



**CANEGROWERS
BURDEKIN**

invites members and guests to attend a
**members information session
& lunch**

**Tuesday 16th February
Commencing at 11am
Ending by 2pm
CANEGROWERS Hall
Home Hill**

Guest Speakers:

SRA

Neil Fisher & Ron Swindells

QSL

Carla Keith or Bryce Wenham

QRAA

Peter Crowley

Smartcane BMP

Terry Granshaw

RSVP to Tiffany on 4790 3600
or email bdk@canegrowers.com.au
by 11am Monday 14th February

Don't miss the Members information meeting next Tuesday

Members and guests are invited to attend a CANEGROWERS Burdekin information forum next Tuesday 16th February.

The meeting is being held at the CANEGROWERS Hall at 68 Tenth Street Home Hill beginning at 11am.

The information forum will give you an opportunity to hear from the CEO and Chair of Sugar Research Australia (SRA), Neil Fisher and Ron Swindells.

QSL will provide an update on the sugar marketing pools for 2016.

QRAA's Peter Crowley will provide information on the various options they have available to growers.

Smartcane Facilitator Terry Granshaw will speak about the Smartcane BMP program.

These presentations will be followed by a lunch and a chance to catch up with the speakers.

Please RSVP to Tiffany on 4790 3600 or email bdk@canegrowers.com.au by 3pm Monday 15 February for catering purposes.



Members Information Forum - September 2015

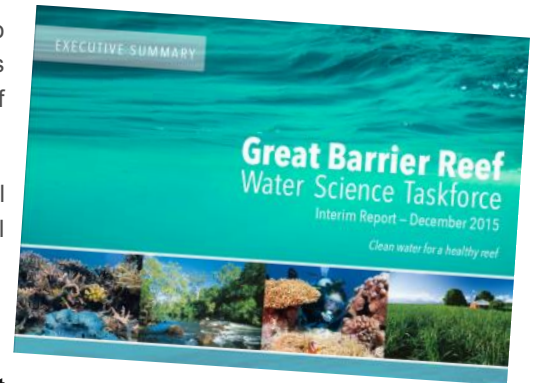
Reef Water Quality Taskforce reports progress is too slow and farms are the main problem

This week Queensland's Chief Scientist, Dr Geoff Garrett was in Townsville to obtain first hand feedback on the Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce's Interim Report which was released in December 2015. Dr Garrett is the Chair of this Taskforce.

The Interim Report (available [here](#)) sets out the Taskforce's initial recommendations to the Queensland Government on how to deliver substantial reef water quality improvements.

The big message is

The Taskforce recognises there have been big efforts but progress is not fast enough ...need new technology and innovative practices and land management use changes to meet the ambitious water quality targets of reducing total suspended sediment runoff by up to 50% and reducing nitrogen runoff by up to 80% in key catchments such as the Wet Tropics and the Burdekin by 2025.



A 3 minute clip (click [here](#)) provides an outline of the key points in the report which are:

- the reef is in trouble losing 50% of coral since 1985
- climate change is the biggest long term threat
- improving water quality now will help the reef bounce back
- farms (cane and grazing) are the main source of pollutants
- sediment run off issue
- nutrients from farm fertiliser is linked to outbreaks of coral eating crown of Thorn starfish
- Taskforce has recommended ways to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff and priorities for investing \$90m of Qld Government funding over 4 years

Dr Garrett advised the Taskforce has already consulted with multiple stakeholders and key groups to gather their views on what management approaches have worked well and what haven't, the investment priorities and how to meet the water quality targets.

Dr Garrett stressed there is no silver bullet solution or intervention; rather, a mix of tools and approaches will be needed. Initial scoping has been undertaken to inform the investment priorities and an indicative funding range is provided.

