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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



ON behalf of the Rotary FNQ Field Days organising committee, I would like to offer a warm welcome to the 2025 Field Days. I consider it an honour to be Chair of this amazing event.

I would, firstly, like to offer gracious thanks to all the members of the Rotary FNQ Field Days organising committee, who are members of the Mareeba and Atherton Rotary clubs. We are truly grateful for the work of these people and the effort they put in above and beyond what is expected.

Secondly, I would like to thank the volunteers at the gates, the parking attendants, those handing out the guides and serving you in the Tea House and the Bar. This includes our excellent coordinators of various area. Without our coordinators and volunteers this event would not be possible.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the work done in coordinating a new part of our Field Days, the Ag and Innovation theme and area. A huge thank you all, both within the Field Days and outside, who have worked tirelessly to enable this to happen.

Our Field Days this year has grown larger with around 600 sites. We have the theme of Ag and Innovation, which has a wide scope of presentations and offers people the opportunity to have a look at innovations on local farms. A huge thank you to the farmers who offered their properties to enable people to see innovations in action.

A huge thank you and reference to our founders in the form of the Rotarians who started the Field Days many years ago. I am sure that what the event has grown to from the start in middle of the 1980s to now and into the future was not envisaged to become the remarkable agricultural event that it today.

The spectacle is held every two years and provides an enormous economic and social investment in not just Mareeba and Atherton, but to the whole of Cairns and districts. All monies raised from this event goes back to the local communities. There has been nearly \$1 million dollars distributed to the many charities and organisations across the region.

The Field Days is also very much a social experience as people can catch up with old friends, colleagues and distributors. It allows people to gather and have conversations as well as being at Field Days.

This year we have our returning strategic partners – Mete Motor Group, Mareeba Tyrepower and NQ Agricultural Services. I thank them sincerely for their ongoing support of this event.

I would like to give a specific mention to the people who have offered and given support since the passing of our past chair Kevin Davies. While Kevin is an irreplaceable loss, many people have come forward to offer their services to our event and this is greatly appreciated.

I would like to also mention the many other sponsors listed in this guide who are also crucial to the ongoing success of the event and I thank them for their support.

The Official Guide is your road map to the site and it is becoming bigger and better each event. I'm sure this will provide you with all the information that you need to make the most of your time with us this year.

On behalf of the organising committee, we hope you have wonderful experience in 2025.



2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days Chair



INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, IMPACT

Rotary FNQ Field Days returns bigger than ever

GET ready for Northern Australia's biggest display of agricultural excellence – an event that brings together the best of farming, innovation, and community spirit.

The vibrant showcase celebrates the heart of the region's agriculture, featuring cutting-edge technology, local businesses and interactive exhibits for all ages.

Businesses from across Queensland and interstate have jumped at the chance to take part in the biennial 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days, which will be held at the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds on May 28, 29 and 30.

The three-day event has grown exponentially since its conception in the mid-1980s, with more than 16,000 people attending in 2023 and a record of more than 500 sites and 450 exhibitors.

This year's event promises to set the bar even higher, in a celebration of everything that makes Northern Australia's agricultural industry strong, sustainable and full of potential.

Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Atherton and Mareeba, all funds raised are donated to charities and community organisations.

This year's key theme of Ag and Innovation has attracted peak national bodies, industry groups and representatives, who will deliver presentations and displays in an all-new

agriculture and innovation area.

Crowd-favourites will also be returning, such as the Tractor Pull and Garden Tractor Display, daily working machinery demonstrations, events in the arena, cattle display, Emergency Services display, market stalls, and much more.

Tablelands businesses Mete Motor Group, Tyrepower Mareeba, and NQ Agricultural Services have again thrown their support behind the hugely successful event, coming on board as the Strategic Partners.

Rotary FNQ Field Days event Chair Andrew McCosh encouraged members of the community to get behind the Field Days, in what promises to be the event's biggest and best to date.

"There are going to be some incredible showcases and demonstrations of new innovations and the latest products, plenty of food options and great general networking opportunities," he said.

"This event gives people an opportunity to come and see what's going on in the agricultural area and some of our locals are at the forefront of that innovation.

"I really enjoy going through the exhibits and looking at what they've got to offer, and how it's going to be used to improve the future.

"There are some extremely innovative people

on the Tablelands running things to improve a whole range of different processes with technology.

"I'm pretty certain that most people will walk away with at least one or two things that they're going to use or maybe think about using in the future."

Mr McCosh praised the dedicated organising committee for all their efforts in planning and preparing for the 2025 event.

"We've got a very strong committee – everyone does their part and it all pulls together," he said.

"The committee members are all volunteers and it would be hundreds of hours of work that they have put in.

"I've also got to give credit to Site Co-Ordinator Nina Grant and Marketing Manager Jeanette Sturiale who are part of the glue that holds everything together for the whole event.

"The event simply would not go ahead with such people who are key."

Site co-ordinator Nina Grant said there were more than 500 sites and 450 exhibitors ready to showcase and demonstrate new innovations and the latest products.

"We are very happy with the interest we have and we're certain that we will sell out," she said.

"The Ag and Innovation area of this year's

event has taken it to yet another level. The interest has been incredible."

Online bookings are the preferred method for ticket sales, with a discounted rate available for pre-purchase tickets single day tickets - \$10 single day entry, \$25 for a three-day pass, and \$8 for Pensioner or Disability Concession Card Holder.

Once you've purchased your ticket, a link will be sent to your phone that you show upon entering the Rotary FNQ Field Days.

Tickets will still be available to purchase at the gate on the day – \$15 single day entry, \$30 for a three-day pass, and \$10 for Pensioner or Disability Concession Card Holder.

Entry is free for children under 17, school students in uniform and teachers in company with group, and carer/support workers accompanying a person or group.

The 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days will be open Wednesday, May 28 and Thursday, May 29 from 9.00am to 5.00pm, and Friday, May 30 from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

To purchase tickets or for more details about this year's event, visit www.fnqfielddays.org.au

A LEGACY OF GROWTH

2025 Field Days set to break new ground

FROM humble beginnings on the Atherton Tablelands, the Rotary FNQ Field Days has grown into a premier agriculture event.

What started as a local initiative has flourished into a large-scale showcase of innovation, industry, and community spirit.

This year, the three-day event promises to be the biggest and best yet, proudly hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Atherton and Mareeba.

With more exhibitors, more attractions, and more opportunities to connect, 2025 is set to make a new chapter in the Field Days' remarkable journey.

The Mareeba Rodeo Grounds will be transformed into a village of agricultural excellence, showcasing the very best machinery, equipment, services, and products from all over the country.

Rotary FNQ Field Days Site Co-ordinator, Nina Grant said there had been strong demand from businesses and organisations from across Queensland and interstate wanting to take part this year.

As a result, there will be more than 500 sites and 450 exhibitors to cater for the event's exponential growth.

"We are very happy with the interest we have had and there are still people wanting to book, but we're running out," Ms Grant said.

"We have many exhibitors that come back year after year to the Field Days because they do so well over the three days.

"So many businesses report great sales and great customer interaction as well as generating new interest from being out in the public.

"Due to this success, we have businesses that have never taken part in the Field Days and want to be involved and get their name out there. We've created more exhibitor sites to allow for this growth and it's something we're really excited about."

Rotary FNQ Field Days Event Chairman Andrew McCosh said it was great to see so many businesses returning to the event in 2025, and welcomed those who would be exhibiting for the first time.

"We have a very strong repeat customer base and many of them have been coming since the event first started," he said.

"The demand for sites has always been very strong.

"We sell out 80 per cent of the sites within two weeks of them being released. Its highly competitive to get spots."

The Rotary FNQ Field Days is also known for



its work in giving back to the local community, with more than \$30,000 donated to various charities and organisations in 2023.

This is a result of the large number of volunteers who put their hand up to work and in exchange for a donation to their chosen charity or organisation.

Volunteer Co-ordinator Ida Portella said the event simply would not be possible without community members offering their time to help.

"For everyone that volunteers, we pay \$20 per hour volunteered to their preferred charity or not for profit organisation of choice," she said.

"In the past we paid \$15 per hour, but this year we've increased that as a way to really show our appreciation for their support."

A dedicated pickup and drop off service will also be on offer at the event to assist people that purchase larger items from exhibitors.

Ms Grant said volunteers would drive the

large items out to the gates throughout the day to assist patrons delivering the items to their car.

"This is going to be a new dedicated service to help people deliver the larger items that they have bought back to their vehicles," she said.

"There will be a direct phone number and exhibitors will ring to book in that service for the customer. People can also visit the Site Office on the day if they'd like more information."

Major economic boost for region

THE Tablelands region is reaping the rewards of hosting Northern Australia's biggest display of agricultural excellence, with a significant surge of economic activity to the community.

The three-day Rotary FNQ Field Days transforms the area into a bustling hub, attracting more than 16,000 visitors and hundreds of businesses, and injecting valuable revenue into local tourism, hospitality and retail sectors.

From increased accommodation bookings to higher retail and hospitality spending, the biennial event not only showcases the region's key role in Australia's agricultural landscape, but also drives growth, jobs and long-term regional development.

Mareeba Chamber of Commerce President and Regional Development Australia Board Member, Joe Moro said the Field Days was one of the town's major events that injected millions of dollars into the local economy.

"From an economic point of view the Field Days, similar to the Mareeba Rodeo and Savannah in the Round, are huge economic boosts for the town and for the area," he said.

"There's a lot of work that's generated by the simple fact that the event happens"

"Savannah in the Round injects about \$30 million into the area – we don't have that economic data for the Field Days yet, but we'd probably get half that injected into the town.

"The big benefit is that more people will be driving through the CBD, some of them will stop and have a bite to eat or fuel up and spend a bit of money. Some people will also be staying in the motels – I'd imagine most would be booked solid leading up to the Field Days, and that's a statement you can make across the Tablelands as well.

"Even the Tablelands Regional Council area benefit from the event and even Cairns gets a bit of spin off because some people will drive up and down each day, especially the exhibitors from Cairns.

"There's also a lot of work that's generated by the simple fact that the event happens."

