attempts must be made to notify neighbours of your intention to apply for a permit. Those individuals must have a reasonable opportunity to raise any concerns regarding the proposed fire, to the Fire Warden.

If your property adjoins a National Park or State Forest, the relevant agency must be notified before submitting your application.

NOTE: You must also complete the reverse of the application form:

- Your obligations and responsibilities are listed on the left. You must sign and date the form to indicate acceptance of these.
- The right has a map grid to display where on the property the fire/s will be located. Include as much detail as you can, indicating fire breaks, water, roads and tracks, and details of structures on neighbouring properties (where possible). You may attach a separate plan.

You will be provided with a copy if the permit is granted. The Fire Warden will also explain the conditions of the permit and may offer you other information and advice.

If the Fire Warden refuses to grant a permit, they will provide you with written reasons for the refusal. You can either correct any issues identified by the Fire Warden and re-apply or, take the matter to the Chief Fire Warden who can be contacted via the local RFS Area Office.

The Process

- Contact your local council to see if there are any restrictions on lighting fires and if you require written permission from council to light the fire.
- Contact your neighbours and advise them of your intention to apply for a permit. Record the time you contact them on the application and note if they have or have not objected. If your neighbours do have an objection, they should contact the local Fire Warden. Note on the application if you cannot contact your neighbours.
- Complete both sides of the application form.
- Contact your local Fire Warden to submit your application.

What happens next?

- The Fire Warden will assess your application and may:
 - request further information regarding your property, your intended burn, how you intend to manage the fire, and what experience you have had with fire.
 - organise to visit your property.
 - provide advice to you regarding aspects of the intended fire.
 - confirm that you have notified adjoining owners/occupiers of your plans to have a fire with sufficient notice.

Once the Fire Warden has completed the assessment, they will grant or refuse a permit.

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT TO LIGHT FIRE

Form

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO LIGHT FIRE

Effective Date: March 2021

Associated Permit Number

Note to Applicant: All areas of this form are to be completed before submission to the Fire Warden

To: Fire Warden:

Fire Warden District:

I,

State Full Name

Ph:

Mob:

Fax:

Email:

of:

Street Address

City/Town/Locality

Postcode

Being the Owner, Occupier or Caretaker of the property, or the Trustee for the owner/occupier or, being the Agent of the owner, occupier or person charged with the care and management of the property shown below, (circle appropriate), hereby apply for a permit to light a fire in the open air on the following portion(s) of that property or properties described as:

Real Property Description of the land on which the fire is to be lit: (This information is available on your Rates Notice. Note: Street address and Lot/Plan details must both be included).

Street (No. / Name):

Locality:

Town/City:

Postcode:

(If insufficient space, list Lots / Plans on a separate document and write "see attached")

Lot and Plan No(s):

I provide the following in relation to the planned fire:

➤ I request a Permit To Light Fire be issued for the following period: / / to / /

➤ Purpose of the fire:

➤ Material to be burnt:

➤ Total area to be burnt:

I have taken / will take the following precautions to prevent the spread of the fire:

➤ Constructed a firebreak consisting of:

➤ Will have the following tools / equipment on site to prevent the spread of, or to extinguish the fire:

➤ Will have capable persons available on site to prevent the spread of fire from the area to be burned (minimum of 2 persons).

➤ I have notified, or made reasonable attempts to notify all adjoining owners or occupiers of my intention to apply for a Permit to Light Fire, at least 72 hours prior to submitting this application

Name of Adjoining Owner / Occupier (see notes on reverse)	Address/s	Date and Time Notified	If not notified, what reasonable attempts were made and when; advise if any objection given and reasons.