The points raised by Townsville attendees included:

- the benefit and farmers acceptance of the BBIFMAC Real Time Water Quality monitoring systems ...Dr Garrett was very interested in this ...discussion occurred around if these systems needed to be installed everywhere or could reporting rely on a couple of systems and then modelling from these results? The attendees view was that farmers are looking for actual feedback on their (or a group of neighbouring farmers on the one water course) farm management practices so they could understand the impact of their own farm management practices. Plus there was a discussion that this would provide actual data to record if there was, or was not ,any run off.
- a robust discussion occurred around the impact for the whole of region moving away from flood irrigation to trickle/tap irrigation
- there was a lot of support for a significant increase in provision of extension services ...particularly from public service and extension service attendees ..but grower reps also supported this
- Dr Garrett was interested in the impact of peer pressure ...this was discussed together with some potential reasons why changed management practices may not be adopted such as financial challenges, average age of cane farmers being over 60 years, lack of trust in advice been given and allegations
- the concern that the industry will be pressured into making major changes in land management practices due to political election promises and the questioning of the strength of the scientific modelling. The recent criminal charges made against formerly distinguished AIMS climate & reef scientist and now disgraced ex AIM's scientist, Dr Daniel Alongi, was mentioned. Will this significant investment of public money and significant impact on the cane industry really result in changes in the reef's water quality ?

The Reef Taskforce's thoughts on what to do to improve water quality include:

- ⇒ financial support for farmers
- ⇒ more education and extension
- ⇒ everyone needs to be part of the solution
- ⇒ science needs to be better aligned
- ⇒ funding for innovated solutions
- ⇒ reef wide and local monitoring
- ⇒ outcome based regulations such as the introduction of Water Quality permits
- ⇒ two large scale demonstrator projects ...one in the wet tropics and one in the Burdekin ..the Burden project focused on sediment run off

The Taskforce has shared their thoughts and are now seeking growers thoughts ...shout out before 22/2/16go to

Answer an online survey

Complete the online survey [here](#) and provide comments.

Written submissions

Written submissions can be submitted by mail or email by 22 February 2016.

Mail

Great Barrier Reef Water Science Taskforce Interim Report Consultation
Office of the Great Barrier Reef
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001



CANEGROWERS Burdekin election nominations close 19 February



The current CANEGROWERS Burdekin Board of Directors

CANEGROWERS Burdekin triennial elections are now open for nominations, with the nomination period ending next Friday 19 February. When filling out your nomination form ensure all the details are correct to avoid your nomination being invalid.

Common errors on the nomination forms include:

1. A nominator - signature that supports the person nominating (one of the minimum 6 required) is not valid because:
 - a. He/she is not recorded on the official roll as the Authorised Representative;
 - b. He/she is not the registered member
 - c. He/she has signed as for instance "A. Brown", however on inspecting the Company membership register, can't trace "A. Brown" as he is part of a membership called Brown & Co. This person should sign in the proper manner identifying which membership it relates.
2. Some are signing the forms with their popular nickname or their second name by which they are more commonly known whereas their membership is registered with their proper given name or names. As that particular name (i.e. nickname or use of the second initial) cannot be traced on the preliminary roll the signature cannot be accepted as valid.
2. All candidates should ensure that all details on their Nomination Form are correct in every particular before forwarding it to the Returning Officer.

Candidates are encouraged to drop into the office with their application to be checked before sending to the returning officer.

Increase in Water Allocations & Water Harvesting Available

There has been some welcome respite over the last week with rain finally falling in sections of the wider Burdekin River catchment that has improved the capacity of the Burdekin Falls Dam from 40% to over 80%.

This has led to SunWater advising Irrigators that effective of last Thursday allocations for medium priority (irrigation) have now been increased to 100% for the remainder of the 2015/16 water year.

Also the level of flows in the Burdekin and Haughton rivers had increased sufficiently to trigger the announcement on Tuesday by DNR&M that out of allocation or taking of un supplemented water (water harvesting) is available for irrigators, hopefully the conditions stay in place for a period that irrigators who qualify can capture the benefit from the availability of water harvesting.

Irrigators are reminded of the requirement to record and advise meter readings in during announced water harvesting periods, a copy of the claim form can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Craig Wood resigns as Invicta Site Manager



We were very disappointed to learn that Craig Wood, the Invicta Site Manager, had resigned effective the end of February.

