Round two Farmer Peer-to-Peer Group funding opens



Mackay Whitsunday sugarcane growers on a study tour in the Burdekin (Source: Reef Catchments 2024)

To support farmers to connect and learn from other farmers, peer-to-peer farmer groups in the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) catchment, can now apply for up to \$20,000 (excl. GST) for projects and regional events.

The purpose of the funding is to support groups undertake projects that contribute to:

- Adoption of improved farming practices
- Improved water quality flowing to the GBR
- Enhanced capacity, skills and knowledge within farmer groups and the farming community

Landcare and/or local catchment or sub-catchment groups working with farmers to improve farming practices can also apply. Applications close 5pm Friday 14 June 2024.

The latest round follows on from the successful first round where 25 farmer peer-to-peer groups were funded for projects.

One group to benefit from the first round of funding was a group of Mackay Whitsunday sugarcane growers (pictured), who travelled to the Burdekin to learn and hear about the adoption of smart irrigation technology. These growers will now work with their host organisation Reef Catchments and industry to identify, learn about and implement effective irrigation strategies for their farms.

Free online project workshops

To help people develop and write applications, free online **Project Development** workshops are being held on 7 and 22 May and **Grant Writing** workshops on 16 May and 4 Jun. Click <u>here</u> to enrol in these workshops.

Email <u>RP84Admin@daf.qld.gov.au</u> to request a copy of the funding guideline, application forms or for any further information.

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