This year's key theme of Ag and Innovation has attracted a range of peak national bodies, industry groups, and key representatives to attend the Field Days, such as QFF (Queensland Farmers' Federation), NFF (National Farmers' Federation) and HIA (Horticulture Innovation Australia).

Mr Moro said having such dignitaries attend was a step in the right direction to growing the Field Days even further.

"There will be people here this year from all over Australia because we have the QFF Breakfast, and NFF forum to discuss the issues with farmers and share some interesting developments in Ag Innovation space," he said.

"I'd like to see this event become as big as Beef Week one day, which is held down in Toowoomba every two years. It's huge.

"I'd like to see politicians one day just come to our event to talk to the locals as permanent fixture on their calendar, rather than be invited."

Rotary FNQ Field Days Event Chair Andrew McCosh encouraged locals to come along and show their support.

"It's really important that people come and support things like this because it's a massive job to put together," he said.

"It gives people an opportunity to come and see what's going on in the agricultural area ... some of our locals are at the forefront of innovation.

"The event also pours a lot of money economically into the community and that's felt right through Atherton, Mareeba, Cairns.

"All the motels get booked out and the various facilities in the area get used too. It really does boost the economic development in the whole area.

"Quite a number of the exhibitors offer specials during the Field Days too so it's a great way to them to make sales and get their name out there to a wide range of people."

Horsepower unleashed at Field Days

THE mighty roar of tractors being put to the ultimate test will be heard far and wide at the Rotary FNQ Field Days.

The hugely popular Tractor Pull and Garden Tractor Display is back bigger and better than ever, and has grown to become one of the most popular attractions at the three-day event.

Sponsored by Gr8 Northern Ag and Kubota in 2025, more than 40 tractors from across Queensland had registered to battle it out for glory on Wednesday and Thursday morning and afternoon, followed by a final demonstration on Friday morning.

Each of the machines that enter the competition must meet the guidelines of being two-wheel drive and at least 40 years old.

The tractor pull involves either a 'vintage' or 'classic tractor' pulling a sled along a 120m track. Engine capacity categories range from 20 horsepower (HP) right up to more than 200 HP and additional crawler classes.

Two sleds will be in action – one to pull 20HP to 100HP tractors, and a second to pull 100HP to over 200HP – as well as a smaller sled for the kid's category.

NQ Tractor Pulling Inc president, Mark Brown said he was looking forward to this year's competition.

"We've had lots of interest and there will have lots of impressive tractors in the mix this year that will put on a good show for the crowds," he said.

"We've had people interested from Mackay, Ingham, Babinda, Innisfail, Mossman, and probably 20 tractors from our locals.

"My daughter has a Zetor tractor and she's painted it pink for Breast Cancer – that will be an eye catching one. She was never going to paint one of my John Deere's pink.

"We've also got a young fella from Mount Surprise that will be competing in the junior section that's done a great job."

The competition will also feature the next generation of agricultural leaders, with a Garden Tractor Display for junior competitors as young as eight to get involved in.

Modified ride-on lawn mowers with the deck removed and garden tractors under 15HP and over 15HP, pulling a smaller sled will also line up to put their machines to the test.

The Gr8 Northern Ag Kubota Tractor Pull and Garden Tractor Display will take place on Wednesday and Thursday at 10.30am and 2.30pm. The final will be held on Thursday at 2.30pm and there will be a demonstration on Friday morning at 10.30am.

Labour of love on display at vintage engine exhibit



MACHINES from generations past are being dusted off and oiled up as part of this year's Vintage Static Engine exhibit.

A popular feature of the Rotary FNQ Field Days, the display features a variety of vintage working engines and other machines from generations past that have been restored.

The display complements all the action at the Tractor Pull and Garden Tractor Display.

Spectators will have the chance to get up close and personal with the vintage machines and their owners to learn about the rich history of the machines.

Display co-ordinator Ray Blain said machinery collectors from Burdekin, Townsville, Mareeba and Chillagoe had signed up to take part in what's expected to be the best biggest and best exhibit to date.

He said more than 10 vintage engines would be on display, providing the ultimate showcase of old and new.

"There's so many facets about doing this hobby ... but attending the Field Days is showing people yesterday's equipment in today's environment," he said.

"You go out and collect an engine from a farm or somewhere, you listen to the stories

that the men and women folk talk about and what they had to do to work it, and then you bring it home and restore it. Then you take it to an event like the Field Days and you can see their face light up when they see it restored and running.

"It's returning memories that at times aren't all that kind to some of these people, but they do have a kind word to say to you about what you've done.

"It's the stories, it's the people, it's the feedback that you get for your labour of love."

Mr Blain said while the number of engine restorers was starting to dwindle, it was important to support local events such as the Field Days.

"I will be taking along three or four engines, Tony Little from Chillagoe will also be taking along three or four," he said.

"The guys from the Burdekin will be taking up a nice big engine and also an auto cycle, which is a motorised push bike that they ride around on. It's quite a nice exhibit.

"We've also got a couple of water pumps and hot air engine that will be on display."

The Vintage Static Engine exhibit will be located near the tractor pull area.

Field Days powered by community volunteers

THE Rotary FNQ Field Days is made possible thanks to a passionate team of volunteers who selflessly give their time, skills, and energy to bring the event to life.

From planning and set up, to supporting exhibitors and guiding visitors, these community-minded individuals are the heart of the Field Days.

Their dedication not only ensures the smooth running of the event, but a powerful example of how community spirit, hard work, and generosity come together to create lasting impact across the region.

A combined project of the Rotary Clubs of Atherton and Mareeba, the biennial Rotary FNQ Field days is run entirely by volunteers (apart from two part-time paid contract positions), who play a vital role in helping raise thousands of dollars for both Tablelands clubs to distribute to their benefactor communities.

In addition to Rotarians, the event also attracts a large number of individuals and community groups who donate their time and exchange for a donation to their chosen charity or organisation.

Some of which include Cancer Queensland, QCWA, Lions Clubs and Friends of the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation and much more.

In 2023, more than \$30,000 was donated to various charities and organisations.

Rotarian of 24 years and 2025 Event Chairman, Andrew McCosh is passionate about giving back to his local community.

"We've got a very strong committee – everyone does their part and it all pulls together," he said.

"The committee members are all volunteers and it would be hundreds of hours of work that they have put in.

"As soon as one Field Days event is over, planning and preparation for the next in two years' time begins.

"I've also got to give credit to Site Co-ordinator Nina Grant and Marketing Manager Jeanette Sturiale... who are part of the glue that holds everything together for the whole event.

"If we lost people who were key, this event would not go ahead."

Rotary FNQ Field Days Volunteer Co-ordinator and Rotarian, Ida Portella said the event simply would not be possible without community members offering their time to help.

She said those who volunteer would receive a donation towards their nominated groups or charities in exchange for their time volunteering.

"Lots of organisations and individuals have come on board, which is absolutely fantastic," she said.

"It's all about giving back to our community and people have been very supportive."



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Accurately guess the weight of this 30-month-old sire from the Tallangalook Santa Gertrudis, Angus and Shorthorn stud and you could win a \$1500 meat voucher from Cross Custom Meats or other great prizes.

Guess weight, win big

Visitors to the 2025 Field Days with a keen eye for cattle will have a chance to win big while raising funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

PRIZES worth almost \$3000 are on offer for accurately guessing the weight of this superb 30-month-old Santa Gertrudis bull.

The \$26 000 sire from the Tallangalook Santa Gertrudis Angus and Shorthorn stud at Barrine will be on display at the Nutrien Ag site H1-H5 for all three days at Mareeba.

To enter all you have to do is go to the Nutrien site and make a gold coin donation to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Enter as many times as you wish (each time donating a gold coin to RFDS) to be in the running to be in the hunt to win the following great prizes:

- Meat voucher worth \$1500 at Cross Custom Meats
 - Webber Family Q+ worth \$929
 - 65lt Ringers Western Cooler worth \$349
- prizes
- Tallangalook stud principal Nick Trompf

said the inaugural RFDS guess the weight fund-raising competition at the 2023 Field Days was a hit.

“We had hundreds of entries and raised almost \$3000 for RFDS, one of the most worthy causes for regional and remote Australia as shown yet again with the south west Queensland flooding,” Mr Trompf said.

“Many people who entered the 2023 competition at the Rotary FNQ Field Days went surprisingly close with their weight estimates - and two women guessed to the exact kilogram so we had to draw the final winner from a hat.

“With the fantastic list of prizes supplied by Nutrien Ag solutions we are aiming to raise much more for the Royal Flying Doctor Service this year.”

To enter and view the bull, visit the Nutrien Ag Solutions exhibit at site H1-H5.

From paddock to pride: Graziers bring their best

GRAZIERS from far and wide will showcase their quality stock in a display of true resilience and dedication after a significant wet season for many.

The display is a key attraction of the Rotary FNQ Field Days and highlights the strength of the region's livestock industry.

The cattle display also attracts interest from industry representatives and potential buyers alike.

Brahman, Drought Master, Murray Grey, Angus and Shorthorns will be some of the cattle featured in this year's display.

Rotary FNQ Field Days Site Co-Ordinator Nina Grant said more than 30 pens had been sold - a strong rollout despite some graziers having to cancel after being impacted by an extreme wet season.

“The cattle area was fully booked earlier in the year and then we created more pens than we had in 2023 with some portable panels,” she said.

“It was very crazy when we did launch - we had people on waitlists.

“But since then, we had some cancellations due to the weather. The people that were coming in from West experienced significant rain and flooding and the cattle in not in the condition that they would like, or their too busy trying to keep the farm going during the extreme weather.

“With farming, agriculture and livestock the farmers are heavily impacted by weather and we do have extreme weather across Queensland and interstate so that impacts our event at times.”



FNQ industries at the heart of national and global supply

Far North Queensland stands out as one of Australia's most diverse and productive agricultural regions, playing a vital role in feeding the nation and supporting global markets

FROM tropical fruits and sugarcane to cattle and crops, the region's rich soils and favourable climate support a thriving industry that underpins both local livelihoods and international trade.