Craig made the decision to accept the role of Mill Manager at Mackay Sugar's Marian Mill following the announcement of a restructure of management within Wilmar.

Craig advised his interest is in production and although he had the skills and ability to undertake the role allocated to him as part of the restructure this was not his preference.

Craig took on the role of heading up Invicta Mill around 4 years ago at a time when the mill was operating at a low 84% reliability. At our first meeting with Craig he advised his goal was to achieve reliability of a minimum of 88%. He exceeded this target with the 2015 crush, achieving reliability of 89% whilst crushing 3.14 million tonnes which was the highest under Craig's tenure at Invicta. Under Craig's leadership and expertise the Invicta Mill achieved an 8 year high average crush rate of 1012 tonnes per hour.

We have always found Craig to be an honest straight shooter and he will be missed.

In moving to Mackay, Craig will be joining another well respected ex Wilmar leader, Craig Doyle who is now the CEO of Mackay Council.

From all of us at Canegrowers Burdekin, we congratulate Craig on his efforts and wish him well.

Voluntary V Compulsary rules for Land Levelling

Late last year Burdekin Shire Council conducted a workshop with grower representative groups to discuss the activities in relation to laser work and land levelling practices in rural zones.

Directors Steve Pilla, Roger Piva and Sib Torrisi attended on behalf of CANEGROWERS Burdekin.

As Council are in the drafting stage of its new Sustainable Planning Act Planning Scheme; Council officers wanted to discuss with industry representatives the possibility of introducing management strategies that focus on land levelling/filling in the Rural zoned lands in the Shire.

Workshop attendees recognised that Council does have the ability to set rules and Council is doing the right thing in asking for input to the process.

CANEGROWERS view is that we and the cane industry should work together with Council to develop a set of voluntary guidelines for earthworks and activities and avoid the introduction of a formal "Land Development Application" process.

Council also prefers a voluntary method that applies if growers are turning the direction of water flows around that there is no impact on neighbours or Council assets. Council wants to encourage growers intending to carry out earth works near Council assets such as roads that growers work with Council to avoid moving to formal rules. Our key point put forward is that this approach needs to work both ways and Council needs to consult when they are intending to carry out earth works as well.

At the December board meeting Directors of CANEGROWERS Burdekin reached agreement on the following recommendations:

1. Our preference is voluntary guidelines and not formal Land Development Application process
2. We seek Council to develop the draft voluntary guidelines and for these guidelines to be based on the following:
 - a. should not negatively impact assets
 - b. water entry and exit point should not change
 - c. guidelines should apply to all ...being Council, land owner, contractors, Water Board and SunWater
 - d. needs to be agreed to by all key stakeholders
 - e. needs to be a review process and Council needs to communicate if there are any issues.

Irrigation water spraying roads - Growers Beware

By Chris Cooper, CJ Cooper & Associates

Growers are reminded that in some circumstances spraying irrigation water onto public roads could give rise to liability and claims for damages and compensation.

In the same way that causing excessive smoke to gather on a road can cause a traffic hazard, spraying water onto a road could potentially cause a similar hazard. There is a risk that claims for compensation potentially can be brought against the grower for conducting the spraying for negligence and/or public nuisance.

A road user who suffers damage, loss or injury as a result of water being sprayed on a road may well have a valid claim against the person responsible for the spraying activity. The facts and circumstances of each case are always of central importance but there is no doubt there is a risk of liability and responsibility for loss or damage caused by spraying water on a road.

In addition, in some cases spraying water on a road could give rise to a prosecution for a breach of relevant laws and regulations.

The Transport Infrastructure Act (section 33) prohibits a person from interfering with a road. The Traffic Regulations (section 149 and 151) also prohibit a person interfering with a road and in addition prohibits a person from placing on any road anything that may cause an obstruction or danger to any person or traffic.

