



Brigalow Bites

Edition 2 Sunday 9 March 2025

As I sit and wonder when, or if, Ex TC Alfred will flex his muscles across the Downs, our thoughts are with those in the coastal strip as they negotiate ongoing rain and wind and the inevitable cleanup to follow. Our noble leader will certainly have some stories to tell upon his return from the 13th floor of a Coolangatta high rise that's been without power since Friday! Personally, this was the first harvest we have used silo bags, and the thought of them floating down stream to visit Russ in Chinchilla has been rather unnerving.

4TH APRIL MEETING

The agenda for our afternoon meeting at the **Inverai Hall on Friday 4th April** is taking shape. One of the priorities of the Brigalow Farming Group is to ensure you get feedback on any trials conducted in the district. So, at this first meeting we will hear from Tim Neale (yield and protein mapping), Majella Bathurst (barley lodging) and Jayne Gentry (RiskWi\$e nutrition management).

We'll spend some time refreshing key agronomy points in the lead up to winter, especially disease management. Seed company reps will be present to help us review the summer crop and for this to be successful we would love you to share your paddock data (see Sorghum Benchmarking below).

SORGHUM BENCHMARKING

How often have we heard 'you learn from your mistakes?' But it is equally important when things go right, to reflect on what contributed to that success. Six years ago, ten growers from the group collated their sorghum production data and shared it 'warts and all'. We would like to do the same this year and it will help inform discussion on the 4th April.

By being part of the Brigalow Group, there is an understanding that we share to learn, not to judge or be judged.

Attached to this email is an excel spreadsheet that we'd like you to fill in as comprehensively as possible. I will collate the information from each enterprise and present it confidentially in a similar way to Lizzie in 2019 (see attached and thanks Lizzie!). **Please return your completed form by Sunday 30th March.**

[2018-19 Sorghum Benchmarking - Graphed](#)

[2018-19 Sorghum Benchmarking - Table](#)

COMMITTEE UPDATE

We now have an official email address admin@brigalowfg.org.au that I will be monitoring and a website www.brigalowfg.org.au that is just a placeholder at this stage. Test out the email address by sending me your sorghum results!

UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
11 March	Pigeon Pea field walk – Condamine	Stuart Thorn 0428 712 006
20 March	Agrished Information Day - Dalby	Leanne 0427 657 567
25-26 March	AFREN – managing foliar disease and fungicide resistance workshop - Toowoomba	Erica McKay 02 9482 4930
27 March	Disease management in Mungbean – West Prairie	Kirsten Vonhoff 07 4631 2376
4 April	Brigalow Farming Group Meeting – Inverai Hall	Vicki Green 0408 759 395
15 August	Brigalow Farming Group Meeting	Vicki Green 0408 759 395
21 November	Brigalow Farming Group Meeting & AGM	Vicki Green 0408 759 395

OTHER BITS

- Two new mungbean varieties, Brolga and Kookaburra, are being launched at Warwick next month and will be available for the 2025/26 summer season.
- My cats have started bringing mice inside and are so proud of themselves! Keep an eye on numbers at your place and plan control measures well before the winter planting.