

Brigalow Bites

Edition 10 Tuesday 23rd December 2025



A quick hello to wish our members, sponsors and industry partners a safe and enjoyable Christmas period. I hope everyone has a chance to take a break and catch up with family and friends. I have all three of my sons home today, so will be having our family dinner tonight, giving them flexibility for other commitments on Christmas Day. Tony Bender assures me he'll be a responsible chaperone to my middle boy at the Boxing Day Test – we'll let you know how that goes 😊.

AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM at the Brigalow Recreation Grounds on Friday 21st November. Neil presented his Chair's Report and highlighted the progress the Group has made in expanding our profile, including developing the website and successfully negotiating sponsorship partnerships with a range of local businesses. Most importantly Neil felt the meetings and field walks during the year demonstrate how we are trying to help members engage with researchers and industry specialists in a coordinated way. Rob presented the financial statements, showing BFG in a sound financial position due to membership fees and sponsorship. Guest speaker, Dr Ken Gilmore, gave an excellent address on his time as a rural GP, explaining how technology such as imaging and early treatment intervention has enabled improved health outcomes. He commented that average life expectancy of Australian males is 84 compared to 69 when he started medicine, and in general, people are living well through these extra years.

Thank you to GRDC Grower Relations Manager Sally Dickinson for conducting the election process for the executive and steering committee. Positions for the next 12 months are

Chairman – Neil Wegener
Vice Chair – Wade Bidstrup
Secretary – Rick Cronin

Treasurer – Rob Green
Industry Executive – Russell Wood

Committee Members – Russell Taylor, St John Kent, Steve Muller & Greg Bender

Thank you to outgoing committee members Jayne Gentry and John Alexander for your efforts and counsel over the past 12 months.

Harvest Support

For many with early sorghum, harvest is imminent (again!) Most businesses are scaled to deal with harvest logistics. However, if something goes awry, it is handy to know who to call.

If you are a business affiliated with BFG who has harvesting and/or trucking capacity, and would like to share your details, please let me know.

Just to kick things off...(and with full disclosure that Jack is my son...)

Business Name	Contact	Services offered
JTSG Contracting	Jack - 0491 109 599	A-double, B-double, single haulage On-farm or to market

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Details	Contact
Late January	Research Review	To follow	Vicki Green 0408 759 395

Thank you

I would like to acknowledge the guidance of the executive and steering committee during 2025. And to our members, sponsors and industry partners, thank you for your trust as we take the Brigalow Farming Group to the next level. In 2026, let's keep it local, let's keep it real and let's have fun!

Until next time, take care...