

# WEEKLY WEB ROUND UP

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FRIDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022

Kalagro Fuel

<u>Price</u>

DIESEL - \$2.21960 incl GST UNLEADED - \$2.02244 incl GST

> Fuel Delivery Days Monday - Friday

# **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 GrowersCorporate 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.

Receive a

for each referral that takes out an eligible

singles policy

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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## 2. SRA Media Release – Posted 24/6/22



Date Thursday 23 June 2022

# Sugar Research Australia is calling for Expressions of Interest from cane growers in the Burdekin, to improve their irrigation management practices, and enhance productivity and sustainability.

This is the third round of funding through the Burdekin Irrigation Project (BIP) where cane growers in the region can access expert services and support. Through the project, coordinated by Sugar Research Australia (SRA), local service providers Burdekin Productivity Services (BPS), Farmacist and AgriTech Solutions (ATS) work alongside growers to transition to proven, scalable, sustainable, and technologically advanced irrigation practices.

SRA's Burdekin District Manager Terry Granshaw, explains that growers have different levels of options as a participant.

"Participation in the project means one-on-one support," Mr Granshaw said. "Growers can choose the best scenario for their own irrigation system.

"A key part of the process is to measure current water and energy use, through an irrigation baseline assessment. From this, a recommendation will be made to improve the current system by upgrading with smart technology that provides savings across the project area."



Chris Richards, farm manager with Woods Pastoral (pictured above left, with SRA Project Officer Armin Wessel) is involved in the Burdekin Irrigation Project and installed an automated irrigation through the first round of the funding in 2021.

"We were struggling to effectively deliver our irrigation water in an efficient manner when taking into consideration both labour and crop water requirements," Mr Richards said.

"On first inspection it looked like the Burdekin Irrigation Project could help us. And after the project team made their assessment, we installed a computerised irrigation system to automate the water change process. As a result, we've seen positive outcomes that have allowed remote irrigation changes and shutdowns, reduced labour costs and increased on-farm water-use efficiency. Overall, the project has helped us improve our farm management systems."

For more information or to express your interest in this opportunity for Burdekin sugarcane famers, contact SRA's Project Officer Armin Wessel at Brandon on 0436 937 555 or Terry Granshaw on 0457 650 181.

### Completed EOI forms are required by Friday 8 July 2022.

• Please note this may be the last call for expressions of interest.

• The Burdekin Irrigation Project will run until June 2024 and includes a strong focus on implementing innovative technologies to align the region's sugarcane farms with the latest irrigation practices.

The Burdekin Irrigation Project is funded by the partnership between the Australian Government's Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation with support from Sugar Research Australia, Farmacist Pty Ltd , Agritech Solutions, Burdekin Productivity Services, NQ Dry Tropics NRM, JCU: James Cook University, Australia and the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

#### Growers can download the EOI form from SRA's website

Media contact: Helen Cook 0439 034 257

## 3. SRA E-Newsletter – Posted – 24/6/22



We know it is the busiest time of the year with the crushing season now under way but there are still some SRA events on which we hope will grab your attention.



### Round 3 funding now open for the Burdekin Irrigation Project

The call is out for sugarcane growers in the Burdekin who want to improve their irrigation management practices, and enhance productivity and sustainability.

Woods Pastoral farm manager Chris Richards (pictured left with SRA Project Officer Armin Wessell) was a recipient of funding in the first round of the Burdekin Irrigation Project (BIP) in 2021 and said the project has helped improve the farm's management systems.

"After the BIP team made their assessment, we installed a computerised irrigation system to automate the water change process. As a result, we've seen positive outcomes that have allowed remote irrigation changes and shutdowns, reduced labour costs and increased on-farm water-use efficiency," Chris said.

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More about the BIP and the EOI form



### StoolZippa UV demonstration

Growers in Mackay are invited to an on-farm SRA/MAPS event next Monday evening, 27 June, from 5.30-6.30pm designed to show how to improve imidacloprid (Confidor) applications using a StoolZippa.

Because it is difficult to see the liquid imidacloprid in the soil after application we will be using a fluorescent dye added to the imidacloprid solution to show the location of the applied imidacloprid. As with all machines, a StoolZippa must be set up correctly to do its job. The evening's event aims to show you what happens when the spike closing wheels aren't set in their optimum position.





## Gearing up for Burdekin Field Day

Join us for presentations, demonstrations and stalls hosted by Sugar Research Australia, Burdekin Productivity Services and Farmacist at SRA's Brandon Station on Friday 15 July.

Interact with researchers, extension staff and the community by visiting the stalls on site. The actionpacked program will include a demonstration of drone-based phenotyping for variety development.