(Penalty for false statement - 50 penalty units or six months imprisonment or both)



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- In addition to obtaining a Permit to Light Fire, I understand that I must comply with Local Government, State Government and Federal Legislation when constructing fire breaks and burning vegetation.
- I understand and accept it is my responsibility to have checked with my Local Government to ensure there is no local law restricting or prohibiting the lighting of fires prior to submitting this application.
- I understand and accept that I must have obtained permission from my local government to light a fire, if required by local law, prior to submitting this application.
- I verify that there are no toxic and / or hazardous materials that will be consumed by the fire.
- I understand and accept that if the fire escapes my firebreaks, I must report this fact immediately via 000 and take all reasonable steps to extinguish or control the fire until it is contained.
- I understand and accept that I am required to have a current Permit to Light Fire in my possession while this fire is still burning; and
- I understand and accept that the perimeter of the fire(s) is / are to be made safe and the fire patrolled until there is no longer any risk of the fire escaping.

..... (Applicant Signature) (Date)

Once this application has been completed, submit it to the Fire Warden who will decide whether to grant the application. The Fire Warden may seek further details to aid their decision.

Notes: (Refer Brochures: Lighting Fires in Queensland, Applying to Light Fires in Queensland, and Obligations and Responsibilities of Permit Holders)
 Adjining owners / occupiers are required to be given the opportunity to object to the granting of a permit. Where wider residential areas are likely to be affected by smoke, the Fire Warden may add a condition to the permit that wider advice, such as a letter-drop or notice in the media is required.

Following receipt of your application, the Fire Warden may impose conditions on a permit to reduce unwanted risk or nuisance to other people, property or to the environment. The Fire Warden must refuse to issue a permit if they believe that appropriate safety measures cannot be reasonably achieved or if they believe reasonable attempts to notify neighbours of the intention to apply for a permit have not been made.

Definitions: Definitions of terms used are:

Term:

Adjoining: Refers to the land mentioned in Section 64(3)(a) and (b) of the Act, namely:

(a) the land that touches some part of the land in question; or

(b) is not separated from that land by a watercourse, road, or firebreak not less than 10 metres wide and clear of all flammable material in every direction.

Owner/Occupier: Refers to the person who owns or is charged by the owner or by law with the management of the land. It includes the situation where there is no person in actual occupation of the land.



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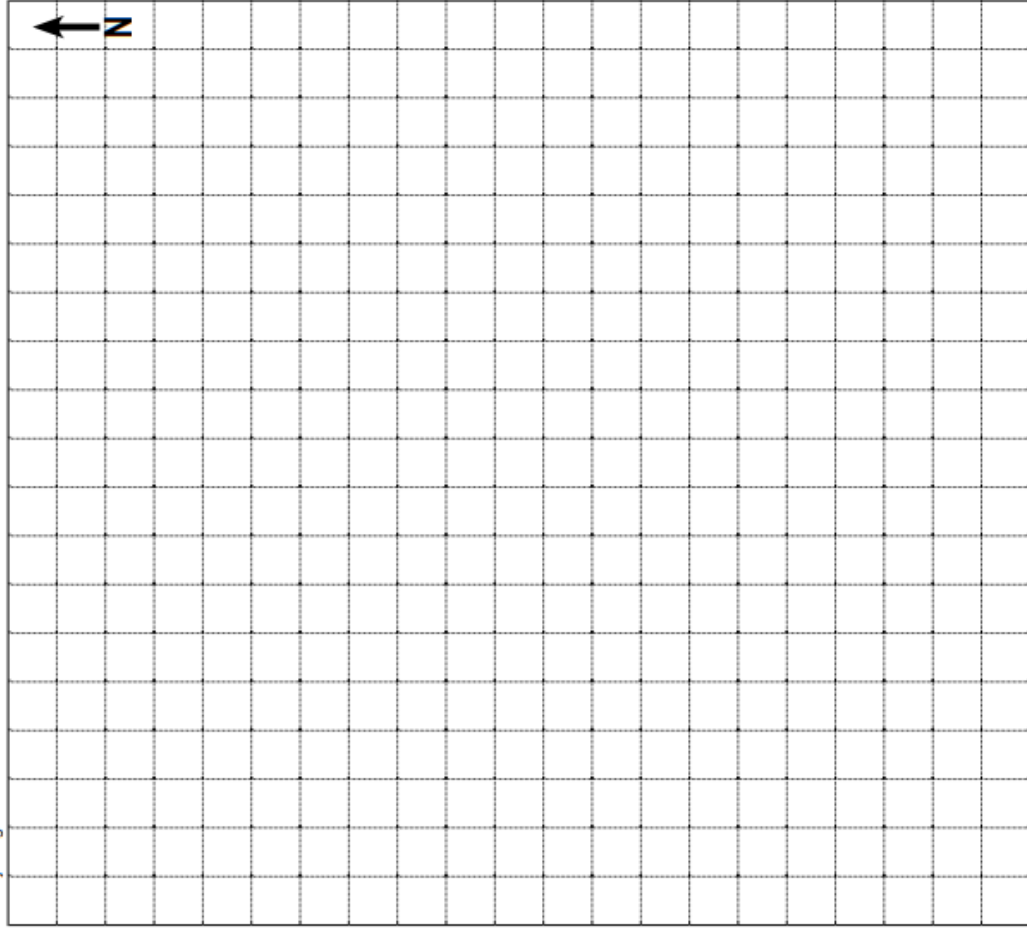
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Map of Proposed Burn Area

