

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF has called on Queenslanders to rally behind the state's food, fibre and foliage producers and shop locally to support the sector after major agricultural events were cancelled due to the South East Queensland COVID-19 lockdown. Read the media statement [HERE](#).

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QFF CEO Dr Georgina Davis spoke to [2GB's Rural News](#) saying while the cancellation of these events was disappointing, it was the perfect opportunity to encourage more people to shop local. Listen to the interview and find out how [HERE](#).

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The second round of funding under the [Land Restoration Fund](#) is now open. Queensland farmers, landholders, land managers and First Nations peoples interested in developing a new carbon farming project are invited to check their eligibility and apply [HERE](#).

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The [Land Restoration Fund](#) will create opportunities for farmers across Queensland to contribute to a range of positive environmental outcomes including improving biodiversity and their on-farm adaptation. Read QFF's [Queensland Country Life](#) column [HERE](#).

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QFF corporate partner [Telstra](#) has announced that all Australians can now make calls right across the country

for free on Telstra's network of more than 15,000 payphones. More information [HERE](#).

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A unique partnership between vegan fashion designer Emma Hakkansson, [Cotton Australia](#) and cotton farmer Renee Anderson this week culminated in the launch of a film that follows the journey of cotton from farm to finished product. Read more [HERE](#).

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Following successive lockdowns in South East Queensland, \$5,000 grants will be made available to small and medium businesses across Queensland affected by the COVID-19 lockdown that commenced on Saturday 31 July 2021. Applications will open in mid-August. For more information and eligibility criteria, click [HERE](#).

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The [Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries](#) will be holding free information sessions over the coming months regarding the Pacific Labour Scheme and Seasonal Workers Programme in Grantham, Bundaberg, Mareeba and Innisfail. To register, click [HERE](#) and head to the 'What's On' section on the right-hand side.

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The [Australian Rail Track Corporation](#) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement for the Inland Rail – Gowrie to Helidon project. The [Queensland Coordinator-General](#) has released this draft for public exhibition and comment. This review will run from Monday 2 August to Monday 25 October 2021. For more information or to have your say, click [HERE](#).

10.

[Young Farmers Connect](#) is calling for the courageous and committed faces of amazing agricultural women to snap a selfie straight from the field - whether that be the farm, the shop, the truck seat, the desk, the office or laboratory, post it with the hashtag [#thechangingfaceoffarming](#) and share why you grow food or support a fair food and farming system. Details [HERE](#).





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