The region's unique geography and climate zones allow for year-round production, making it a cornerstone of Australia's agricultural economy.

Major industries across the Far North region include agriculture, horticulture, cattle and poultry, and mining.

The region is also now home to renewable energy industry and cotton.

Reflecting the region's strength in the horticulture sector, the gross value of production is sitting at \$748 million, a 42 per cent increase in five years according to the 2024 Mareeba & Atherton Tablelands Horticulture Profile.

Farmour Managing Director, Ebony Faichney carried out the 2024 report, and said there had been one key crop that had contributed to the significant growth.

"A lot of that growth can be contributed to the growing citrus industry, which is now the highest value commodity for the Mareeba and Tablelands area," she said.

The 2024 Mareeba & Atherton Tablelands Horticulture Profile detailed that the citrus industry had increased in value by 200 per cent in the past five years, due

to maturation of high yielding lemon and mandarin plantings with strong market prices.

"We've also seen strong prices and new plantings of banana, citrus, table grapes and papaya," Ms Faichney said.

"Avocados are still up there, but the total value of that industry has declined. Total hectares of avocados have doubled in the past five years, but market prices have halved, resulting in a net decrease of \$25M.

"The impacts of Cyclone Jasper and the summer that we had following, is well and truly still being felt by growers ... the long-term financial burden of an absolute awful season is going to be felt for some time.

"Most of our tree crops you've got one shot at harvest and unfortunately no one made any money that year."

Ms Faichney said horticulture growers were currently facing struggles around compliance burden and profitability.

"The Red Tape and hoops that they have to jump through are getting harder and faster unfortunately, which is causing all of our issues at the moment for growers," she said.

"Also cost of production is going up, cost of labour is going up, but returns to growers are going down.

"Although the value of production of horticulture in the region continues to grow, that figure does not represent grower profitability, and most commodities have experienced a farm gate gross value production growth, but cost of production has increased significantly more.

"It's a bit of an uncertain time at the moment, but the diversity of the Mareeba and Atherton Tablelands is a real feather in our cap and something that we can lean on. That's why many growers grow multiple crops."

While the 2025 outlook remained somewhat uncertain, Ms Faichney said a lot of work was being done behind the scenes around compliance burden through peak industry bodies and Government.

"We're hopeful that we're going to see some positive changes for growers in the next 12 months, but it's a huge mountain to climb," she said.

Beyond crops, FNQ also supports thriving livestock and aquaculture industries, reinforcing its status as a powerhouse of rural productivity and innovation.

To view the full 2024 Mareeba & Atherton Tablelands Horticulture Profile, visit www.farmour.com.au

EXPERTS TAKE THE STAGE:

Industry leaders share insights

THROUGHOUT the 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days visitors will have the chance to attend a range of special presentations from peak national bodies, industry groups, and key agricultural representatives.

The sessions will offer valuable insights into emerging trends and innovations shaping the future of agriculture all focused around the event's key theme for 2025 - Agriculture and Innovation.

It is also a unique chance for attendees to connect face-to-face with experts, ask questions, and build relationships that support growth, learning and collaboration throughout the sector.

Minister for Primary Industries, Tony Perrett will be attending the Field Days,

He will join the Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) special AgTech and Innovation Breakfast event at the Field Days on Thursday morning.

Following the breakfast, he will conduct the Official Opening of the 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days.

A range of other key guest speakers attending this year's event include; representatives from NFF (National Farmers' Federation), HIA (Horticulture Innovation Australia), Tropical Tourism North Queensland, Agritourism Queensland, Agritourism business owners Michael and Clare Bees from Emerald Creek Ice-Creamery, Gulf Savannah NRM, the DPI, Farmsafe Australia, and much more.

Full details of times and locations of the special presentations can be found in the Guide.



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Honouring a legacy of service

HUSBAND, Father, Mareeba Shire Councillor, Mareeba Rotarian, Chair of the 2023 Rotary FNQ Field Days, and a member of many community groups and organisations – Kevin Davies was the epitome of community and giving back to others.

He played a huge part in the operation of the Rotary FNQ Field Days since its conception and carried a wealth of knowledge on what was required for the event to run so smoothly.

Kevin sadly passed away in January 2025 following a short battle with illness.

Following the official opening of this year's event on Thursday, May 29, a special tribute will be held in honour of Kevin.

2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days Chair, Andrew McCosh said Kevin was a dear friend to many and such a large part of the Field Days.

He said losing Kevin had hit hard with those who worked so closely with him.

"We've worked together to try and somewhat overcome this big loss," Mr McCosh said.

"Kevin is sorely missed, but the legacy that he's left behind in terms of what he's done,

we've built on that and been able to use that even though he's gone.

"There's a number of us that worked very closely with him.

"I do also have to give credit to other people in the community that were a supporter of Kevin – many have come and offered to help out in the event just because they knew how passionate he was about the Field Days."

Mareeba Rotarian and Rotary FNQ Field Days Site Co-Ordinator, Nina Grant said the knowledge and experience Kevin had on the event was unmatched.

She said his absence had left a huge void.

"He was such a big part of the Field Days and friends to us all and we miss him every day – I miss him every day," she said

"He was the nuts and bolts of the event. He was my right-hand man.

"It has been a shock to us all and it's taken us a long time to grieve and come out the other side.

"We were all a bit lost, but as we do in Rotary everyone puts their hand up to help out and come together."




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RELAX and recharge with some old-fashioned hospitality at the Rotary Tea House.

Volunteers will be serving tea, delicious cakes, scones, biscuits and much more throughout the three-day event.

Located in the top bar near the arena at the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds, Tea House Co-ordinator Sarina Norris encouraged visitors to stop by and take a little break.

"It's set up like a little garden area with tables and chairs for people to sit on and an undercover area as well," she said.

"We tend to get people to stop by for a break after walking around the exhibits.

"When the Tea House was first launched at the 2019 Field Days it was more the wives that would stop by, but now you see more men coming over and we also get quite a few of the exhibitors and corporate people bring clients to the Tea House for a chat.

"It's a quieter atmosphere and you see them there with paperwork for that more one-on-one private time.

"It's evolved from what it originally was, but that's great."

Ms Norris said the Tea House would also be catering some of the corporate events happening over the three days, such as the QFF AgTech and Innovation Breakfast, private lunches, business gatherings, forums and more.

"I've got a great team of volunteers on board and they're all great to work with," she said.

"It's all about networking and corporate work. I have a wedding and decorating business so I do a lot of private events, so the Field Days is a chance for me to get my name out there and meet new people."

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Agriculture and Innovation set to take centre stage

THE latest and greatest in agriculture and innovation will be put in the spotlight at the 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days, as the highly anticipated event attracts some of the nation's leading industry voices.

Peak national bodies, industry groups, and key representatives will converge at the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds on May 28, 29 and 30 to share knowledge, showcase cutting-edge technology, and explore the future of farming.

As one of the most anticipated events on the agricultural calendar, this year's Rotary FNQ Field Days promises to inspire, educate, and connect the agri-community.

Focused around the 2025 key theme – Ag and Innovation – forums and a various presentations will be held over the three-day event featuring a range of guest speakers.

In attendance will be representatives from QFF (Queensland Farmers' Federation), NFF (National Farmers' Federation) and HIA (Horticulture Innovation Australia), Tropical Tourism North Queensland, Agritourism Queensland, Agritourism business owners Michael and Clare Bees from Emerald Creek Ice-Creamery, Gulf Savannah NRM, the DPI, Farmsafe Australia, and more.

Sponsored by TRAVEARTH Drone Services, the Ag and Innovation forums will allow visitors to connect face-to-face with a range of representatives and be informed about some of the up-and-coming innovations in agriculture.

The forms are also held in partnership with FNQ Growers – an organisation that represents growers of all horticultural commodities in Far

North Queensland from Lakeland in the north, south to Tully and west to Georgetown.

Rotary FNQ Field Days Event Chairman Andrew McCosh said highlighting agricultural innovation was vital, and visitors to this year's event would be in for an eye-opening experience.

"The collaboration with QFF, NFF and HIA for this year's event has been critical with the driving of agricultural innovation, which is our key theme," he said.

"The innovations and technology are an event highlight for me. We've sort of done it in previous events, but not to the extent that we are this year," he said.

"It's really critical that it's happened this year, and I think it's really going to help us build good foundations on future events in terms of how we can continue to grow. I'm really looking forward to that."

"Agricultural innovation is the way to go – you've got to adapt to change in different times and different climates."

"I think it's important that people who attend the Field Days have the opportunity to go and view what's happening and where agriculture and innovation is heading."

In an event first, visitors to the Field Days will have the chance to take part in Farm Tours on Wednesday, 28 May and Thursday, 29 May. Those who register will meet at the Ag and Innovation Area at 1pm, before heading off on the local tour.

Day one of the tour will take visitors to Skybury Farms to view the picking and packing of papaya, a Lemon Myrtle processing plant at Paddy's Green, and to Pinata Farming to view the

planting of pineapples.

On day two, visitors will get to learn about the Mareeba-Dimbulah irrigation scheme which includes Lake Tinaroo and the modernisation project that has been completed, a visit to Rocky Creek Orchards to see their automated spray machine, and Rock Ridge Farming's impressive packing operations.

Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) is one industry body that will be attending the Field Days this year, and will be hosting a special

innovation is driving efficiency and productivity in Queensland agriculture.

QFF CEO Jo Sheppard said Far North Queensland was a powerhouse of agricultural production across several commodities including horticulture, sugarcane, dairying, and grazing.

"QFF is pleased to be attending this year's FNQ Field Days. As Northern Australia's largest field day, the FNQ Field Days plays an important role in bringing together local farmers, businesses, and community members," she said.

"Agricultural innovation is the way to go – you've got to adapt to change in different times and different climates"

AgTech and Innovation Breakfast on Thursday from 7am to 9am.

Held in collaboration with FNQ Growers, guests will hear insights into the current state of play in agriculture and the valuable role of technology and innovation in building a strong future for Queensland farmers.

Among those attending will be Queensland Minister for Primary Industries the Hon Tony Perrett MP and Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers the Hon Ann Leahy MP.