If you have a fire management plan or prescribed burn plan for the land on which you wish to burn, please provide it to your Fire Warden with this application. If not, please indicate / sketch below the area to be burned and show your breaks, property lines and adjoining land.



3. SRA e-Newsletter – Posted – 10/6/22



Dear Annmaree

With temperatures plummeting, Central Queensland was the place to be this fortnight with warm welcomes from SRA staff at grower events and workshops held in Proserpine and Mackay. There's also plenty happening across other districts.



Good crowd at MAPS/SRA Field Day in Mackay

The Victoria Plains Clean Seed Plot near Mackay was the centre of attention for about 150 growers and industry personnel on 2 June for the MAPS SRA annual Field Day.

Highlights included a talk on the variety trials by SRA's Dr George Piperidis, Variety Development Manager Central (pictured above talking to growers in front of the trial cane), together with the release of this year's Central region variety guide.

[Highlights and more photos from a great day](#)



Training the trainers in the Central region

In a Central region initiative, SRA Weed Scientist Emilie Fillols held a weed management workshop for representatives of all Central region Productivity Boards in Mackay.

The aim was to “train the trainers” in order to further assist sugarcane growers through a greater understanding of and knowledge in identifying weeds, the diverse options for controlling weeds and how to put together prescriptions for a range of scenarios on farm. Feedback was positive and it is hoped more workshops can be arranged.

"The workshop showed the complexity of decision-making in the face of a range of weed management options."

Damian Baxter, Manager, Plane Creek Productivity Services Limited (PCPSL)



Yield impact of harvesting practices draws Bundaberg and Maryborough crowd

SRA's Agricultural Machinery Specialist, Phil Patane, continued to draw interest from growers, harvesting contractors and milling personnel with workshops in Bundaberg and Maryborough reviewing the impact of harvesting practice on cane and sugar yield.

Participants agreed the workshops were a worthwhile investment of their time where they gained useful knowledge and which they would recommend to other sugar industry personnel. Among topics, Phil discussed correct machine set-up, changes to harvesting parameters and new technologies to assist in achieving optimum harvesting practice.

Remembering Mario Raccanello

The SRA family were saddened to hear of the recent loss of a friend and valued collaborator.

Mario Raccanello was a strong supporter of industry research and early adopter of innovative and efficient farming practices that resulted in profitable and sustainable sugarcane production in the Tully mill area. For many years Mario supported SRA activities relating to nutrient management, soil health and harvesting projects. Mario was generous with his time, provision of equipment and willingness to host research trial sites. He will be missed by many. Our condolences to Mario's family, friends and colleagues.



Burdekin show entries closing soon

Burdekin sugarcane growers are running out of time to enter the sugarcane sections at the upcoming Burdekin show, with entries closing at 4pm on Friday 17 June.

Sponsored by Wilmar, entries are open in 17 classes including longest stick, heaviest stick, CCS and best three sticks across Q240, KQ228, Q208 and 'any other variety'. There's also a section for best collection of sticks.