See the full program



## SRA Board meets in far north

SRA's Board of Directors has continued its series of regional meetings in sugarcane districts, meeting at Meringa in Far North Queensland this week. Directors and members of SRA's executive team also attended a stakeholder event at Mourilyan, and met with local growers and milling representatives over lunch to discuss local issues. The Board's next visit is scheduled for Tully during July.

Above: Peter Russo, SRA Board Director, Audit and Risk Committee (left) with Joe Marano, Canegrowers Vice Chairman. Thanks for the hospitality, Joe.



# New variety guides now available online for the Herbert and Southern regions

Printed copies will be mailed to our distribution list in the coming weeks. Watch out for yours in the mail or contact your local SRA station for a copy. Note: there will be no NSW Variety Guide produced this year.

View the 2022/23 Variety Guides online



## SIX EASY STEPS in Mossman and the Murray

In recent weeks, growers and advisors from the Murray, Kennedy, Ingham, Mossman and Tablelands have gathered for a SIX EASY STEPS workshop facilitated by SRA Agronomist Danielle Skocaj (pictured above at the MRT7 Workshop). If Danielle has one message its Test, Test, Test and yes she's talking about soil but the day involved much more than that. With advisors attending having experience ranging from nutrient management to plant pathology, growers were able to talk one-on-one with these experts and discuss their farming practices with each other over lunch.

In a feedback survey. participants were asked what their next steps after the workshop would be. "Test more – keep fine tuning," said one. "Follow up with Danielle," said another.

## SIX EASY STEPS



Please map your job in agriculture!

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has partnered with the National Careers Institute to develop a digital map of traditional, new, and emerging career opportunities in the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industries.

Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey (link is below) and help others discover a rewarding new career.

Please do it today!



## 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**



### Farm cash incomes up, says ABARES

Favourable conditions and booming commodity prices are driving up livestock and cropping farm cash incomes, according to the latest ABARES figures.

Cropping farm cash earnings are up an estimated 28 per cent to average \$619,000 per farm in 2021-22. The largest 10 per cent of broadacre farms produced around half of total output.

#### Read more



# Check out the SRA job board

Would you like to work with us? Current vacancies exist for:

- Casual Laboratory Assistant/Field Hand Meringa
- <u>Seasonal/Casual Field Hand Opportunities Mackay</u>
- <u>Variety Officer Bundaberg Fixed Term</u>

A full list of vacancies can be found here:

All SRA vacancies



# Have you planned for the future of your agribusiness?

Queensland Farmers' Federation and Jobs Queensland have launched Workforce Planning Connect, a set of workforce planning tools designed 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, and tools to grow capability in this area.

**Download the tools** 

# **SRA Upcoming Events**

See SRA at upcoming regional shows and events:

Mackay StoolZippa UV demonstration - 27 June

Innisfail Show - 7-8 July

Burdekin SRA Field Day - 15 July

Sarina Show - 30-31 July

See details of all SRA events



# 4. SRA/BRS/Farmacist Burdekin Field Day Invite – Posted – 27/6/22







# **BURDEKIN** FIELD DAY

Join us for presentations, demonstrations and stalls hosted by SRA , BPS and Farmacist.

Interact with researchers, extension staff and the community by visiting the stalls on site.

 When:
 Friday 15 July 2022

 7.00 am – 3.30 pm

 Where:
 SRA Brandon Station

 30962 Bruce Highway, Brandon QLD 4808

 RSVP:
 Terry Granshaw

 Phone 0457 650 181

 email
 TGranshaw@sugarresearch.com.au

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Complimentary morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

# It's an action-packed program

Johan Deutschenbaur will provide a

drone demonstration showcasing work to support variety development

7.00 am - 8.00 am	Grab a free coffee
8.00 am - 8.15 am	Welcome
8.15 am - 9.30 am	Drone demo. Drone based phenotyping for variety development by Dr Sijesh Natarajan & Johan Deutschenbaur
9.30 am - 10.00 am	Optimising nutrient input during high fertiliser prices with Dr Danielle Skocaj
10.00 am - 10.30 am	BPS presentation
10.30 am - 11.30 am	Field Tour: Plant breeding with Dr Xianming Wei & Catherine Kettle
11.30 am - 12.00 pm	Farmacist presentation
12.00 pm - 12.30 pm	Sugarcane disease research and development benefitting the Burdekin with Dr Rob Magarey
2.00 pm - 2.30 pm	Irrigation scheduling and monitoring Armin Wessel
2.30 pm - 3.00 pm	Harvesting Decision Support Tool with Phil Patane & Brendon Nothard
3.00 pm - 3.30 pm	AutoWeed demo. How smart spot spraying technology can reduce herbicide use and improve water quality outcomes with Dr Alex Olsen & Emilie Fillols

# 5.Wilmar Global Traders Event – Posted – 27/6/22





Senior Sugar Trader Peter Bingham is returning to North Queensland with Ju-Yang Kwek and Neil Foo Zhizhou from our Singapore trading desk.