There will also be opportunities to network with representatives from QFF peak body members, industry leaders and key stakeholders, and be part of the conversation about how

"The success and growth of FNQ Field Days is a testament to the hard work of the Rotary Clubs of Atherton and Mareeba, who we congratulate for putting on this wonderful event to the benefit of both their local communities, as well as the broader agricultural supply chain and Australian businesses who travel north to attend."

"QFF always welcomes the opportunity to join our peak body members Canegrowers and Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers in engaging with their members growers in the Far North Queensland region."

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Minty back on the mic

THE legendary man behind the mic, Glenn 'Minty' Mintern will be back to highlight all the action at the Rotary FNQ Field Days in 2025.

Boasting radio career spanning over more than three decades, Minty will bring his infectious personality and talent for storytelling to the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds on May 28-30.

Minty has hosted countless events across the country and is currently one of the North Queensland Cowboys game day presenters.

Rotary FNQ Field Days Event Chairman Andrew McCosh said it was a privilege to have Minty part of the event, showcasing the fantastic Ag, Innovation and daily action.

"He's brought a whole new level of professionalism and energy to the event and we're so excited to have him back," he said.

"He's a great asset and he has a big heart as well. He understands that we're not for profit and that this event is all about giving back to the local community.

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THE 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days is set to be bigger and better than ever, with exciting new attractions added to the schedule.

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Whether you're a long-time attendee or a first-time visitor, there's something new to discover at every turn.

In an event first, visitors to the Field Days will have the chance to take part in Farm Tours on Wednesday, 28th May and Thursday, 29th May. Ticket holders will meet at the Ag and Innovation Area at 1pm, before heading off on the tour in a bus.

Rotary FNQ Field Days event chairman Andrew McCosh said the free Farm Tours were a great addition to the event, allowing people to see some of the impressive operations being carried out by producers.

"Innovation happens on-farm and it's very difficult to bring that to the field days," he said.

"What we've decided to do it this year as part of our Agriculture and Innovation theme, is offer a bus of about 50 seats, for the Wednesday and Thursday afternoon for those that are interested in seeing first-hand the fantastic work that's being done on-farm."

Day one of the tour will take visitors to Skybury Farms to view the picking and packing of pa-paya, a Lemon Myrtle processing plant at Paddy's Green, and to Pinata Farming to view the planting of pineapples.



On day two, visitors will get to learn about the Mareeba-Dimbulah irrigation scheme which includes Lake Tinaroo and the modernisation project that has been completed, a visit to

Rocky Creek Orchards to see their automated spray machine, and Rock Ridge Farming's impressive packing operations.

For those interested in machinery, a new

demonstration from Cairns business Clarke Diesel will be one not to miss.

The team will be running skill-based machinery demonstrations with a Hitachi 8.5 tonne ex-cavator.

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Clarke Diesel is Cairns' first Hitachi sub-dealer and will be exhibiting at the Field Days for the first time.

Co-Director of Clarke Diesel, Davie Mareno said those who visit the business' site across the three days will have the chance to go into the draw to be part of the demonstration and win prizes.

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"We're looking forward to being out at the Field Days. It's an opportunity for branding awareness and getting our name out there."

A range of other attractions will also be running throughout the Field Days at various locations.

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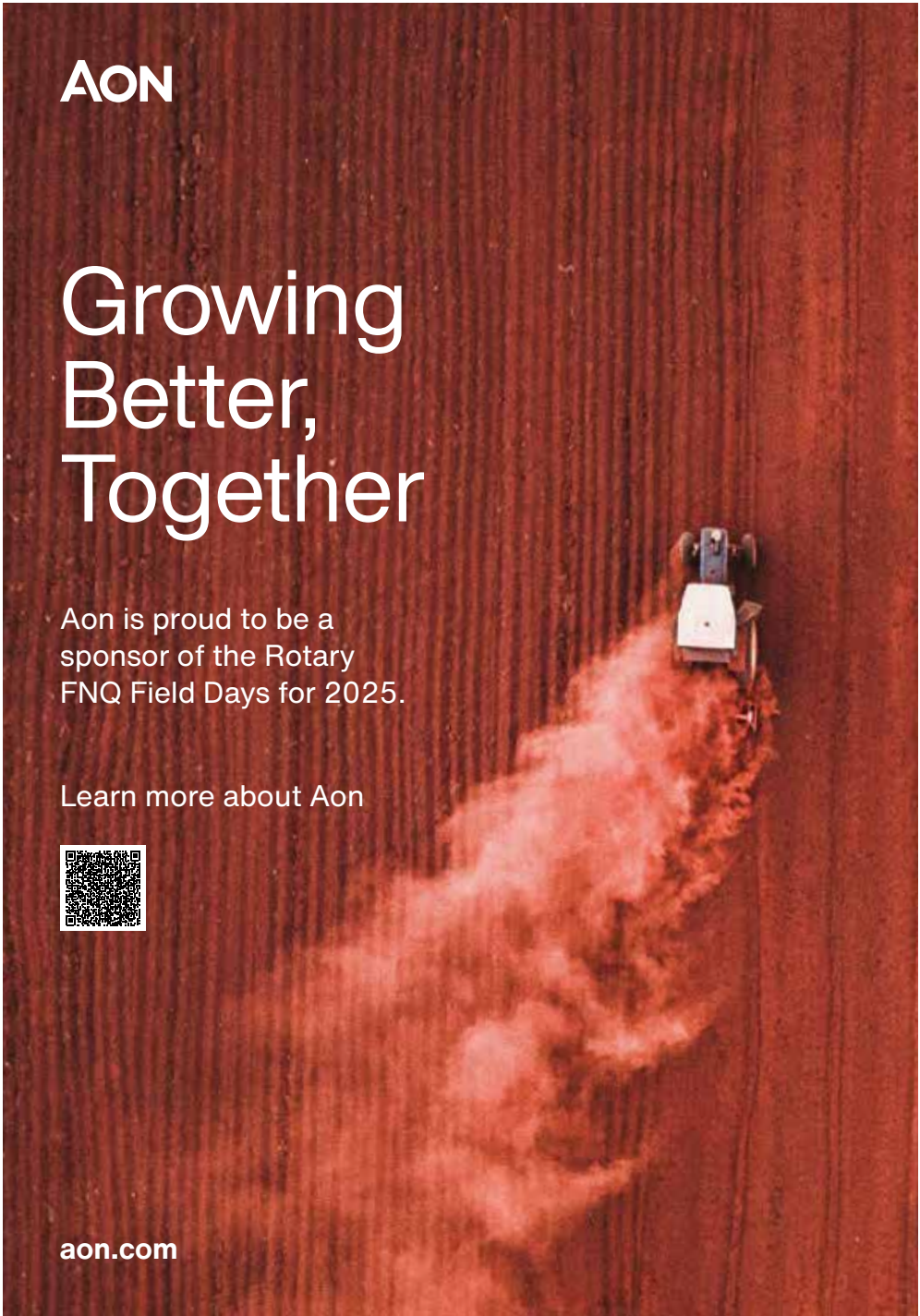
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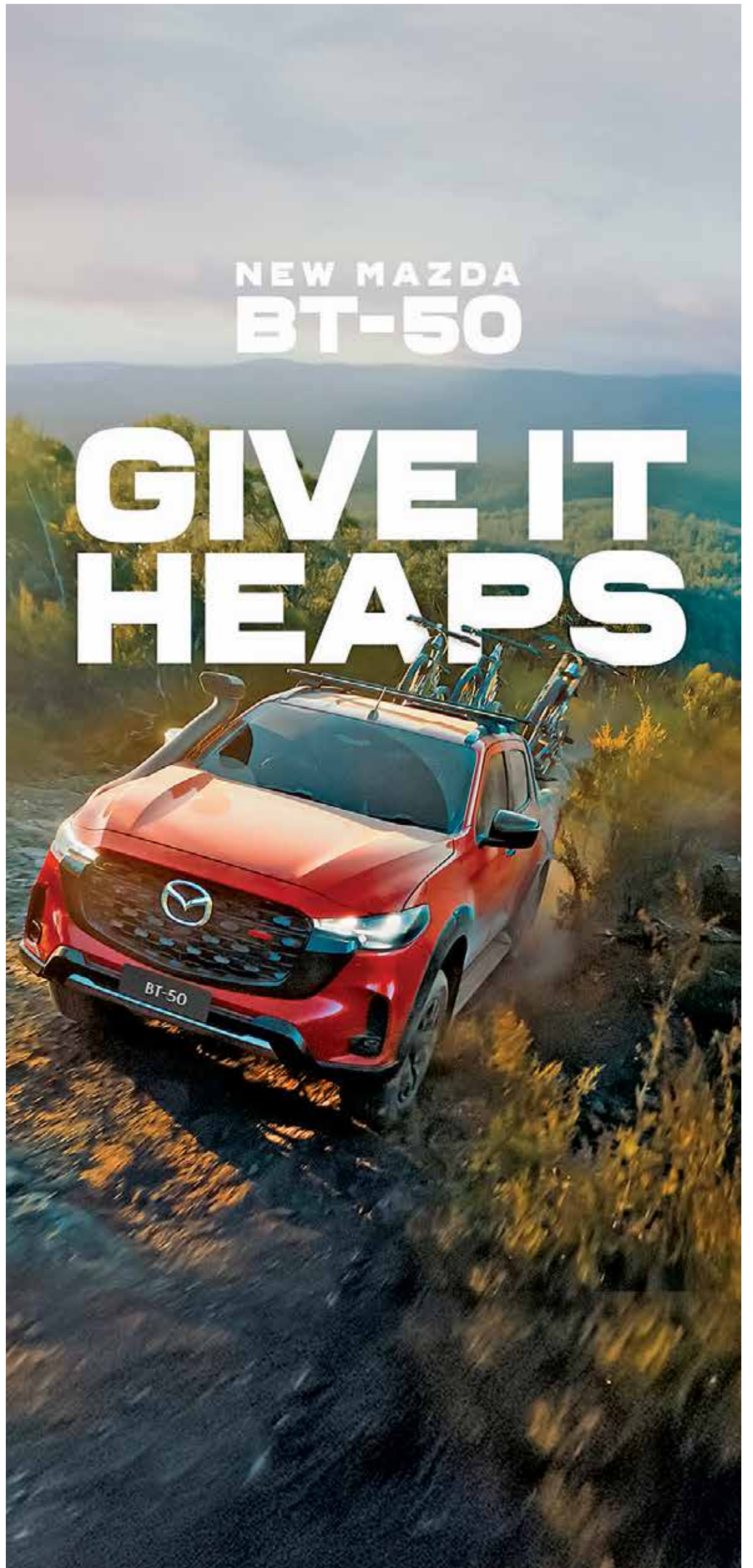
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More than 20 food and coffee stalls and vans will be serving a range of delicious options for all during the three-day event at the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds.

