

Brigalow Bites

Edition 8 Tuesday 9th September 2025

Welcome to another edition of Brigalow Bites.

Birchip Field Day

This week Neil, St John and I are travelling to Birchip to attend the 2025 Birchip Field Day. This is a full day event that showcases their trial program and a range of hot topics including farming without paraquat and emissions. On Thursday we are also meeting with Fiona Best the CEO of the Birchip Cropping Group and a small number of members and staff. For us, this discussion is about understanding how to stay true to our core values of **farmers gathering, sharing and learning** while momentum to grow our brand is strong.

Beatsheet

In a recent edition of the Beatsheet, Adam Quade from the entomology team at DPI shared that insect traps have been capturing high numbers of *Helicoverpa punctigera* moths. This pest has been breeding up in the abundant vegetation in Western Queensland and migrates in on weather fronts. It is a timely reminder to keep an eye out for pest pressure in winter crops and understand the control options available.

[Higher than usual numbers of Helicoverpa punctigera moths this month | The Beatsheet](#)

For those not familiar with the Beatsheet, it is a blog the DPI updates whenever there is a pest or disease issue of relevance to Queensland grain growers. Your agronomist is likely already subscribed but you can too.

ChemClear - register by 12 September

If you have unwanted or obsolete chemicals on farm, Agsafe is coordinating collection in Queensland this year. You must register by 12 September by calling 1800 008 182 or online at agsafe.org.au/chemclear. For more information on the program read the [factsheet](#) and [FAQs](#).

DPI Field Walks

The DPI has a full spring field day program details of which can be found in the attachment. Please RSVP via the link in the email.

Canola Field Walk

Chris Rutland shared some photos from the recent canola field walk at Noel and Laurell Ison's property and commented that "Russell Wood and Corey Culter expertly facilitated questions on behalf of local growers. Excellent rollup with over 45 attending from Dalby, Warra, Brigalow, Chinchilla & Hopeland areas". This is a fantastic result and shows the interest in understanding the role of canola in our farming system. If you are interested in growing canola next year, please let me know.

GRDC NGN Forum

It was great to see the group represented at the recent GRDC NGN Forum in Jandowae. 30 growers and industry representatives attended and provided feedback on the most pressing issues affecting grain production. Access to fertiliser in a timely fashion and weed resistance/management were hot topics. Attendees will receive feedback on the meeting and outcomes from it. And we'll share them with you!

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>
23-27 September	Embracing Diversity: Monitoring Outcomes Event Series	4 events over four days – Toowoomba, Dalby, Kumbia (see attachment)	Sarah Fea 0439 827 927
21 November	BFG Meeting & AGM		Vicki Green 0408 759 395

Until next time, take care...