Get the latest intel on Brazil and India, global sugar consumption trends and the global sugar market outlook.

Tuesday 5 July 6pm - 8pm Tuscan Room, Queens Hotel, 103 Queen Street, Ayr Food and refreshments will be served.



Secure your spot Contact YOLANDA HANSEN Yolanda.Hansen@au.wilmar-intl.com | 0439 002 240



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Kalamia and Pioneer mills both started crushing on Monday 20 June. All four mills in the Burdekin are now in operation.

Invicta Mill has settled down and recorded the highest weekly throughput on record for week two of a season. Inkerman Mill is still experiencing some commissioning issues with the newly installed B-side feeding station. Kalamia and Pioneer had reasonable starts and are going through the normal commissioning phase.

The total weekly throughput for the Burdekin mills was just over 360,000 tonnes of cane. This was above our budget for week two.

The average weekly CCS was 12.78, which is still trending slightly below budget. The highest CCS sample was 16.7 from a rake of Q240 1st Ratoon in the Stockham Rd productivity zone (Invicta).

With school holidays under way, parents and carers are urged to remind children of the dangers associated with cane trains. Children should keep well away from the cane rail network and never play on or around cane bins.

John Tait Cane Supply Manager Burdekin Region



# 7. Wilmar Burdekin Variety Summary – Week 2 – Posted – 30/6/22

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## 8. QFF 10 Things to Know – Posted – 30/6/22

# **Solution Constant of the second se**

QFF and its members have welcomed the Queensland Government's ongoing commitment to prioritising water security for the state, with \$510M announced for water infrastructure and planning, which will allow growth and jobs in regional communities. Read QFF's release <u>HERE</u>.

A statewide emergency order for NSW has been issued to control the movement of bees and stop the spread of varroa mite. Varroa mites can destroy beehives, and as we all know, bees are essential for pollinating a lot of the food that we eat. Read the NSW DPI's announcement <u>HERE</u>.

3.

QFF member Cotton Australia celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and to commemorate, they've collated highlights from their history into an interactive timeline <u>HERE</u>. Australia's cotton industry has an incredible story of sustainability, innovation and excellence with water productivity gains of 48% since 1992, and 90% of enterprises still being family farms.



Landholders in areas of intensively farmed land on the Condamine River floodplain have raised concerns with the GasFields Commission about what legislative protections are available should CSG-induced subsidence have a financial impact on their business. GFC are reviewing the regulatory framework with a view to identifying potential enhancements relating to subsidence. More information HERE.

# 5.

QFF is proud to be a sponsor of the AFI's "Cultivating ESG Capacity" roundtable on 18 October in Canberra. Considered discussion will be had about the capability and capacity of Australian agriculture to meet sustainability goals in environmental management, social responsibility and business capital. See more <u>HERE</u>.

# 6

Australia's cotton industry is the backbone of many rural communities. QFF Vice President and cotton grower Aaron Kiely spoke to Cotton Australia's 'From the Field' podcast about his community and experiences. Read a snapshot and listen to his full interview HERE.

7.

QFF would like to extend a hearty congratulations to <u>Rachel Chambers</u> on her new appointment as Growcom's Chief Executive Officer. QFF looks forward to working with Rachel and her great team in continuing to support and advocate for Queensland's vibrant horticulture industry. Read Growcom's announcement HERE.



The cost of production in the vegetable industry has risen between approximately 25% and 40% over the past two years. There is a disconnection between increasing production costs, and the prices consumers are paying for fresh produce. Read ABC Rural's article about grower experience including Growcom's comments <u>HERE</u>.

# 9

Nikala Pissaris' placement with Farmacist through QFF's Agricultural Extension Work Placement Program has given her the opportunity to explore agricultural extension, build her capacity as a young agronomist, and learn fundamental lessons along the way. Read about Nikala's experience <u>HERE</u>.

10.

The 2022 harvest is underway for most of Queensland's sugarcane growers who are hopeful late summer and autumn rain will push the crop above the pre-season estimate to help them meet rising farm input costs. Growers like Canegrowers' Chair Owen Menkens are cautiously optimistic. Read Owen's comments <u>HERE</u>.



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