A range of local community organisations from across the Far North will also have food stalls at the event.

Rotary FNQ Field Days Site Co-Ordinator Nina Grant said she was thrilled with the strong interest from those wanting to be part of the Field Days.

"We are fully booked and we have people on a waitlist," she said.

"It seems that more and more people just want to be part of this event."

Ms Grant said there would also be ample seating and shaded areas for people to sit and enjoy their food and drinks.

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The Rotary Tea House will also be serving tea, delicious cakes, scones, biscuits and much more throughout the three-day event. It is located in the top bar near the arena at the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds.

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Whether you're arriving early or dropping in throughout the day, getting in and out has never been easier.

There are now three entry points for the public – West Gate, East Gate and the Main Gate.

Volunteers will still be out assisting people where to park their cars, but once parked, visitors will then walk through the gate to get their pre-purchased online ticket scanned. Tickets will also be available to be purchased on the day in person by cash or card upon entry.

Rotary FNQ Field Days Site Co-ordinator Nina Grant encouraged visitors to pre-purchase their tickets online, with a discounted rate available for the first time.

Pre-purchase tickets single day tickets – \$10 single day entry, \$25 for a three-day pass, and \$8 for Pensioner or Disability Concession Card Holder.

Once you've purchased your ticket, a link will be sent to your phone that you show upon entering the Rotary FNQ Field Days.

"We encourage people to buy their tickets online and you will be saving some money," Ms Grant said.



"It also gets you through the gates so much quicker on the day.

"If you don't have a smart phone, you can still print the tickets that will be sent to your email."

Tickets will still be available to purchase at the gate on the day – \$15 single day entry, \$30 for a three-day pass, and \$10 for Pensioner or Disability Concession Card Holder.

Entry is free for children under 17, school students in uniform and teachers

in company with group, and carer/support workers accompanying a person or group.

The 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days will be open Wednesday, May 28 and Thursday, May 29 from 9.00am to 5.00pm, and Friday, May 30 from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

The main gate and parking is open from 7am each day.

To pre-purchase tickets or for more details about this year's event, visit www.fnqfielddays.org.au

Community wellness in focus

COMMUNITY groups and organisations will come together to shine a light on the importance of taking care of your mind, body and soul at the Rotary FNQ Field Days.

The Health and Wellbeing Tent, which began as a small initiative in 2017 to raise awareness around mental health, has grown into a vibrant space offering support, information, and services for all.

With a diverse range of providers set to attend and a range of activities on offer, the Health and Wellbeing Tent continues to build momentum each year – creating a welcoming hub for connection, conversation, and community care.

Rotary FNQ Field Days Site Co-ordinator Nina Grant said the aim of the Health and Wellbeing Tent was to raise awareness, offer support and stamp out the stigma sometimes associated with mental health.

She encouraged all those attending this year's event to stop by and chat to the various organisations that will be set up.

"We have moved our Health and Wellbeing Tent up to near the Tea House on the green grass and I think that will be a great relaxing environment," she said.

Hearing Australia Bus will also be attending this year.

The Health and Wellbeing Tent is supported by a wide range of Tablelands community organisations, including, some of which include Mareeba Community Centre, Mareeba Community Health, Mareeba Men's Shed, and many more.

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A community passion project

THE conception of Northern Australia's largest field days is a tale of community passion.

In the mid-1980s, one of Atherton's pioneering farming families, the Beattie's offered land on their Malanda-Atherton Road potato farm for a Field Day.

Then in September 1989, the Rotary Clubs of Atherton, Malanda, Mareeba and Kuranda combined their shared vision to host an event that would directly benefit their communities.

From this, the Rotary FNQ Field days was born.

Held over three days on a biennial basis, the event quickly became an award-winning Field Days and was the largest community event on the Tablelands.

On average 8,000 people attended each day and a record number of funds were raised each year, prompting the event to move locations four times.

The Atherton and Mareeba Rotary Clubs have now combined to operate the event, and each club has its priority projects and causes.

The Field Days committee also donates to service clubs across the Tableland region.

Following the 2011 event it was clear that a new, bigger and better site was needed to help the event grow to its full potential.

In May 2013, the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds was transformed into the largest and most comprehensive display of agricultural equipment, associated products, and services in the region. It hosted 250 exhibitors and "was deemed a sell-out".

Then in 2019, a record number of sites were released for sale. But it was 2021 when even higher records were broken, with 15,000 people attending the three-day event and a record 500 exhibitors featured.

The growth would not be possible without the support from exhibitors, some of which have returned each event since the beginning and the public in the gates.

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Volunteers an invaluable asset

ORGANISERS of the Rotary FNQ Fields Days have credited the event's smooth operation and growing success to the incredible team of volunteers who step up year after year.

Their hard work, dedication, and community spirit are the backbone of the event, making it possible to deliver such a large-scale and well-run Field Days.

This year, more than 80 sporting groups, community organisations and individuals have registered to assist in various roles such as parking, entry gates, scanning tickets, issuing Official Guides, working in the bar, working in the Tea House and much more.

Rotary FNQ Field Days Volunteer Co-ordinator and Mareeba Rotary Club member Volunteer Coordinator, Ida Portella said the event simply would not be possible without community members offering their time to help.

She said those who volunteer would receive a donation towards their nominated groups or charities in exchange for their time volunteering.

"Lots of organisations and individuals have come on board, which is absolutely fantastic," she said.

"For everyone that volunteers, we pay \$20 per hour volunteered to their preferred charity or not for profit organisation of choice.

"In the past we paid \$15 per hour, but this year we've increased that as a way to really show our appreciation for their support.

"It's all about giving back to our community and people have been very supportive."

Passionate about giving back to the

community, 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days Chairman Andrew McCosh has been a member of the Rotary Club of Atherton past 24 years.

He praised the dedicated organising committee for all their efforts in planning and preparing for the 2025 event.

"We've got a very strong committee – everyone does their part and it all pulls together," he said.

"The committee members are all volunteers and it would be hundreds of hours of work that they have put in.

"I've also got to give credit to Site Co-ordinator Nina Grant and Marketing Manager Jeanette Sturiale who are part of the glue that holds everything together for the whole event.

"If we lost people who were key, this event would not go ahead."

Mr McCosh encouraged anyone able to spare a few hours to sign up as a volunteer.

"I've been involved in the Field Days since we first moved out to the Mareeba Rodeo Grounds, about five events ago now," he said.

"It's all about giving back and being able to contribute to a better world, and making a difference in various ways.

"If anyone is willing to volunteer, we do have places available in different areas where people can help out.

"There are so many jobs and out volunteers are a huge part of what makes the Field Days a success."

People must be over 18 to volunteer.

To register your interest to be a volunteer or for more details, email Volunteer Co-ordinator Ida Portella at volunteer@fnqfielddays.com.au



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JOIN us for State of Origin Game 1, live from Suncorp Stadium, at this year's Rotary FNQ Field days and experience the excitement on the big screen.

After a big first day at the Rotary FNQ Field Days, we want to bring the community together for one of Australia's greatest sporting rivalries – State of Origin Game II!

On Wednesday night, May 28, the Field Days committee invites you to join them at Fuchs Bar as we watch Queensland take on New South Wales, live from Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.

Why you should be there - Watch the action unfold on the big screen with great company, relaxed atmosphere with food and drinks available, connect with fellow exhibitors, locals and visitors after a full day of field day activities and of course cheer on your team, Maroons or Blues, and be part of the origin buzz right here in Mareeba.

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AN impressive line-up of entertainment, displays and interactive presentations is set to bring the 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days to life.

From thrilling displays by Far North Emergency Services to the unique skills of electric ant detection dogs, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Visitors can also look forward to the cattle display and 'Guess the Weight of the Bull' competition for charity, Mareeba business man Rex Petersen's skid steer skills in the arena, vintage tractor and engine display, and plenty of hands-on experiences that highlight the innovation and energy behind the region's agricultural and rural industries.

Tractors big and small will put their engines to the ultimate test in this year's Tractor Pull and Garden Tractor Display.

The competition has grown to become one of the most watched attractions at the Rotary FNQ Field Days and will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, followed by a Friday morning demonstration.

In an event first, Cairns business Clarke Diesel will also be running skill-based machinery demonstrations near the Tractor Pull area each day of the Field Days.

Get ready for three action-packed days of fun, learning and connection.

View the full schedule in this Official Guide to ensure you don't miss any of the daily displays at the 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days.