The Local Authority also has powers to prevent interference with roads within its control. Under the Local Government Act (section 75) a person must not interfere with a road or its operation. Most local councils (including for example Mackay Regional Council – Local Law No. 4 2(c)) will have a local law prohibiting any activity that creates a nuisance on a road.

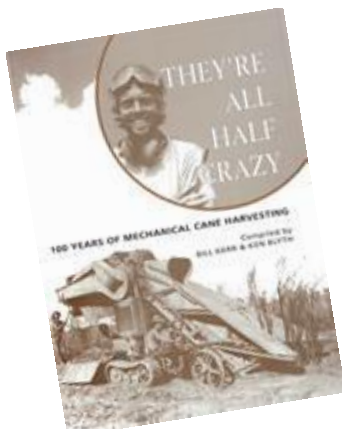
Summary

The spraying of water on a road can potentially give rise to a civil liability for loss damage or injury caused by the water. It can potentially also give rise to a prosecution and fine for a breach of relevant laws and regulations.

It is advisable that growers take all reasonable steps to prevent water being sprayed on roads. Growers should also ensure that they hold adequate public liability insurance cover.

But public liability insurance cover will not automatically cover every circumstance. In some policies, exclusions and exceptions exist for conduct that is in breach of any law. Insurance cover also is unlikely to extend to any fine or penalty imposed for a breach of the law.

They're all half crazy



They're all Half Crazy is a historical look at the Australian sugarcane industry.

The publication is now out of print, so CANEGROWERS made the book and movie available for free here



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Would your insurance policy cover you if you faced a liability or claim for damages and compensation from irrigation water going onto a public road?

Talk to our Insurance Broker before you pay your renewal this year.

Come see Martine today at the Canegrowers Building, 141 Young Street, Ayr

or phone 4790 3606
0408 638 518

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Would you consider standing for election to the Burdekin Shire Council?

With nominations for Local Government Elections now open and **closing 12 noon on Tuesday 16 February** now is the time to make up your mind.

The question a lot of people seem to have is “What is the maximum a Burdekin Shire Councillor could get paid?”

The Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal makes annual determinations on the maximum remuneration for Councillors. Remuneration determined by the Tribunal does not include the reimbursement of expenses incurred by councillors or the provision of facilities as these are provided for in local governments' expenses reimbursement policies. Local governments must, within two (2) months of the tribunal's determination, resolve to pay their councillors an amount no more than the maximum determined by the tribunal. If the local government does not set an amount, they receive the maximum amount by default. This is payable to councillors from 1 July each year. The Tribunal has determined the following amounts from 1st July 2016

Mayor	\$99,638
Deputy Mayor	\$57,483
Councillor	\$33,213 + \$1,383 meeting fee to a maximum of \$49,819

Potential candidates cannot nominate for both the role of Councillor and the role of Mayor.

The role of a local councillor is a demanding one. It requires knowledge of local government legislation, policies and systems, an interest in people and a willingness to invest time and energy in serving the needs and interests of the local community.

To stand for election you should understand the respective roles and responsibilities of a councillor and mayor and the key functions of local government in Queensland.

Elected councillors need to be familiar with the relevant local government legislation being: The [Local Government Act 2009](#) and the [Local Government Regulation 2012](#)

A candidates guide to local elections can be found [here](#). If you wish to nominate click [here](#) for the candidate portal which will guide you through the process of nominating for an election.

Government introduces a one stop shop to fast track private sector initiatives

On Wednesday morning, Managers Wayne Smith and Debra Burden attended a Queensland Treasury forum in Townsville on the topic of the Government's new market-led proposals service. This service is part of Treasury and the responsibility of Treasurer, Curtis Pitt.



This new service has been introduced as a “one stop shop” to streamline the way for Government to work with the private sector to deliver solutions to Queensland's infrastructure and social challenges.

It is part of the Government's “Queensland is open for business” strategy and is designed to ensure government is helping “make things happen” rather than being a bottle neck.

The forum started with a breakfast at which the Treasurer Curtis Pitt was the key note speaker.

