

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM QFF QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Following the extraordinary success and popularity of the first round of the Queensland Agritourism Business Grants, QFF is pleased to announce that Round 2 opens Wednesday, 5 October. This is the final round, so be sure to apply. Grants of up to \$25K are available. Full details can be found [HERE](#).

2.

QFF member Queensland Oyster Growers' Association recently elected a new President Wade McFadgen and Vice President Andrew Robson. Together, Wade and Andrew have over fifty years of experience in the industry from growing to aquaculture tourism and agricultural research. QFF looks forward to working with Wade, Andrew and their colleagues to continue to grow Queensland's oyster industry.

3.

Mitsubishi Motors now has an exclusive partnership with QFF. All QFF members and their growers are eligible to receive a National Fleet discount with Mitsubishi Diamond Advantage on the entire Mitsubishi Motors range of vehicles. Visit your [local Mitsubishi](#) dealer today! Read all about it and the T&Cs [HERE](#).

4.

Do you have questions about sugar? QFF member Canegrowers and the Australian Sugar Milling Council have created a website www.sugar.org.au to answer some of the many questions they're asked about sugar to ensure that balanced and accurate information is available to everyone.

5.

Australia has a range of detailed response plans and arrangements in place in the event of an incursion of either foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) or lumpy skin disease (LSD) into the country. These plans are rehearsed regularly and are continuously reviewed by both government and industry representatives. From livestock standstills to vaccination strategies, click [HERE](#) to see the plans and arrangements in place to respond to an incursion.

6.

Join the Bureau of Meteorology and Queensland Reconstruction Authority experts for an in-depth look at the 2022-23 severe weather season and learn how the Bureau's outlooks for the months ahead can help you make important decisions for the season. Register for the webinars [HERE](#).

7.

Webinar 1 'Solar Farm Landholder' of QFF's Renewable Energy Landholder Series has been rescheduled from 5 to 12 October. Register now to hear from farmer James Walker about why he decided to diversify into renewable energy and how he worked with the developer as they delivered the project. More [HERE](#).

8.

QFF is funding 90 places for next year's intake into UQSkills' Diploma of Agribusiness Management (Agronomy Digital Technologies Short Course) AHC51419T. There are still some places left, so be sure to [APPLY](#) today. Develop the ability to use

sophisticated GIS technology and interpret complex data. You'll be able to relate this back to location on-farm, where you'll provide solutions to improve soil health and yield, and lower the impact of pests, weeds, and erosion.

9.

QFF welcomed the release of the Palaszczuk Government's Energy and Jobs [Plan](#) last week. CEO Jo Sheppard has emphasised the importance of the Queensland Government providing a clear pathway through the energy transformation so that industry can make long-term investment decisions with confidence. The regions are to play a critical role in what is being called the clean energy industrial revolution. Read QFF's statement [HERE](#).

10.

The Office of the National Soils [Advocate](#) is conducting a national study on soil health in Australia. They are seeking to understand how soil health and practices are perceived among people who work with soil or in an industry related to soil or environmental conservation. Thoughts are also welcome about how the Advocate is known and perceived in this community. Take a look at the survey [HERE](#).