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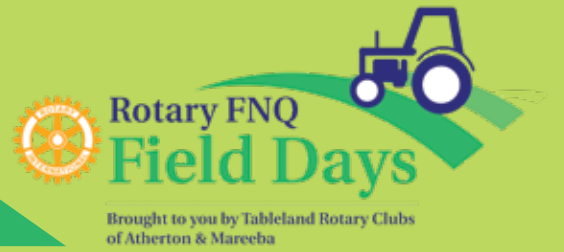
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WEDNESDAY 28 MAY

10.00AM | AGRI-TOURISM

Mark Olsen, CEO of TTNQ
Kay Tommerups, President of Agritourism QLD
Michael & Clare Bees, Emerald Creek Ice-Creamery

1.30PM | SUSTAINABILITY

Jessica Miranda, Agriculture Project Officer, Gulf Savannah NRM
Noel Ainsworth, Principal Horticulturist, DPI & Toni Cottle – DPI
David OAG, Horticulturist, DPI
Karen George, Knowledge Broker, Tropical NQ Drought Resilience Adoption & Innovation Hub
Terry Granshaw, Sugar Research Australia, Cherrie Stockham, Agritech Solutions, Fred Holden, JCU Researcher, Keerah Steele, Gulf Savannah NRM

1.00PM | FARM TOUR

Skybury Farms Skybury Farms – picking and packing
Paddy Green Lemon Myrtle processing plant
Pinata Farming – Pineapple planting
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THURSDAY 29 MAY

9.30AM | RABOBANK PRESENTATION AGRI COMMODITIES

Stephan Vogel, RaboResearch Australia & New Zealand

10.30AM | NATIONAL FARMERS' FEDERATION – QUEENSLAND ROADSHOW – POLICY, INNOVATION & SAFETY

Stevi Howdie, Farmsafe Australia
Telstra Regional Australia Team, on-farm technology
Troy Williams, NFF CEO

1.30PM | QFVG – SOCIAL LICENSE

Panel Discussion – Five years of change: Key Milestones shaping Growers' Worlds and What's Next
Rachel Chambers, CEO QFVG
Dan Gallagan, CEO Canegrowers
Jo Sheppard, CEO Queensland Farmers Federation
Scott Wallace, HORT360 Manager

1.00PM | FARM TOUR

Sunwater Modernisation Scheme
Rocky Creek Orchards – automated spray machine
Rock Ridge Farming – Packing House
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FRIDAY 30 MAY

9.30AM | ROBOTICS/AUTOMATION, AGRICULTURE

Terry Granshaw, Canegrowers District Manager, Burdekin
Rafael Goulart, Agricultural Robotics
Emilie Fillols, Autoweed
Keally, Senior Management Engagement & Innovation, Canegrowers
Kara Worth, Ag Valuate, Topic – Agricultural Robotics
Travis – TRAVEARTH Drone Services, Topic – Drone Solutions for Agriculture

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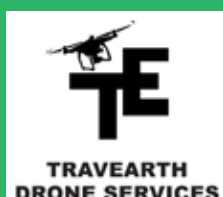
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FARM TOURS – WEDNESDAY 28 MAY

1.00PM (MC – Paul Fagg)

Departing Mareeba Rodeo Grounds.

Bookings on FNQ Rotary Field Days website under 'tickets'.



SKYBURY FARMS – PICKING & PACKING

Skybury Farm is located at Paddy's Green just outside Mareeba, at the northern end of the fertile Atherton Tablelands. Skybury Plantation covers 470 acres (190) and sits about 1706 feet (520 metres) above sea level. Coffee and red papaya is grown at Skybury Tropical Plantation. The sandy soils and subtropical climate provide the perfect growing conditions for coffee and papaya. Skybury produces about 40 tonnes of green coffee per year and over two million kilos of red papaya. At peak times, the packing shed will process over 60 pallets of papaya per day - that's about 60 tonnes. Skybury employs about 90 people in its papaya, coffee and tourism operations.



PADDY'S GREEN LEMON MYRTLE – PROCESSING PLANT

Our Lemon Myrtle is Grown at Paddys Green which is just outside Mareeba in Far North Queensland, where we have 300 sunny days a year – an attraction for Grey Nomads from all over the country. Whilst we cool down slightly in the winter we traditionally have a wet and dry season, which is perfect for the production of lemon myrtle. The lemon myrtle trees have been growing for about 2.5 years and are now ready to harvest the new shoots. Harvesting the leaves and young stems is a carefully designed process to create the high quality products we see today.



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FARM TOURS – THURSDAY 29 MAY



SUNWATER MODERNISATION SCHEME

Andrew Cooper, Sunwater Operations Manager for the Far North talks about the Mareeba-Dimbulah irrigation scheme which includes Lake Tinaroo and the modernisation project that has been completed.



ROCKY CREEK ORCHARDS – AUTOMATED SPRAY MACHINE

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ROCK RIDGE FARMING – PACKING HOUSE

Rock Ridge Farming is a family owned and operated enterprise situated high in the picturesque Atherton Tablelands of Far North Queensland. The rich, volcanic soils of this area allow us to grow produce of the highest quality. We currently produce avocados and bananas on numerous farming properties geographically spread across the Tablelands from the quaint little village of Yungaburra to the outback town of Dimbulah.

AGRI COMMODITIES

9.30AM THURSDAY

STEFAN VOGEL

General Manager –
RaboResearch Australia & New Zealand.

TOPIC: "Beyond Geopolitics: Key Factors Shaping the Outlook of Farm Products"

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He brings a wealth of experience to the role. His almost 20-year career has been focused on the food, agribusiness and trade industry. Prior to joining Rabobank, Stefan worked for more than a decade in strategy and market research positions with Archer Daniels Midland, including in the US as Director Market Research & Business Analytics and in Germany as Head of Economics Department. Stefan holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Economics from University of Giessen, Germany.



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NATIONAL FARMERS FEDERATION

10:30AM THURSDAY –
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TOPIC: "Policy, Innovation, and Safety"

Join the National Farmers' Federation, Farmsafe Australia, and Telstra as we tackle key policy issues, farm safety, and innovative ways to boost on-farm productivity.

Stevi Howdle will highlight why safety isn't just a checklist – it's a mindset.

Join Telstra as they update you on the future technology landscape and how it will drive efficiency in farming operations.

The National Farmers' Federation will break down the latest political issues shaping Australian agriculture, what they mean for you, your farm, and the future of the industry. Hear directly from the new **NFF CEO, Troy Williams**, and other key industry bodies as they share their insights on the challenges and opportunities ahead.

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QUEENSLAND FARMERS FEDERATION AGTECH & INNOVATION BREAKFAST

7AM THURSDAY

TOPIC: "Technology and innovation"

Join us to hear insights into the current state of play in agriculture and the valuable role of technology and innovation in building a strong future for Queensland farmers.

Network with our ministerial guests, representatives from QFF peak body members, industry leaders and key stakeholders, and be part of the conversation about how innovation is driving efficiency and productivity in Queensland agriculture.

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Bush Blades	K14	Jubilee Christian College	F31
Bushfire Road Collective	G7	Jumpbooster	K12
Bushmans Group Pty Ltd	H39	Karcher Pty Ltd	F38, F39
Cardzilla	L9b	Katek Fertilizers Australia	B28
Cairns Diesel Service	K8	Kiss My Hide - Australia	F14
Cairns to Cape 4x4	F30, F29	Kleinys Mobile Carbon Cleaning and DXP Australia	C33
Carroll Bros	G30	Kubota tractor Australia	E4, E5, E6, E7, E8, E9, E10
Central Western Queensland Remote Area Planning & Development Board - Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority	C11	Label Press	B19
Clarke Diesel	E11,E12	Lakeside Garden Centre	C3
CM Living (Gordonvale) T/A Casa Mia Living	C23	Land Watch Australia Pty Ltd	K15
Colbrook Industries	R18	Laser & Survey Supplies	K17
Cole Motor Group	A2, A3, R3, R4	LeoAlign Trading as - BNI North Queensland	C25
Commonwealth Bank	C6	Lift Easy Townlec, Townlec Auto Electrical Pty Ltd	C38
Contrak Container Co.	F15	Liberty Oil Australia	D40
Conveyor Supplies NQ	C36	Little Spurs & Co	L4
Copper N Cotton	P3	Lotus Glen Correctional Centre	F32
Cornerstone Hemp	K5	MACS Monitoring	C28
Corporate Energy Australia	B30	Maranos Fuel	E1, E2, E3
Cowgirl Country	F20	Mareeba Property Office	F5
Cr Kennedy & Company Pty Ltd	D11	Mareeba Shire Council Land Protection / Pest Management	B34
Crime Stoppers FNQ	C37	Mareeba Toyota and Hansen Ford	H24, H25, H26
Datamars Livestock	B12, B13	Mete Motor Group (Mareeba Mazda and Mitsubishi)	H12, H13, H14, H15, H16, H17
David Kempton MP for Cook	F7	Min Plus Rock Dust, Costigan Gold Pty Ltd	G11
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	J3	Miriwinni Lime & Gypsum	K2, K3, K4
Department of Natural Resources & Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development	N7	mish&moo	P6
Department of Primary Industries	CATT48 (Not cattle pen)	Mobishear Australia	B20
DMAX IT Solutions	F26	Moray & Agnew Lawyers	B38
Drain Tech Pty Ltd	A31	Motion	G36, G37, G38
Drive Solutions NQ Pty Ltd	D12	Muir's	B41
DTE Equipment	A27	N.Q. Fasteners & Lifting	G39
Dusk on the Downs	L2	National Australia Bank	L9a
Elders Rural Services Tolga	D5, D6	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator	C5
Endeavour Foundation	F8	NBN	F13
EnduraPost	B6	Newstyle Direct	J2, J6
Everyday Tiny Homes	D25, D26	Norlift	A13
Evolution Industries Co	H8	Norseman Machinery	S13
Evolve Conversions	G26	North Queensland Equipment PTY LTD	B25
Expressway Signs & Printworks	C17	Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	D39
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EXHIBITOR