Mr Pitt stated “Queensland has experienced the strongest growth for any state in Australia this year and is positioned to achieve the same for the coming year”. He acknowledged that the unemployment rate of 8% in Townsville is too high but also mentioned that it had dropped by 0.5%.

Mr Pitt advised the market-led proposal (MLP) service is about the government looking for reasons to say Yes rather than why things cannot go ahead and the process is based on the private sector approaching the MLP team with business plan's that focus on providing unique solutions ...it is not a tender process...this is also not a service that is offering funding ...it's focus is on streamlining.

Several attendees stressed that many smaller, not for profit organisations with ideas that meet the criteria would need either one on one assistance or funding to develop both the documented Initial Proposal for Stage 1 and the Detailed Proposal if progressed to Stage 2.

There was also discussion from the audience around the assurance that ideas put forward would be kept confidential. One attendee stated he had put forward an idea to Government and was knocked back only to find his idea was put forward by Government several months later as a Government idea.

Overall, Wayne and Debra felt it was a positive move by Government to implement this service which could be of benefit to our region for the implementation of new crops and export marketing of the same or changed land use or water infrastructure development or to take advantage of the biofuel mandate or for the local Council for economic development opportunities etc.

Ergon has a change of CEO and Chair prior to merger



Glenys Schuntner (CEO of Regional Development Australia), Ros Baker (Acting CEO Ergon Energy), Jenny Hill (Mayor of Townsville), Moya Steel (Partner MacDonnells Law) and Debra Burden (CANEGROWERS Burdekin, General Manager)

Readers may be aware that the Government is in the process of merging Ergon and Energex, with the merged entities head office touted to be based in Townsville.

Mr Ian McLeod held the role of CEO of Ergon for over nine years and last July had been advised by the then Board of Ergon that his employment contract would be extended.

Media reports indicate that some political embarrassment occurred last September when Mr McLeod announced Ergon could need to cut 800 jobs whilst the Government had given assurances that the merger of Ergon and Energex would not result in job losses.

On the weekend, the Treasurer, Curtis Pitt announced to media that the Government had decided against reappointing Mr McLeod. It is reported the Treasurer advised Mr McLeod that the Ergon Board had acted outside its authority and the Board did not have the right to extend the employment contract. Media

reports indicate Mr McLeod is disappointed that he was not given the dignity of notifying staff, his colleagues nor his children before the termination was made public.

On a positive note, well known and well respected local Townsville business women, Roslyn Baker has been appointed acting CEO. Canegrowers Burdekin Manager, Debra Burden stated "It is pleasing to see Ros Baker appointed to this acting role. I have had the pleasure of working with Ros during her time as CEO of Tec-NQ. Ros is an exceptional business woman who understands the challenges faced by regional Queensland. We look forward to working with Ros to address the crippling cost of electricity."

Separately, Ergon replaced their Board Chair with Mr Clive Skarott AO being appointed to the position in October, 2015. Debra stated "I have had the pleasure of being a colleague of Clive's for close to 30 years during our time in the Credit Union movement. Clive is a proud Far North Queenslander who also fully appreciates the challenges faced by regional Queenslanders."



Clive Skarott

We remain committed to working for our members to obtain relief from crippling electricity costs and will be doing everything in our power to resolve this issue.

Multi-species fallow

Click [here](#) for an interesting clip on how 3 different farming operations in the USA have made multi-species fallows work for them.



QFF things to know **Quad Bikes**

QFF & [CareFlight](#) have team up to spread the word of quad bike dangers on farm in [Rural Weekly](#).

Read QFF Workplace Safety Policy Advisor Gary Sansom's article [HERE](#).

Have your say about quad bikes and their use through this [research questionnaire](#).

The survey should only take ten minutes. Take the survey [HERE](#).

World Wetlands Day – Horseshoe Lagoon

By Terri Buono, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

World Wetlands Day was celebrated at Horseshoe Lagoon on Tuesday 2nd February 2016. The event marks the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) in Ramsar, Iran, on 2 February 1971.

