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Thursday 8 June 2023

With the start of the harvest and crushing throughout the industry, life just got a whole lot busier - we wish you good weather and a safe and successful season.



Cane Matters Winter 2023 out now

Don't miss the latest issue of *Cane Matters* which includes coverage from this year's ASSCT Conference, the regional milling seminars and the SRA field days held to date. We welcome our new SRA researchers and share the outputs from our workshops and lessons we've learnt in the field.

The latest edition of *Cane Matters* is available via the links below in either an interactive flipbook to read online or by downloading the PDF version.

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Time to think about safety

Atherton Tablelands and Tully Mills were the first mills to get underway last week while Wilmar Sugar's Burdekin Mills started crushing this week and others quickly followed suit.

That means busy times in the paddocks and in the mills. Harvesters and cane haulout equipment may be invisible to you in the long cane so take due care coming around the end of a block. If you're using harvesting equipment, get a fix on the location of powerlines in your vicinity. Large farm equipment will also be moving slowly along and across roads, while cane trains will be beetling into the sidings and through road intersections. Please be aware, slow down and take care. Stay safe this season.

SIX EASY STEPS® Tully workshop

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

At this full-day workshop, you will learn a lot about: sugarcane soils, their 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, it's next week!

Where: CANEGROWERS Tully, 59 Butler Street, Tully
When: 8:30AM — 3:30PM, Wednesday 14 June, 2023

[Register for SIX EASY STEPS Tully Workshop](#)

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Outcomes of EEF60 project in focus

SRA agronomist Julian Connellan joined collaborators from the EEF60 project online for the *Innovations in cane growing and farm management* webinar hosted by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation recently.

(Above) Julian Connellan talks to a grower about the project at the Tully Field Day last year.

[Visit the Outcomes of EEF60 web page to find out more and view the webinar](#)

NSW weed management workshop a success

Thirty-five growers gathered in Harwood NSW last week for an advanced weed management workshop. It was run by SRA Weed Scientist Emilie Fillols with the assistance of representatives of Croplands and Nufarm. On the agenda was information to ensure growers achieve maximum impact with a herbicide. Growers were impressed by practical demonstrations of a temperature inversion, spray qualities that help reduce the risk of spray drift and examples of herbicide incompatibility. The growers have asked Emilie to come back in September for a pre-emergent herbicide workshop.

(Right) NSW Grower Brendon Nash reads the newly released Southern Region Ratoon Stunting Disease Extension Package for Growers & Contractors at the workshop.



[Download your copy of the Southern RSD Extension Package](#)



[Book today for the Bundaberg Field Day](#)

Bundaberg Field Day - only 8 weeks to go!

When: Thursday 20 July 8am - 1pm

Where: Bundaberg Station, 316 Pashley Road, Welcome Creek

Southern growers - join us for a morning of scheduled presentations and informal conversations with SRA experts and industry partners.

You'll see up-close the latest research findings and technology developed through SRA's Southern District Productivity Plan to improve your business's productivity, profitability, and sustainability.

(Left): Take a guided research walk with SRA's Southern Variety Development team, Clare Hogan and Roy Parfitt. The team will share processes for the Southern breeding program, details on variety trials and new varieties currently in the selection pipeline. Just one of many activities on the agenda!



Case study and effective writing skills workshop - Mackay and Townsville

Do you have to write case studies?

This training may help you to communicate complicated ideas simply.

What: Case study and effective writing skills

Who: Dr Judy Gregory, writer

When: 13 June 2023 (Mackay) & 22 June 2023 (Townsville)

Where: Wests Leagues Club Walkerston (Mackay) & Townsville Yacht Club (Townsville)

[Contact DAF for info about the case study writing workshop](#)

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Being an SRA member ensures you have easy access to the latest information and updates from across the industry.

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Events

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

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