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NQ Aerovation	D22	Thinkwater, HR Products	D8, D9
NQ Agricultural Services	A18, A19, A20, A21, A22, A23, A24, A25, A26, G19, G20	Tilly’s Crawler Parts Pty Ltd	G16
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NQ Garden Machinery	A14, A15, A16, A17	TKV Group	D32
NQAS Powershed	H27, H28, H29, H30	Toddy’s Machinery Maintenance Pty Ltd	S8, S9, S7
Nqpetro Pty Ltd	G14	Too Easy Firestick, AMJ Technologies	B37
Nu-Edge Solutions Australia Pty Ltd	B22	Toyota Material Handling Australia	R15, R16
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Ocwen Energy T/AS Lowes Petroleum Service	D7	TravEarth	L9
Old Style Gourmet	C41	Trinity Auto Group	R7, R8
Omnia Specialities Australia	B10	Trinity Petroleum	F36, F37
Oriental Heritage Intl Pty Ltd	F12	Tropic Petroleum	G21
Outback Solar & Outdoor, Bruno’s Batteries and Minelab metal detectors	G8, G9, G10	Tropical Shade Blinds	F21
Overwatch - Agricultural Drone Services	B36	Tyrepower Mareeba	H18, H19, H20, H21, H22
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Ozwide Freight	J5	Unipak	Q14
Peacocks Hat Co	K6	Unique Leathercrafts & Jewellery	F33
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PM Lubrication	B33	Vantage Australia	D17
Portsmith Petroleum Pty Ltd	D28	VK Vinyl	J4
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QITE (Mareeba Shire Job Training Association)	F6	Westco INEOS Grenadier, Westco Cairns Pty Ltd	S5
Qld Remote Aboriginal Media / Black Star Radio	P8	Westpac Bank	N14
Quinto Ag Supplies	D23, D24	Western Truck Group	R9, R10
RD Creations	F4	Wet Tropics Management Authority Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program	B14
RE/MAX IMPACT/INVEST property management	F41	Whiskey and Leather	K9
Regional Insurance Brokers (FNQ) Pty Ltd	C13, C14	White International / welling and crossley	S4
RFDS Community Wellbeing Program, Royal Flying Doctor Service	P5	Wide Area Communications	D31
RGM Maintenance Pty Ltd. Daimler Trucks and Bus	E18, E19	Wish Pom Pom & Mumma H Handmade	F10
Ringers Western	L6, L7	Wookatook at Pentland, Art Gallery	F11
Rippa Pools	L19	Wrapt In String	K16
Robin Strang The Madhatter	P2	Yuruga Nursery	G23
Rocca Industries Pty Ltd	R22		
Rock Ya Pain	K13		
Rocla PTY LTD Trading as Civilmart	H7		
Roy Walker Plumbing	G35	AK Brahmans, Hayes Rural NQ	CATT9, CATT8, CATT10,CATT7
Russo & Vella Machinery	S14, S15, S16, S17	Barronessa Farming	CATT6, CATT5
Samantha’s Flowers and Garden	D10	Cherryburn Gelbvieh	CATT34
Satsolutions	D14	Droughtmaster Australia	CATT27, CATT26, CATT30, CATT25
Savannah Campers & Trailers	D46, D45, D44	El Mariah Red Brahmans. Hampson Bros Pty Ltd	CATT46, CATT47
Savannah Steel Fabrications	R12	Gadgarra Murray Grey Stud	CATT12, CATT11, CATT13, CATT14
Schulte Sales Australia	S10	Gipsy Plains Brahmans	CATT29, CATT31
Septic Science	C34, C35	Maple Downs Murray Greys	CATT28
Serra Drilling Pty Ltd	D34, D35, D33	Reedybrook B Brahmans	CATT1, CATT2
Shoebox Books & Tax – Mareeba	P7	Sahara Brahman Stud	CATT43, CATT44, CATT45
Signet Pty Ltd 2016	G22	Tallangalook Santa Gertrudis, Angus & Shorthorns	CATT24, CATT15, CATT16, CATT17
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Southern Cross Safety & Workwear Pty Ltd	K1	Wairuna Brahman Stud	CATT3, CATT4
Spearman Diesel Fitting Pty Ltd	E23, E24, E25		
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St Augustine’s College	C32		
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Stoller Australia	B18	Boxhead Burgers	B1
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Sunwater	F40	Caffe Crema	C18
Super Tools Australia	R5	Cage & Co Eatz	C1
Sveavetken Tractor Auto steer, Joes auto tech	R21	Cater2uFNQ trading as Whatever	
Sweeter Soils	F19	food truck	G33
Tableland Agricultural Services	B40	Coco Sushi	L10
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Tablelands Regional Council	B32	FNQ Mobile Coffee	C42
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TAFE Queensland	C22	Frosty Mango Mobile	N1
TB & AH Investments Pty Ltd T/A Ultramatic	H31	Greek Street Food	F17
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Telstra	B23, B24	Seafood Hut	Q19
TG Coolants	D38	Hungry Possum Wood	
TGT	A6, A7, B7, B8, B9	Fired Pizza	H32, H33
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The Rackn Stack Warehouse	G28	Just Chips Pty Ltd	F1
The Shed Factory Cairns	L3	Kezza’s Coffee Cart	L1

CATTLE

AK Brahmans, Hayes Rural NQ	CATT9, CATT8, CATT10,CATT7
Barronessa Farming	CATT6, CATT5
Cherryburn Gelbvieh	CATT34
Droughtmaster Australia	CATT27, CATT26, CATT30, CATT25
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FOOD & DRINKS

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Suzie’s German Sausages	K11
Sweet ‘n’ Sanity	N15
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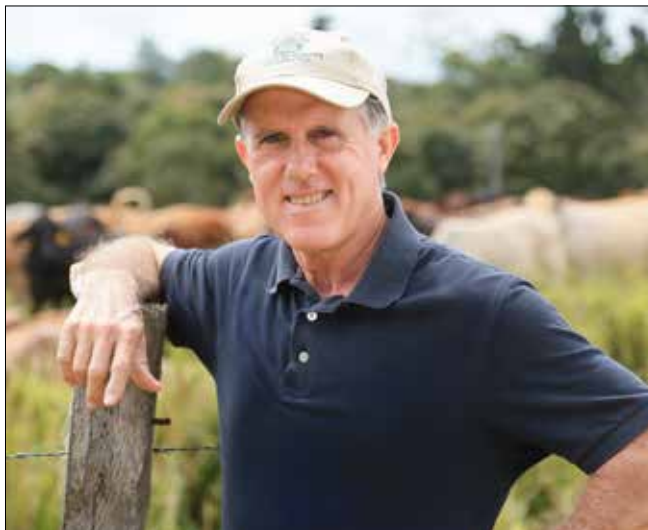


AS Mayor of Mareeba Shire Council, I extend my warm congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Mareeba and Atherton, along with the dedicated volunteers, for successfully hosting this outstanding event.

The FNQ Rotary Field Days stands as the largest event of its kind in Northern Australia, drawing thousands from across the nation to explore, invest in, and learn about the latest innovations in agriculture and its supporting industries.

I am truly impressed by the calibre of exhibitors and the ongoing growth and success of the Field Days.

Cr Angela Toppin AM
MAYOR, MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL



IT'S great to see the Rotary FNQ Field Days back for another year.

Our primary industries are our economic engine room and the field days bring even more energy and focus to the sector. While our dynamic farmers, growers and graziers make this event possible, the event itself attracts people from all walks of life as well as those from outside our region.

We congratulate the Atherton and Mareeba Rotary Clubs on this wonderful event, and appreciate the charitable contribution they provide to the community. Thanks also to the countless volunteers who make this event possible.

Cr Rod Marti
MAYOR, TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL



Favourite Field Days furniture up for grabs

THE Field Days has again sourced hand-made timber furniture from the Lotus Glen Correctional Centre.

Back by popular demand are bench seats, which will be located strategically throughout the exhibition area, along with the popular picnic tables.

Rotary FNQ Field Days chair Andrew McCosh said it's always great to be able to source the furniture locally, with the arrangement a win-win for both organisations.

Like previous Field Days, the bench seats and picnic tables will be offered for sale and available for collection after the event. Drop by the Field Days site office to secure your piece, but get in quick as they sell out fast.

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An important component of the Community Bank model is the telling of the success stories in our local community.

Throughout its 19 years, the Mareeba and Dimbulah Community Bank has invested in the community through grants and sponsorship programs run every year, supported local students with scholarships and its shareholders receive annual dividends.

The facilitation of numerous community projects has been a key activity of the Board.

During this time it has achieved success with the establishment of the Mareeba Homelessness Reference Group.

It has funded a Feasibility Study that identified Mareeba as a high area of need, working with various Government Departments and Council, increasing Dimbulah Health Services and worked with Mareeba Hospital Super Intendant to lobby Qld Health to return of COAG payments.

The Board facilitated the Bendigo Bank Recreational Complex project with many other stakeholders to successfully secure a grant to build stage one.

The Community Bank model brings a number of benefits to the table, not least of which is the valuable contribution it makes to providing banking services to our communities.

It operates as a shared value model: it creates economic value at the same time it helps communities address their needs and challenges.



Mareeba and Dimbulah Financial Services board members (from left) Frank De Iacovo, Charles Khan, Graeme Ford, Rhonda Stevens, Gilbert Teitzel, Natasha Srhoj and Michael Hoskin. ABSENT: Warren Cotter.

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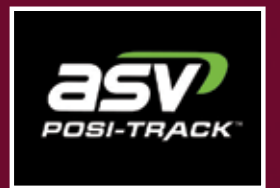


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Today ASV have 12 models to sell ranging from 30 HP to 135 HP. One of the highlights of this year is to be able to display the new "Vertical Lift" models, the VT-80 (80 HP) and the VT-100 (100 HP); both will be displayed at the FNQ Field days along with 5 other models.

We will also be displaying our very popular model, the daddy of the range being the RT-135F – 135 HP Forestry, which is

very much sort after to drive a variety of mulching attachments. Specs are 5.9 Ton, 135 HP, 189 l/m, 4000 psi. The standard version is very popular in powering road stabilizers. The 'SCHIBECI' range of road stabilizers powered by the standard RT-135 has gained a reputation in the industry.

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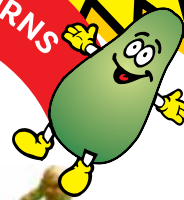
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Transforming Orchard Management with GreenTec Quadsaws

For orchardists across Australia, maintaining healthy and productive trees is a critical task that demands timely and specific management. Our GreenTec LRS Series Quadsaws are proving to be game changers in this space. From the compact LRS 1402, with its 1.4-meter working width and

lightweight 48 kg design, to the robust LRS 2402, capable of cutting branches up to 21 cm thick, these saws are tailored to meet the diverse needs of orchardists. Whether you're managing mangoes in Queensland or citrus in Victoria, the Quadsaws always delivers a clean cut and enables you to prune how and when you need to.

