

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF Energy Innovation Officer Madison Sturgess will be presenting about the flow-on benefits of microgrids in agriculture at this year's Renewables in Ag Conference and Expo on 18 August in Albury. Madison's work with QFF drives research, feasibility and implementation of microgrid projects for regional communities. Check out the event details [HERE](#).

2.

QFF and the Queensland Government urge visitors to this year's EKKA in Brisbane to make the most of the opportunity to connect with the people who grow the best food, fibre and foliage in the world. QFF will be representing Queensland agriculture as will our colleagues from AgForce. It's a great time to hear farmer's stories. See DAF's support [HERE](#).

3.

QFF and AgForce will be sharing a stand at the 2022 Surat Basin Energy Summit in Dalby on 16 August. Attendees are encouraged to pop by and chat with QFF Energy Officer Jonathan Mendez about our Landowner Toolkit project. The toolkit will be a resource for landholders who are considering hosting renewable energy infrastructure on their property as well as those landholders who are at subsequent stages of development or near a proposed renewable development. Register for the Summit [HERE](#).

4.

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](#).

5.

The Queensland Government has announced \$22M over 5 years to boost preparedness for biosecurity emergencies, including foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, and African swine fever. After the initial 5-year investment there will be an ongoing annual investment of \$2.4M to further build the state's existing capacity to address increasing biosecurity risks in animal and plant pests and diseases. Read DAF's release [HERE](#).

6.

Fire ant biosecurity zones are changing. On 1 September 2022, the National Fire Ant Eradication Program will be updating the fire ant biosecurity zones in Southeast Queensland. The changes include adding new suburbs to the zones and moving a handful of suburbs between zones. These changes are necessary to protect areas receiving eradication treatment and to reduce the risks of fire ants spreading by way of human-assisted movement. Find out more [HERE](#).

7.

One week to go until the Crawford Fund's 2022 conference 'Celebrating Agriculture for Development: Outcomes, impacts and the way ahead' on 15 and 16 August in Canberra and online. Senator The Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will deliver the Ministerial Address at the event as they celebrate 35 years of outcomes and impacts in 2022. Details [HERE](#).

8.

Registrations are now open for the premiere event for horticulture workplace relations, the Fair Farms National Conference and Awards on 14 October 2022 at Coffs Harbour. Fair Farms is an initiative developed and delivered by peak horticulture industry body Growcom to help growers navigate their specific complex employment and WHS laws and regulations. Read more [HERE](#).

9.

Held at the Gold Coast from August 16-18, the 2022 Australian Cotton Conference will bring together new and experienced farmers, agronomists and researchers, brands and marketers, students, supply chain partners, industry groups and cotton groupies. Together they'll look at the challenges and opportunities facing cotton, share and learn from one another and listen to some of the world's best cotton experts. More info [HERE](#).

10.

Are you a student or know a student with a keen interest in agriculture? Or are you interested in the Australia-China relationship? Check out the National Farmers' Federation's Australia-China Agricultural Youth Program. Applications for the Program have been extended to 15 August. Read all about it [HERE](#).