Horseshoe Lagoon being 76ha in size, is situated on the right bank of the Houghton River, approximately 25 kilometres from the ocean. The lagoon is located on the boundary of the internationally recognised Ramsar wetlands of Bowling Green Bay and is a declared Conservation Area.

WetlandCare Australia/Conservation Volunteers Australia organised the event, attended by 50 people from the Green Army, CreekWatch, Landcare, the Burdekin Christian College and other organisations and community members.



Allan Griggs, Burdekin Fish Restockers presenting to attendees

Allan Griggs presented from the Burdekin Fish Restockers Association about the importance of Horseshoe Lagoon as a fish habitat. Allan also raised people's awareness about the terrible environmental consequences the Lower Burdekin is witnessing through the invasion of wetlands and waterways by the introduced fish species Tilapia.

Mr Griggs said, 'The fish are, from a very young age, prolific breeders and can survive long periods of time without water. They predate on native fish and have even been known to eat the fins of larger Barramundi'.

Janet Robina from BirdLife Australia provided information on the diversity of bird species that inhabit the lagoon and the importance of managing the lagoon to ensure wildlife continues to use the lagoon. Janet and other members of BirdLife Australia took great pleasure in showing interested school children, the variety of birds present on the lagoon that morning.



Terri Buono presenting to attendees

The last presenter, Terri Buono, Reef Plan Extension Officer, from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries mentioned that not unlike other wetlands in the Lower Burdekin, Horseshoe Lagoon would have dried out during the dry season, however since the introduction of irrigation, the lagoon has a constant source of water from tail-water runoff from farms.

An artificial waterway was constructed downstream of the lagoon to drain excess water from the lagoon. It is on this waterway that the Lower Burdekin Landcare Association will revegetate 2ha of creek bank. NQ Dry Tropics Community Landcare Grants has provided funding to the group to plant and maintain trees using the Green Army and also to engage Alluvium Consulting to undertake a hydrological study of the channel.

The Landcare project site is adjacent to a road causeway and rockway fish ramp. The fish ramp was constructed by DPI Fisheries several years ago after studies identified two major fish barriers in the system; one at the crossing and low oxygen levels in the creek due to the mass of weeds in the channel. Over time however, the fish way has been degraded through flood events.

The Burdekin Shire Council has since undertaken considerable weed control work in the lagoon and members from the Burdekin Fish Restockers cleared rubbish from the fish way site and planted some trees. The Landcare group hopes to apply for more funding to renovate the fish way based on the information provided by Alluvium Consulting.

Pricing information

2015 Season Advances & Payments as at 9 February 2016

	\$/tonne IPS	% estimated return
Initial *	\$227	
20 August 15*	\$243	
22 October 15*	\$266	
17 December 15*	\$304	
21 January 16*	\$314	80.0%
18 February 16	\$316	82.5%
17 March 16	\$326	85.0%
21 April 16	\$335	87.5%
19 May 16	\$345	90.0%
23 June 16	\$364	95.0%
Final Payment	\$383	100%

* paid

The Advance Program is a guide only. CANEGROWERS Burdekin takes no responsibility for its accuracy. It only applies to growers who did not forward price for 2015 (the default method). Growers who have forward priced for 2015 will be paid the same percentage of their final expected proceeds. For individual advance rates check your grower forecast on the Wilmar website.

Wilmar Indicative Future Sugar Prices as at 12 February 2016

	Gross	\$/Tonne IPS Net
2015 Season	\$387	\$367
2016 Season	\$421	\$401
2017 Season	\$430	\$410
2018 Season	\$438	\$418

Estimated QSL 2015 Pool Prices As at 15 January 2016

	\$/Tonne IPS GROSS
QSL Harvest Pool	\$392
QSL Actively Managed Pool	\$422
QSL Guaranteed Floor Pool	\$408
QSL US Quota Pool	\$715
QSL 2-season Forward Pool 2015	\$440
QSL 3-season Forward Pool 2015	\$447
QSL 2-season Forward Pool 2016	\$464
QSL 3-season Forward Pool 2016	\$475

Growers can monitor QSL pool performance via the Price Pool Matrices published on the QSL website (www.qsl.com.au). This information is updated regularly and provides a sense of how the QSL-managed pools are performing over the current season.