Champions for each section and champion exhibitor of show awards will also be presented at the event on 22 June, as well as the Brian K Strathdee Memorial Award. Brian was the Burdekin Show President for many years and a great supporter of the sugarcane section.

Find out more about the sections, prize money and judging requirements in the [show schedule](#).



NSW crushing season begins

Despite a dispiriting season weather-wise, NSW's three mills will begin their crushing season this month with the Harwood and Condong (*above*) mills spinning up on 15 and 20 June respectively and the Broadwater mill beginning operation in early August.



Supporting young growers

SRA Central region continues to support young farmers and encourage their networking to increase their knowledge of new farming practices and technology.

The latest event saw 50 growers and sugar industry personnel get together in Proserpine for an informative Precision Agriculture Workshop, organised by the Proserpine Young Farmers in conjunction with SRA and SSP. Thanks to the hard work of organisers, (*above, left to right*) Bessie Orr (Proserpine Young Growers), Molly O'Dea (PhD student) and Stephanie Duncan (SRA), participants were able to hear from a wide range of speakers.

Presenters included SRA Weed Scientist Emilie Fillols who discussed the research collaboration between James Cook University, AutoWeed and SRA which has seen a robotic spot spraying tool identify and treat nutgrass in three trials. (The project was funded by the Australian Government's Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.)



Search on for two new SRA Board Members

Sugar Research Australia is seeking to appoint two Non-Executive Directors to join its board. The board is required to have a balance of skills across a number of key selection criteria.

See the full expression of interest advertisement for more information about the required skills and experience (button below). Expressions of interest close at 5pm on Friday 24 June 2022.

[EOI Board Positions SRA](#)



Applications for Nuffield Scholarship closing soon

Nuffield Australia is once again sending farmers and fishers overseas to bring innovative ideas home through a Nuffield Scholarship. Each scholarship is valued at \$30,000 and Nuffield Australia will award up to 20 scholarships this year.

The bursaries are open to farmers, fishers and those in associated industries aged between 28-45. They enable scholars to spend 14 weeks of travel over two years to study a topic important to their industry.

(Above): 2022 Nuffield Scholar and Australian agricultural consultant Munro Hardy was in London earlier this year as part of Nuffield's Contemporary Scholars Conference.

[Applications close on 17 June 2022. Apply now.](#)



Left: Chris Tom, SRA Variety Officer Central (second from the right) will be part of the judging team for the sugarcane competition at the Mackay Show again this year. (File photo from 2019 Show.)

Visit SRA at the Shows!

Please come and chat with SRA Central staff who will be out and about at the Shows - Pioneer Valley Show, this Sunday 12 June; Mackay Show, Tuesday 14 June - Thursday 16 June; and Proserpine Show, Friday 17 June - Saturday 18 June. It's your chance to:

- Pick up the latest SRA Central Variety Guide.
- Hear project updates on YCS, alternative cane grub control, crop ripeners and control of balsam pear and navua sedge.
- See pachymetra root rot up close.
- Inspect the maturity testing (juice) trailer and SRA plant breeding seedlings.
- Chat with Dylan Wedel or Stephanie Duncan about your farming concerns.

Please come and say hello!



Coastal Sugar/Soybean Farming Systems in focus

Join leading NSW soybean/sugarcane farmers and the NSW DPI Technical Team to discuss coastal soybean/sugarcane farming systems - next Tuesday 14 June from 2:30 pm at Willy Lucas' shed, Osbourne.

[RSVP TO DAF](#)

SRA Upcoming Events

See SRA at upcoming regional shows and events:

[Pioneer Valley Show 12 June](#)

[Mackay Show 14-16 June](#)

[Proserpine Show 17-18 June](#)

[Ingham Show 23-24 June](#)

[Six Easy Steps Nutrient Management Workshop - Tully](#)

Tuesday 14 June, Tully Sugar Mill Rec Room, Writ Lane, Tully

This is a Mobilising the Murray Project event and is funded by The Australian Government's Reef Trust

[RSD on the agenda at Rocky Point Productivity Workshop](#)

Tuesday 14 June, 8.00 am - 12.00 noon, Woongoolba Hall, 1226 Stapylton Jacobs Well Road, Woongoolba

AGRICULTURE NEWS

June 2022

Disaster recovery assistance now available

Recovery assistance is now available for eligible primary producers impacted by the April and May rainfall events in regional Queensland.

