

# HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

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1.

Tune in to QFF's Farm Business Hour on 27 July to discuss managing your greatest asset: your workforce. A timely discussion, given that in recent years we have weathered major drought impacts, floods, increased production costs, diminished access to labour and the supply chain disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. See more details and register [HERE](#). Registration gives you the option to view the recording at a later date if you can't make the live broadcast.

2.

The finalised program for the virtual Queensland Agworkforce Summit from 3-5 August is now live. A stellar line-up of world-class speakers will participate - a great opportunity to network and learn about innovative strategies that have worked in attracting, retaining and skilling workforces. We invite agribusinesses across Qld, including Owners, CEOs, Operation Managers, HR Managers and Business Managers who are looking to innovate, attract, train and retain the current and future

generation of people in their businesses to attend. See program [HERE](#).

3.

Rural Queenslanders will soon be able to use a new platform to access better, more timely information and data about their water use and entitlements. Last week the Queensland Government announced that the cloud-based tools in the *WaterIQ* program are near completion and will include a customer portal and mobile app. More information [HERE](#).

4.

Not every fruit and vegetable price should be going up. Take ginger for example. The early onset of cold weather in Qld coupled with great rains in the last year means there is now a bumper crop of newly maturing ginger being harvested. Shoppers should receive the price benefit of this availability. It's up to the retail giants to start passing on the huge cost cut. Read a ginger grower's firsthand account and Growcom's comments [HERE](#).

5.

A reminder that nominations for the 2022 Reef Champion Awards have been extended to 19 August. The extension gives outstanding land managers, extension officers, organisations and members of the community working to reduce their impact on the Great Barrier Reef further time to apply for the awards. Information [HERE](#). Apply [HERE](#).

6.

The Queensland Government is currently accepting applications under Round 2 of the 2022 Investing in Queensland Women grant program. Grants are available to community groups and organisations across the state's

urban, rural and remote communities to develop and deliver initiatives that align with the government's strategic priorities for women and address the unique issues faced by women and girls. More information [HERE](#).

7.

The Australian Government's Horticultural Netting Program has been extended, meaning more growers will get help to buy and install protective netting. QRIDA will administer the program in Queensland, assessing applications in order of receipt, and subject to the available federal funding. For more information or to apply visit the QRIDA online portal [HERE](#).

8.

Since launching in 2021, AgriFuture's growAG. platform has helped showcase Australia's agrifood innovation. One of the businesses to take advantage of the platform is Toowoomba-based, DataFarming (Australia). Learn about their experience with the platform and hear Managing Director Tim Neale's insights into collaboration within the AgTech industry [HERE](#).

9.

For parents looking for additional resources to help communicate farm safety to children, they can look to Farmsafe Australia partner George the Farmer. George the Farmer is a character featured in picture books and other media with the purpose of teaching Aussie kids about Australian farming. Learn more [HERE](#).

10.

The Queensland Government has made available for consultation, the draft Water Plan (Barron) 2022, draft Water Management Protocol and draft Water Entitlement

Notice. A copy of these and supporting documents are available [HERE](#). The draft plan recognises existing entitlements and builds on the strengths and learnings from the existing water plan which will expire in December 2022. Information regarding the making of submissions can be found [HERE](#).

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