Waterfind Burdekin Haughton WSS Water Market Summary

As at 8 February 2016

Temporary Market		
Price	Total Sell Vol	Total Buy Vol
\$40	3,014 ML	0 ML
Lowest Sell Order		
2214ML @ \$40/ML		
Highest Buy Order		
Buyers Wanted		

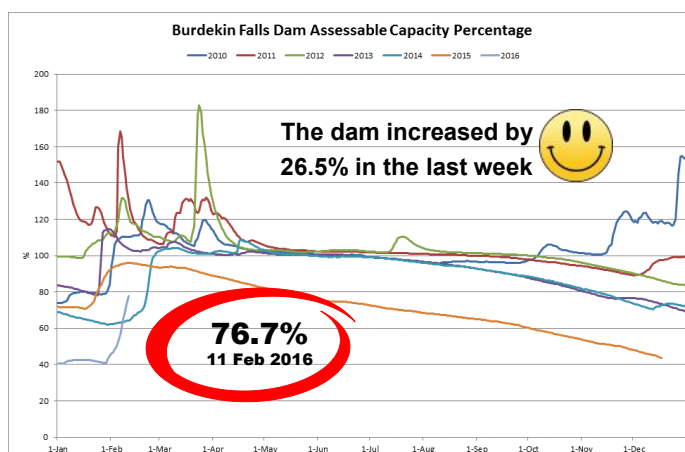
Allocations

Region	Latest	Same period last year
Burdekin Haughton WSS - Medium Priority Total : 979,594ML	95%	100%

Dam Storage

Dam	Current Volume (ML)	% of Total Capacity	
		Feb 8th, 2016	Feb 8th, 2015
Burdekin falls dam	870,314 ▲	47 %	96 %

The above information is provided by Waterfind. The information provided is of a general nature only and must not be relied upon in substitution for professional advice. Waterfind accepts no responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or timeliness of any information provided. For more information click [here](#).



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sugar Industry Calendar

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Tuesday 16 February,
11am @
CANEGROWERS Hall

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Introduction

Harvesting is a very large part of the total cost of production of sugarcane, and if not done well, the loss of value through the harvest and transport operation can exceed the 'visible' costs of harvesting.

This program allows growers, harvesting operators and millers to assess the cost of harvesting and where gains can be made to implement a payment scheme that benefits all three sectors, whilst reducing harvesting losses.

Details

Date: Thursday 18th February 2016

Venue: CANEGROWERS Hall,
68 Tenth St, Home Hill QLD 4806

RSVP: Please RSVP to Phil Patane at
ppatane@sugarresearch.com.au or
by phoning 0431 818 482

Time	Item	Presenter
8.30 am	Welcome	Phil Patane
8.40 am	Introduction to harvesting modelling program	Stuart Norris
9.10 am	Navigating through the program	Stuart Norris
10.10 am	Morning tea	-
10.30 am	Questions and answers about the program	Entire group
11.30 am	Improvements or suggestion for the program	-
12.30 pm	Wrap up	Entire group
12.40 pm	Lunch/finish	Phil Patane

BPS Shed Meetings

Mon 15 Feb	8:00	Giru/Shirbourne	D Poletto
Tue 16 Feb	8:00	Selkirk/Haughton/Bartlett/Upper Haughton	SISL
Wed 17 Feb	8:00	Millaroo/Dalbeg	J Cambruzzi
Thur 18 Feb	8:00	Jardine/Mona Park/Barratta	L Smith
Fri 19 Feb	8:00	Clare/Mulgrave	Clare Club
Thur 25 Feb	8:00	Waterview/Sextons	E Pearce
Fri 26 Feb	8:00	Airdmillan/Burstalls	N Formalin
Mon 29 Feb	8:00	Aerodrome/Colevale/Town/Pioneer Mill	B Lago
Tue 1 Mar	8:00	Rita Island	SES Shed
Wed 2 Mar	8:00	Jarvisfield/Kilrie	Quartermaine
Fri 4 Mar	8:00	Airville/Dicks Bank/MsDesme	BPS Shed

Weed ID and Control Workshop



Sunday 21 February 2016 (10am-2pm)
101 Sayers Road, Barratta

Do you want to know what that weed is?
Would you like to know how to control it?

