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It is an exciting time to be in the Australian sugar industry with the release of its first whole-of-industry vision and roadmap showing engagement across the sugar supply chain. Read the details below and please take the time to watch the video. Lots of other SRA news and events to read about, too!



Industry releases shared vision and roadmap

The Australian sugarcane industry has released its first whole-of-industry vision and roadmap.

Sugar Plus – Fuelling the Future of Food, Energy and Fabrication, outlines a clear path for the Australian industry to secure and grow its value for future generations.

The roadmap sets out a series of actions in the near, medium, and longer term, to strengthen and build the industry while charting a path to a bigger, bolder future. It was developed in partnership and with funding support from the Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia, Sugar Research Australia,

CANEGROWERS, Australian Sugar Milling Council, AgForce, Australian Cane Farmers Association and the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

[Find out more about the road map](#)



Getting the most out of your imidacloprid application

Growers at an on-farm SRA/MAPS demonstration at the end of June (pictured left) were able to see at close-hand the practical issues in applying liquid imidacloprid in ratoons effectively.

Imidacloprid is an important control for cane grubs and with current high greyback canegrub pressure it is important there are no product losses and it is effectively applied to do its job.

In conjunction with Nufarm, SRA has produced a new information sheet to support this - *Optimum application of Imidacloprid for greyback canegrub management*.

[Read more and download the information sheet](#)

EOIs closing: Round 3 funding for the Burdekin Irrigation Project closes TODAY Friday 8 July

If you're a grower in the Burdekin who wants to improve your irrigation management practices, and enhance productivity and sustainability, please act TODAY.

Contact SRA's Project Officer Armin Wessel at Brandon on 0436 937 555 or Terry Granshaw on 0457 650 181.

[Read more and download the EOI form](#)



A valuable variety walk and talk in the Wet Tropics

On one of many recent wet days in the Wet Tropics, SRA Variety Manager and Officer Felicity Atkin and Rhylee Pendrigh, with District Manager, Far North Gavin Rodman joined the team at Mossman Agriculture Services and growers from the region to discuss SRA's latest release canes in the north.

Armed with the 2022/23 Variety Guide for the Northern Region and fact sheets for SRA26, 28, 37, 9 and 32, growers were able to discuss newly launched varieties directly with the team that bred them. Growers were also shown field plots of potential new varieties.

"We hope the day has helped growers make more informed decisions and potentially drive the uptake of a few of the newer SRA releases for the 2022/23 planting season in the Mossman district," said Rhylee. "But just as important for us were the interactions we had with growers, gaining valuable feedback on some of our recent releases and a greater insight into how the industry is faring in Mossman at the moment."

[Download SRA's 2022/23 Variety Guide for your region](#)

Forewarned is Forearmed weather tools

Sugar growers will have access to more specific weather and climate information to help make critical business decisions with the latest release of the SRA supported Bureau of Meteorology's (BOM) Forewarned is Forearmed products (FWFA).

To support the release, a live information session is scheduled for Thursday 14 July at 1pm. This Webinar will explore the new FWFA forecast products and provide opportunity for Q&A.

[Read more and register for the Webinar](#)



[More on the Burdekin Field Day](#)

We're getting excited about the Burdekin Field Day

It has been over a decade since there has been a field day at SRA Burdekin and District Manager, Burdekin Terry Granshaw says he is excited to be working with Farmacist and Burdekin Productivity Services to host the event on Friday 15 July.

"We're encouraging all growers in the region to head along to the event to hear informative presentations and see demonstrations on research developments within the industry, and commercial agricultural stalls showcasing the latest technology used by growers," said Terry.

"The field day coincides with the regular August/September shed meetings and is a chance for everyone to catch up and appreciate this great industry we are all invested in." See you there!



Congratulations to the Grasso family - Champion Exhibitors

At the Burdekin Show held in June the Grasso family were the winners of two awards in the Sugar Cane Section sponsored by Wilmar Sugar.

The 'Brian K Strathdee Memorial Award', donated by Lorraine Strathdee, Burdekin Show Secretary recognises the long-time former Chair of the Burdekin Show and a great supporter of the Sugar Cane section.

Not only did the Grasso family win this award but also the very prestigious 'Champion Exhibitor of Show' and they were very worthy winners, said Catherine Kettl, Show Steward and SRA Variety Officer, Burdekin.

Image: Sib Grasso, far right, with Lorraine Strathdee and Grasso family members.

Reef Champion Awards closing soon

The Reef Champion Awards are a celebration of the outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations working to improve the quality of water entering the iconic Great Barrier Reef.

The Awards recognise the dedicated land managers, Traditional Owners, extension officers, industries and members of the community excelling in their efforts to help safeguard the future of the Reef.

The Reef Champion Awards are proudly supported by the Australian and Queensland governments and the Prince's Trust Australia. Entries for the 2022 Reef Champion Awards close on 12 July.



[Download the sponsorship prospectus](#)

Events

[Canegrub Management Workshop](#) - Murray Upper and Tully, 12 July and 13 July

[Burdekin Field Day](#) - SRA Brandon Station, 15 July, 7.00am - 3.30pm

[Field tour of the SIX EASY STEPS validation trial in the drier climate zone](#) - Meet at Helen's Hill State School, 29 July, 4.00pm

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