

REGIONAL FIELD DAY BUNDABERG REPORT

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY



The day began with Registration and Morning Tea at the Innes Park Country Club, followed by an introduction by President Tina McPherson outlining the objective for the day and introducing the programme. The morning sessions included a talk by Allan Mahoney from MultiKraft on probiotic bacteria, their role in soil health and some of the ways that you can enhance their activity on your farm. Allan presented a protocol that has been developed by MultiKraft specifically for passionfruit and this can be downloaded from our website under GROW FRUIT/FEATURED PRODUCTS or is available direct from MultiKraft.

Bree Grima from Bundaberg Fruit & Vegetable Growers then introduced the group to the AgAlliance which is a group of Wide Bay growers who have banded together to put forward a united view on the potential renewal of exploration licences by Blue Energy. Anyone who is concerned about the impact of exploration in the Wide Bay area is encouraged to talk to Bree at BFVG.

After lunch at the club, the group moved a short distance down the road to Tinaberries – the strawberry, passionfruit and macadamia farm owned and operated by Tina & Bruce McPherson. Bruce led the tour of the passionfruit part of the farm, highlighting the different paddocks they have set up and some of the trellis and plant support options they have been trialling.

After the tour, a number of supportive suppliers had the opportunity to talk about some of their product ranges and talk on a more informal basis with the growers that attended. At the end of the day, a short survey was completed by each participant and a raffle ensured that no one went home empty handed.

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South Pacific Minerals and JE Tipper.*

As mentioned in previous editions, the Regional Field Day programme is all about sharing knowledge and encouraging growers to consider new activities or processes that can have a positive impact on yield and profitability. It was again very encouraging to see that all of the grower attendees agreed that they would make some changes back on their farms as a result of attending the day.

What topic would you like to see explored in the next round of Regional Field Days?

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