Assistance includes:

- concessional loans of up to \$250,000
- essential working capital loans of up to \$100,000 at a concessional interest rate
- freight subsidies of up to \$5,000.



Please take date-stamped photographs of the direct damage to accompany your [application](#).

If you have suffered significant damage from the floods outside of the activated areas, you can apply for an [Individual Disaster Stricken Property \(IDSP\) declaration](#).

[Mental health support and general community recovery](#) is also available.

Disaster recovery assistance is jointly funded by the Australian Government and Queensland Government's [Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements \(DRFA\)](#).

Learn more about the available [recovery assistance](#).

Have your say on the future of feral deer management in Queensland

You're invited to provide feedback on Queensland's [Feral deer management strategy 2022-27](#).

Feedback can be provided via the department's e-Hub where you can complete the survey or upload a written submission.

The *Feral deer management strategy 2022-27* will set the direction for the management of feral deer in Queensland for the next five years.

The draft strategy provides guidance for the direction of regional/local government biosecurity planning. It encourages collaborative and a coordinated approach to the management of feral deer and the reduction of impacts.

Consultation closes on Thursday 30 June 2022.

For more information, visit the [e-Hub](#) or call us on 13 25 23.



New sheep and goat grants available

We have some great news for sheep and goat enterprises and business in the supply chain who use sheep and goat-derived materials in products or activities.

New Rural Agricultural Development grants could enable you to pursue the plans you'd always wanted to—but didn't have the funds to.

Funding of up to \$200,000 per business could be used to improve your infrastructure, build your slaughter capacity, develop a marketing line based on provenance or improve your business in a range of other ways.

The funding is an initiative of the Queensland Government. [Apply now](#).



#HortCon22 a huge succes

Key players in the horticulture and food industry came together at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre for Hort Connections 2022.

As major partners in the event, we were thrilled to give industry a tour of our Maroochy Research Facility and lead panel discussions on increasing access to international and domestic horticulture markets, and improving supply chain performance.

Our breeding success was also on show with the launch of three new strawberry varieties—Susie, Tahli and Tamara, named in honour of prominent Australian athletes Susie O'Neill and Tahli Gill, and pianist Tamara-Anna Cislowska.



Have your say on the proposed new safety laws for quad bikes and side-by-side vehicles

Do you ride quad bikes or side-by-side vehicles on your property?

The Office of Industrial Relations (OIR) is considering implementing new workplace safety laws for quad bikes and side-by-side vehicles.

Share your thoughts on mandating:

- helmet use
- no kids on adult quad bikes and SSVs
- certain passenger restrictions for some vehicles
- seat belts for some SSVs (where they have been installed).

[Have your say](#) on the new regulations by Friday 17 June.



Planning for the future of your agribusiness?

Queensland Farmers' Federation and Jobs Queensland recently launched Workforce Planning Connect, a set of planning tools to support small to medium-sized agribusinesses with building a sustainable future.

The tools are free and cover topics like understanding the benefits of workforce planning, building knowledge, as well as tools to grow capability in the area.

Find out more and [download the resources](#).



Save on herbicide costs using a different application method

The results from a [low dose herbicide farm trial](#) in the Herbert are in – and it's a win for growers.

The trial assessed different herbicide application methods in sugarcane. It found the use of Dual Herbicide Sprayer, or Irvin spray bar provides better results in controlling weeds, even with a low dose of residual herbicide. In fact, the low dose was just as effective as the full rate of herbicide with these two applications.



It's cheaper for growers, better for the environment, and reef water quality.

Based on the trial, we recommend waiting until sugarcane is actively growing before applying your herbicide. This allows you to tailor the weed control options to suit your needs.

