

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF has welcomed Renee Anderson to the team as Rural Jobs and Skills Alliance (RJSA) Project Officer taking over the role from Diana Saunders. Renee is a passionate advocate for the Queensland agriculture sector and can be found on Twitter as @IamFarmerRenee. Welcome Renee, we're grateful to have you on board. You can contact Renee [via email here](#).

2.

QFF has provided comment on the Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023. QFF understands the intent of the Bill however, there are significant impacts imposed by the unrealistic deadlines outlined and QFF cannot support the proposed Bill in its current form due to the impacts it would have on regional industries and communities. [Read the submission here](#).

3.

Westpac has reversed its decision to close eight regional branches as a senate enquiry into regional banking closures continues. [Read more here](#). QFF made [this](#)

[submission](#) regarding regional bank closures to the Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport in March.

4.

NSW Farmers are wanting to capture grower responses to questions about contracts, market imbalance and the perception of where the power lies in the poultry meat industry through their [Grower Survey on Improving Poultry Meat Market Transparency](#). This survey is being conducted in response to the [ACCC Perishable Agricultural Goods Inquiry](#).

5.

QFF's corporate partner BDO have released their [Federal Budget 2023 Report](#) providing a breakdown of the key measures that will impact individuals and businesses in the year ahead, as well as expert commentary on key areas such as [Food and Agribusiness](#). QFF have also shared our initial thoughts on key budget items of relevance to our members [here](#).

6.

Queensland primary producers growing horticultural crops can apply for a 35% rebate to assist with the cost of irrigation. The [QRIDA Horticulture Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme](#) provides a 35% rebate to offset the cost of water used to irrigate horticulture, including vegetables and mushrooms, fruit and tree nuts and nursery and floriculture.

7.

Join AgriFutures for an exploration of the key economic trends affecting emerging industries, and what these mean for the opportunities, and threats, facing the diverse

emerging industries sector. The webinar is on Monday, 29 May 2023 at 11am AEST. [Register here](#).

8.

Cotton Australia and BDO, with the financial assistance of the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and Queensland Government's DCAP Program through QFF are proud to be hosting workshops to assist primary producers with completing their Farm Business Resilience Plans. The [next workshop](#) will run from 8:30am to 12pm on Wednesday, 24 May in Emerald. To RSVP email [Robyn Lehmann](#) at Cotton Australia.

9.

QFF will be hosting a webinar on Tuesday, 30 May to demonstrate [Ag Job Queensland](#)'s features for people looking for work in the Queensland agriculture sector. If you are looking for your next role in agriculture, be sure to attend and please share the event with your networks. [Register here](#).

10.

QFF are on the lookout for a highly motivated and experienced Agriculture Graduate Placement Program Coordinator to join our team. The primary responsibility of this position is to place graduates and new entrants into host organisations within the agricultural sector. [Find out more and apply via Ag Jobs Queensland here](#).



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