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Thursday 22 June 2023

SRA is proud to announce that plant pathologist Dr Rob Magarey won the Award for Excellence in Agricultural Research this week.



Congratulations, Dr Rob!

SRA Chief Executive Officer Roslyn Baker this week congratulated plant pathologist Dr Robert Magarey for winning the 2023 Award for Excellence in Agricultural Research.

The Award was presented on Tuesday night at the Kondinin Group and ABC Rural 2023 *Australian Farmer of the Year Awards* at Parliament House, Canberra.

[Find out more about Dr Rob Magarey](#)



NEW DATE: SIX EASY STEPS® Tully workshop

Tully - it's your turn for a SIX EASY STEPS® face-to-face workshop with SRA's Principal Agronomist Dr Danielle Skocaj.

Where: CANEGROWERS Tully, 59 Butler Street, Tully

When: 8:30am - 3:30pm, Friday 7 July

Who: Principal Agronomist, Dr Danielle Skocaj

At this full-day workshop, you will learn a lot about: sugarcane soils: properties, processes, nutrient loss pathways, and so much more.

You will also have the chance to try out SRA's new [Online Sugarcane Nutrient Management program](#).

At no cost to attendees, numbers are limited to 10. Get in quick!

[For more information, to RSVP and to download and share the invitation](#)



Farming insights in Reef catchments

In the past two years, the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has embarked on a comprehensive market research initiative focusing on producers' attitudes towards the adoption of farming best practices in the catchments of the Great Barrier Reef.

In the next phase, a phone survey of producers and residents within Reef catchments will begin soon.

DAF says the aim is to ensure Queensland Reef Water Quality Program projects continue to foster improvements in economic, social and environmental outcomes for the future by understanding producers' attitudes towards farming practices and the challenges faced by the agricultural sector.

If you have any questions about the market research, contact DAF's Reef communication and engagement team at engage@daf.qld.gov.au.



WORKSHOP: Making the most of mill by-products on farm

Growers in the **MERINGA** and **BABINDA** regions have the chance to discuss with experts how mill by-products, including mill mud and mill ash, can benefit their crops, on Thursday 13 July.

SRA Principal Agronomist Dr Danielle Skocaj and MSF Sugar staff will share their knowledge on the best time to apply these products, and how to target the applications strategically.

When: MERINGA, 12.30pm – 2.00pm, Thursday, 13 July.

Where: SRA's Meringa Station, 34 Hall Road (via Littles Road)

When: BABINDA, 3.00pm – 4.30pm, Thursday 13 July.

Where: CANEGROWERS Cairns Region, Babinda office, 87 Munro Street, Babinda

BOOK TODAY: mill by-products workshop

CANEGRUBS PRESENTATION: Finding a replacement for imidacloprid



SRA Entomology Leader, Dr Kevin Powell will be in Tully to talk to growers and advisors about his work exploring alternative canegrub control, including finding a replacement for imidacloprid.

When: 3.00pm - 4.00pm, Tuesday 18 July

Where: Upstairs, Tully Showgrounds building, Butler Street, Tully.

BOOK:
Tully
canegrubs
workshop



Bundaberg Field Day - only 4 weeks to go!

SRA District Manager Burdekin, Terry Granshaw (*left*), will be on the program for the Bundaberg Field Day on Thursday 20 July. He will journey south to talk to growers about the automation of furrow irrigation in the Burdekin and how it is reducing growers' water and energy use for positive yield improvements. His presentation will draw on the preliminary results from the Burdekin Irrigation Project.

When: Thursday 20 July 8am - 1pm (Terry's presentation will be at 12 noon).

Where: SRA Bundaberg Station, 316 Pashley Road, Welcome Creek.

[Full agenda/book for Bundy Field Day](#)



(Left): Project Officer, Dr Matt Schembri, collects water quality samples at the Habana trial site for the Cane to Creek Mackay Whitsunday project.

Check out these refreshed pages on the SRA website for more details:

MOBILISING THE
MURRAY

New project pages

SRA works to keep the Australian sugarcane industry competitive, productive and sustainable through research and product development.

Research fundings are translated into tools, products and services that save industry time and money, and improve environmental performance.

A series of SRA-led projects are delivering productivity and environmental outcomes through improved farming practices.

**BURDEKIN IRRIGATION
PROJECT**

**CANE TO CREEK
MACKAY WHITSUNDAY**



**POSITION
VACANT**

Jobs available at SRA

Join our highly dedicated and passionate people working on interesting and industry-critical activities to deliver economic, social and environmental outcomes for the sugar industry and surrounding communities. We embrace diversity and seek to attract, develop and retain the highest calibre talent regardless of gender.

- [Fixed Term Part Time Pathology Senior Technician](#) - Tully
- [Casual field hands](#) - Ingham



Check your harvesting weather

The latest Sugarcane Rainfall Outlook is now available for your region (issued 22 June 2023). It has been prepared for the Agri-Climate Outlooks by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

The Agri-Climate Outlooks is a four-year program to improve and enhance seasonal outlook services provided to Australian farmers, fishers and foresters.

Sugar Research Australia is an investor in the cross-sectoral program which is facilitated through Agricultural Innovation Australia (AIA) and co-funded by ten rural research and development corporations.

The Bureau is keen to hear your feedback on the forecast's content and format – send your feedback to agriculture@bom.qld.gov.au

1. Far North & North - [Video click here](#) & [PDF click here](#)

2. Burdekin - [Video click here](#) & [PDF click here](#)

3. Central - [Video click here](#) & [PDF click here](#)

4. Southern (QLD) - [Video click here](#) & [PDF click here](#)

5. Southern (NSW) - [Video click here](#) & [PDF click here](#)

SRA events

[SIX EASY STEPS Tully workshop](#) - 8.30am - 3.30pm, Friday 7 July, CANEGROWERS Tully, 59 Butler Street, Tully

[Making the most of mill products on farm](#) - MERINGA and BABINDA, Thursday 13 July

[Canegrubs presentation](#), Tully Showgrounds, Tuesday 18 July

[Bundaberg Station Field Day](#) - Thursday 20 July - [book today](#)

Industry

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives have struggled with setting goals and targets. [The Australian Farm Institute's conference on Tuesday 4 July](#) from 9am (online and in Adelaide) will discuss ways to tackle these issues.

Join leading international agricultural policy experts in Canberra from 2pm-5pm on 5 July for the [Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry's seminar on global agricultural policy trends](#).

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