To learn more about the trial, watch this [video](#).

2022 Queensland Reconciliation Awards

Congratulations to family-owned, Indigenous business [Nourishing Bites](#) who received a highly commended award for their delicious and nutritious treats at the 2022 Queensland Reconciliation Awards.

Our product development team worked with Nourishing Bites' Shelley and Daniel as part of our Indigenous Native Foods Program to assist with the development and scale-up of their Heavenly Hazel product range. We are thrilled to see them receive this recognition!



Read about the [2022 Queensland Reconciliation Awards](#).

Natural disasters and 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)



13 June 2022

Tilapia not detected in Cooby Creek

Biosecurity Queensland has not found any evidence of the invasive pest fish species tilapia in Cooby Creek, downstream of Cooby Dam, north of Toowoomba.

Since the initial report was made in March 2022, a range of survey techniques have been deployed including electrofishing, eDNA sampling and setting fyke nets.

There has been no indication, from any of these techniques, that tilapia are present in Cooby Creek and by extension, the Murray-Darling Basin.

This news is encouraging as tilapia would have significant impacts on a range of native species, and lead to reduced water quality in this system if established.

Biosecurity Queensland will continue to monitor Cooby Creek and downstream waterways over the coming months in partnership with researchers who are active in the catchment.

Biosecurity Queensland would like to thank the officers from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department of Environment and Science, Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water, Toowoomba Regional Council and representatives from the local fish stocking group for their assistance in this investigation.

Tilapia were introduced into Australia in the 1970s as ornamental fish and are now a major threat to Australia's native biodiversity. Tilapia are now widespread on the east coast of Queensland. Most new infestations are caused by people moving live fish between catchments.

Tilapia are restricted matter under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. This means you cannot keep, feed, give away, sell, or release tilapia into the environment without a permit.

If you see or catch tilapia [outside of their known distribution](#), take a photo and [report it online](#) or phone Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23

More information on [tilapia](#).



Spotted tilapia (*Tilapia mariae*)



Mozambique tilapia (*Oreochromis mossambicus*)



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Compulsory Record Keeping

All people who use pesticides in NSW as part of their job must record pesticide use. Records provide info if an incident occurs, protect the user by providing evidence they used chemicals responsibly, and track effectiveness of use.

[Read more](#)



Mouse Management using Mouse Alert

NSW is currently experiencing high mouse numbers in cropping regions. To assist landholders, GRDC and CSIRO have compiled guides and information about the use of zinc phosphide bait and how to access support.

[Read more](#)



Safeguarding Against Agricultural Chemical Exposure

Exposure to agricultural chemicals can occur in many ways, scenarios include treatment of animals, crops and grain stores. As with many workplace hazards, complete elimination is an unachievable goal, so harm minimisation based on rigorous assessment must be implemented.

[Read more](#)



Pesticides and Veterinary Residues

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) sets maximum residue limits (MRLs) for agVet chemicals in ag produce, particularly produce entering the food chain. These MRLs are set at levels that are not likely to be exceeded if the agVet chemicals are used in accordance with a label instructions.

[Read more](#)



Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG)

ChemCert is proud to support this event with a \$5000 donation along with CEO Brenden McMahon providing vehicle support to the riders throughout the journey from Brisbane to Newcastle. DIPG is responsible for 1 in 5 Child hood deaths to disease and has no known cure to date, any donation will assist greatly in moving towards a cure.

[Read more](#)

7. Wilmar Burdekin Grower Update – Posted – 16/6/22

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Wednesday, 15 June 2022

Following today's ring around of growers and harvesting group representatives, we are confident both Kalamia and Pioneer mills will secure enough cane supply to begin crushing on **Monday 20 June**.

- There will be some limited harvesting on Sunday to ensure supply continuity.
- Our logistics staff will continue to communicate with growers and harvesting group representatives throughout this week and over the weekend to confirm sidings and allotments.

Best regards

JOHN TAIT

Burdekin Cane Supply Manager



Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation

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