NQ Dry Tropics invites you to a Weed Identification and Control workshop, part of the Healthy Habitats project, funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



Presented by Jaymie Rains, Healthy Habitats Project Officer (NQ Dry Tropics). The workshop will include:

- a Weed ID session: bring along your photos of unidentified weeds or weed samples (samples MUST be sealed in clear plastic bags. No unsealed samples will be accepted);
- practical demonstrations of the best ways to remove problem weeds for the Burdekin Delta; and
- information from local land management groups.



REGISTER NOW

On 4724 3544 or jaymie.rains@nqdrytropics.com.au
Lunch provided; catering cannot be guaranteed without prior registration.

This project is supported by NQ Dry Tropics, through funding from the Australian Government



16 - 18 February 2016 (9am - 5pm daily)
447 Arthur Spotswood Rd, Inkerman

NQ Dry Tropics and Gary Spotswood invite you to attend a three-day RegenAG® Biofertiliser course. The hands-on course delivered by Kym Kruse, a leader in the field of regenerative agriculture, is designed for commercial farmers and delivered to small groups of no more than 15 participants.

You will learn practical methods to make your own products, which will greatly benefit anyone spending crippling \$\$ on conventional inputs or those who have gone 'organic' but are still shopping for inputs.

This course is for you if you want to:

- significantly reduce the cost of your inputs;
- learn how to solubilise minerals yourself to use on-farm rather than purchasing ready-made soluble mineral fertilisers;
- learn how to recognise, capture and reproduce those beneficial microbes everyone talks about;
- increase the water-holding capacity of your soils;
- control pests and disease with reduced artificial chemicals; and
- increase your soil, plant and animal health.

COST

First person per enterprise \$300, second person \$200. Full payment required on registration. It is strongly recommended that two people attend per enterprise to maximise the opportunity for implementation.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

Contact Diana O'Donnell on 0407 317 316 or email: Diana.Odonnell@nqdrytropics.com.au

Registration closes on Monday 8 February 2016

The Sustainable Soils for the Burdekin project is supported by NQ Dry Tropics through funding by the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



CANEGROWERS weather

The CANEGROWERS website features a weather section that by typing in your postcode will provide you with a seven day forecast for your desired postcode along with a 12 month rainfall outlook, SOI information and sea surface temperatures. To see the latest forecast for your postcode click [here](#). This outlook is for Ayr.

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Summary	Partly cloudy.		Sunny.		Sunny.		Sunny.		Sunny.		Hot and sunny.		Possible late shower.	
Minimum	23°		22°		23°		23°		24°		24°		25°	
Maximum	34°		35°		35°		36°		36°		37°		36°	
Chance of rain	40%		20%		30%		10%		5%		50%		30%	
Likely amount	< 1mm		< 1mm		< 1mm		< 1mm		< 1mm		< 1mm		< 1mm	
Frost risk	Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil		Nil	
	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm
Wind speed	12 km/h	13 km/h	13 km/h	14 km/h	8 km/h	9 km/h	5 km/h	9 km/h	5 km/h	9 km/h	9 km/h	12 km/h	10 km/h	12 km/h
Wind direction	SSE ↓	E →	SSE ↓	ESE →	S ↓	E →	SSE ↓	NE ↗	S ↓	NNE ↗	NW ↖	N ↑	W ←	NNW ↖
Relative humidity	64%	43%	63%	32%	62%	39%	62%	38%	63%	37%	57%	35%	55%	38%

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