

## Brigalow Bites

Edition 9 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Oh my goodness...where has this year gone? It's been a while since the last newsletter and in that time, sorghum has been planted and the winter crop harvested. Results have been variable, and it will be great to dive into those reasons when we next meet.

### **AGM**

Our AGM will be held at the Brigalow Sports Ground on Friday 21st November starting at 4:00pm. This gathering will also serve as a season break up, with families invited to join us from 5:30pm. Like last year, meals will be available for purchase (children's meals also available) and BYO drinks. Please email or text Vicki with numbers attending to assist the Brigalow Store with catering.

We are calling for nominations for the executive and steering committee prior to the meeting. A reminder that our constitution stipulates that executive members can only serve a three-year term and turnover on any committee is healthy practice. Self-nominations are welcome so please consider if you would like to join the committee. You can find the nomination form attached to this email.

### **Project Opportunities**

There are numerous grants/tenders open at the moment and given our status as an incorporated not-for-profit entity, we are eligible to apply and/or partner with others. This presents an exciting opportunity for the group so stay tuned for more information.

### **Road Speed Limit Review**

Thanks to Jeff Bidstrup for alerting us to the current Federal Review of speed limits on unsigned roads (i.e. rural roads).

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport has [been seeking community consultation](#) over the proposal, which recommends that the 100km/h default speed limit should drop to a range between 90 and 70, depending on the road. The opportunity to submit feedback has been extended to November 10.

[Regulatory Impact Analysis to reduce the open road default speed limit | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts](#)

### **BOM Website Redesign**

If you're like me, you probably have had a favourite Bureau of Meteorology page saved on your phone and are now feeling somewhat distressed that it's not there anymore.

I've come across this short YouTube video of staff from UniSQ explaining how to navigate the new BOM website and save favourite locations.

<https://youtu.be/48c-cAcW72A>

## Birchip Field Day

Back in mid September, Neil, Sinjo and I attended the Birchip Cropping Group Main Field Day. It was a freezing day but to witness over 500 people checking out trial plots and listening to presentations was amazing. Key points about the field day and the Birchip Cropping Group in general.

- BCG does not own any farming land. The location of the main field day site rotates each year between farmers.
- The site includes a range of NVT trials and other small plot breeding and agronomy trials BCG are involved with.
- AgVic researchers collocated pulse trials at the BCG Main Site and were available to speak about the trials.
- A huge soil pit was dug and labelled with physical and chemical properties. This was a great introduction to the soils at the field day site.
- Sponsors set up marquees around the perimeter and were present to engage with attendees during the day.
- The morning program included the soil pit and trial discussions, while the afternoon was devoted to presentations inside a marquee.
- A parallel student program was organised to visit a subsection of trials.
- The local high school students catered for lunch.

## Footprint Survey

I will forward the Footprint Survey again to members. Thanks to those that have responded, and I look forward to more 😊

## Upcoming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Contact</i>
12 November	<a href="#">GRDC Grains Research Update, online – Pigeon Pea: is it a viable pulse alternative for northern growers?</a>	Webinar 1:00pm–1:45pm	GRDC website (follow the event link)
21 November	BFG Meeting & AGM		Vicki Green 0408 759 395

Until next time, take care...