

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM QFF QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Join QFF and key agricultural stakeholders on Thursday, 21 March in Toowoomba for an exclusive VIP screening of the much-anticipated film 'Just a Farmer', proudly supported by the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise. This feature film provides a profound insight into what it means to be an Australian farmer and shines a spotlight on mental health in rural Australia. [Book tickets here.](#)

2.

Australian cotton growers are being encouraged to nominate themselves or someone they know for Cotton Australia's 2024 Australian Cotton Industry awards. [Read more here.](#) Cotton Australia will be hosting a free farm tour at the 2023 Cotton Grower of The Year's farm in the Darling Downs on Wednesday 20 March. [Register here.](#)

3.

QFF is hosting two free farm business resilience workshops in March. The [Resilience in Agriculture](#) workshop will take place on Thursday, 14 March in Dalby, featuring Australian Farmer of the Year Nigel Corish as the keynote speaker. The [Farming with Floods](#) workshop will take place on Tuesday, 26 March in Boonah.

4.

The Queensland Government has announced two new State Development Area (SDA) sites in Mackay to support the emerging sugarcane biofuture. [Read more here.](#)

5.

QFF is hiring a Project Manager for SmartAg Queensland, a new industry workforce training program. This role is full time, fixed term from 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2027. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

6.

Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers is calling for a fairer, more inclusive approach to disaster recovery support in Queensland agriculture, noting disparities in eligibility and compensation across commodity groups. [Read more here.](#)

7.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Australia (AmCham) will host a lunch on Tuesday, 19 March featuring a panel discussion with Queensland industry experts on “Embracing the Future of Energy”, moderated by QFF CEO Jo Sheppard. [Register here](#) by Friday 8, March.

8.

Telstra is switching off 3G from 30 June 2024. If you have a device that’s only able to connect to 3G, you won’t be able to connect to Telstra’s network from this date. For practical tips on what you need to do, [click here.](#)

9.

Biosecurity Queensland is undertaking tracking activities to identify the potential source of a varroa mite that was discovered at the Port of Brisbane last week. Beekeepers are encouraged to report varroa mite to Biosecurity Queensland by calling 13 25 23. [Read more here.](#)

10.

QFF and members Canegrowers and Cotton Australia will be presenting at a public hearing on fire ants today as part of an ongoing Senate Inquiry. Fire ants are a very aggressive, invasive species that pose a significant risk to agriculture and the wider economy. [Read more here.](#)



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