Take the example of Alf Pappalardo, a Queensland orchardist managing 90,000 trees. Faced with rising contractor costs and inconsistent results, Alf turned to DTE Equipment for a solution. With the GreenTec Multi Carrier HXF 3302 and Quadsaw LRS 2402, he revolutionized his hedging process. "It has absolutely exceeded all our expectations, and we have paid for this saw in one season of hedging," Alf shared. The equipment's breakaway system ensures safety by preventing damage when encountering obstacles, while its versatility allows for quick attachment to tractors, skid steers, or excavators. Alf's story, featured on our LinkedIn page, is just one of many, with orchardists nationwide reporting significant time savings, reduced labor costs, and improved yields thanks to our Quadsaws.

At Site A27, we invite orchardists to explore how our Quadsaws can streamline their operations. From the compact LRS 1402 for smaller setups to the range-topping LRS 4802 for large-scale operations, there's a model for every orchard. These tools aren't just about cutting branches – they're about empowering growers to optimize canopy management, enhance sustainability, and boost profitability.



Supporting Councils and Contractors with Spider Series Reach Mowers

Beyond orchards, DTE Equipment is proud to support councils and vegetation management contractors with our GreenTec Reach Mowers, a gold medal-winning innovation at the 2023 Demopark fair in Germany. Available in four sizes (530, 630, 730, and 830), these mowers offer unparalleled flexibility, with a working range of up to 270° that allows operators to mow on both sides of a tractor and bring the cutting head into the driver's field of vision. This design ensures precision and safety, making them ideal for roadside maintenance, hedge cutting, and tree trimming in public spaces.

Municipalities and contractors value the Scorpion Series for its adaptability. The Scorpion 830 PLUS, for instance, can be rear mounted on large tractors (minimum 8,000 kg) and supports a wide range of attachments, from flail mowers to Quadsaws, enabling year-round use. The Scorpion 630 PLUS, suitable for medium-sized tractors, is perfect

for councils managing roadsides, bike paths or residential areas, offering manoeuvrability in tight spaces. These mowers are designed for productivity and reliability.

Our YouTube channel showcases the Scorpion Series in action, demonstrating how these mowers tackle challenging terrain with ease. From clearing overgrown verges to maintaining neat hedgerows, the Spider Series is helping councils and contractors work smarter, not harder. At FNQ Field Days, visit us at Site A27 to see how these award-winning mowers can elevate your vegetation management operations.

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Since our establishment in 2017, DTE Equipment has been guided by a mission to deliver "Smarter Ways to Work." With over 50 years of combined experience, we've built a reputation as Australia's trusted supplier of vegetation management equipment. Our partnerships with market leaders like GreenTec ensure that every product we offer is tried, tested, and proven for Australian conditions. We're not just selling equipment—we're providing solutions that save time, reduce costs, and enhance sustainability.

Visit Us at FNQ Field Days, Site A27. Visit Site A27 to discover our Quadsaws, Cutterbars, Scorpion Series Boom Mowers, and Puma Multi Carriers. Our team will help you find solutions to work smarter and more sustainably, whether you're an orchardist, contractor or a council.

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A NEW \$1.7 million mapping initiative is expected to change how fruit growers will soon respond to biosecurity threats. By drawing on a range of inputs including industry data, citizen science, remote sensing and ground truthing this technology will see the development of industry specific mapping databases that will directly help protect Australian fruit from pests and disease.

The aim of mapping the location data is to safeguard the industries by allowing first responders and authorities to quickly plan protection zones during pest and disease incursions.

Delivered by Hort Innovation and led by the University of New England's Applied Agricultural Remote Sensing Centre (AARSC) in partnership with Future Food Systems CRC, the new tool marks an expansion of the Australian Tree Crop Map – a map which services a number of tree crop industries – including avocados, bananas, mangoes, citrus, and now lychees – and also boasts market access, traceability, yield forecasting, carbon storage, regeneration, and tropical weather and drought resilience applications.

Hort Innovation CEO Brett Fifield emphasised the critical role of the map in supporting biosecurity preparedness and response.

"The Australian Tree Crop Map has repeatedly proven its worth, particularly in the face of biosecurity challenges like the Varroa Mite incursion."

"With its ability to quickly pinpoint areas of concern, the map is an essential tool in managing biosecurity risks and equipping the industry with the timely data needed for an effective response."

University of New England senior researcher Craig Shephard said the map is becoming a cornerstone for biosecurity monitoring.

"The Australian Tree Crop Map, created to Australian mapping standards and freely available for industry use, is rapidly advancing as a benchmark for industry-wide spatial data adoption. This data is critical for underpinning early biosecurity detection, risk assessment, and response coordination."

Australian Lychee Growers' Association executive officer Jill Houser said the map will enhance biosecurity planning for lychee growers.

"Access to this comprehensive mapping resource will give lychee growers invaluable insights to better respond to biosecurity risks and other industry challenges. The data on crop trends and regional variations will help us make informed decisions, ensuring



that we can protect our industry from both biosecurity threats and market shifts."

Industries tracked by the Australian Tree Crop Map, are now using the data to create industry specific dashboards

to enable data driven decisions into the future. Growers are encouraged to reach out to their peak industry body to access these dashboards or 'spatial hubs'.

Updated mapping data for

Queensland's Wet Tropics is expected to be published in early May, including the intensive growing regions in (Mareeba, Dimbulah, Atherton, Innisfail, Tully) and the Burdekin (Ayr, Bowen, Proserpine).



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Local legends back Field Days

A STRONG connection with the local community has inspired three local businesses to return as Strategic Partners of the 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days.

Grateful for the incredible support they have received, Mete Motor Group, Tyrepower Mareeba, and NQ Agricultural Services once again stepped forward to help drive the successes of Northern Australia's largest Field Days.

Their ongoing partnership highlights the power of community spirit and the shared pride in supporting the region's agricultural and rural industries.

Each of the three businesses have been exhibitors at the Rotary FNQ Field Days for many years and have experienced a wealth of benefits as a result.

Mete Motor Group Dealer Principal David Mete said event was a fantastic opportunity to connect with a wide demographic.

"This will be our seventh event as Strategic Partners," he said.

"We've enjoyed being part of the growth of the event and it's one of the biggest events for our region, so to

be involved is great to not only give something back to the community, but for our business as well.

"As a sponsor we're helping the event grow so it's a win-win both ways.

"We always get our existing customers come around to our site to say g'day, which is good. But the drawback for a Field Days is there would be people walking past that might not have thought about our product before, but they stop in and you quite often get some new customers that you might not have got otherwise."

Tyrepower Mareeba has been proudly locally owned and operated for more than 40 years.

Owner and Operator John Raso said he looked forward to attending the Rotary FNQ Field Days to not only showcase his business and products, but to give back to an event that contributed so much to the Far North community.

"I love supporting the community in any way that I can, so that's why we continue to be part of the event," he said.

"The event is so good for local businesses and brings such a boost.

"I've been a sponsor for a long time, but I don't think I've ever missed a Field Days ever since it first started back near the prison. That's why I'm so passionate about supporting it each time it's on."

NQ Agricultural Services from Tolga is celebrating its third event as Strategic Partners of the Rotary FNQ Field Days.

Managing Director James Fisher said the company was "proud" of offer their support and it gave the team the chance to offer advice, demonstrate gear, and "just enjoy being right in the thick of it all".

"At NQ Agricultural Services, supporting this incredible Field Day has become a highlight of our year – and after six years, it truly feels like home," he said.

"Our team is passionate about what we do, and this event gives us the perfect chance to connect with the community we love serving.

"It's not just about showcasing machinery – it's about being part of something that brings the entire region together."

TravEarth takes to the sky at Field Days

A SMALL family-owned business that is revolutionising the agricultural industry with their high-tech drone equipment will reach new heights at the 2025 Rotary FNQ Field Days.

Operating in Townsville since 2019, TravEarth Drone Services specialises in agricultural spraying and spreading, aerial thermography, mapping, surveying, irrigation monitoring and management, and real-time livestock management.

The company provides top-tier drone solutions tailored for the agricultural sector and services as far North as the Cape, inland to Julia Creek and south to Mackay.

TravEarth Drone Services has come on board as a sponsor of this year's highly anticipated Ag and Innovation Forum Program.

Owner/operator Trav Van Dooren will carry out live drone demonstrations in the arena at 12.30pm each day during the Field Days, showcasing the revolutionary work that can be done in the agricultural industry.

He said drones had revolutionised agriculture by offering farmers major cost savings, enhanced efficiency as well as increasing profitability.

"We will be showcasing some of the latest DJI agricultural drone technology and give a brief introduction to it, show some spot spraying, how quickly it can be automated and a range of the other benefits and capabilities of drones," Mr Van Dooren said.

"Drones are becoming a very viable asset to growers for those hard-to-reach areas, and when the ground is wet, they've got an option to still be efficiently covering ground.

"Compared to what farmers pay for a tractor, drones are a very good price point. The cost for what they can do is in a very good Mr Van Dooren said.window for the flexibility for it."

This will be the second year TravEarth Drone Services has exhibited at the Rotary FNQ Field Days.

"We thoroughly enjoy supporting the FNQ Field Days, it's such a good show that's put on," Mr Van Dooren said.

"It's also a chance for us to interact with people. There's a lot of myths that need to be busted when it comes to drones so it's good to give people first-hand, up to date information of what's actually possible."

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When plants absorb nutrients more efficiently, processes like photosynthesis go into overdrive, building sugars and converting that energy into stronger growth, better root function, improved resilience – and ultimately, better returns.

In sugarcane, this enhanced nutrient uptake has shown a clear compounding effect. Across multiple sites, growers applying CropBioLife recorded an average 20% increase in cane weight per hectare, and 20% more sucrose per kilo of harvested cane.

These are not isolated benefits – they work together. Healthier cane, packing more sugar, means significantly greater total sugar output per hectare. It's not just about growing more—it's about growing better.

These outcomes were supported by physical changes seen in the field. Treated

plants showed increases in plant height (11-18%), cane diameter (10-12%), cane length (20-43%), and tiller number (15-33%). There was also a consistent rise in BRIX values (2.5-8%), a direct marker of sugar concentration.

These improvements were driven by more efficient nutrient assimilation, enabling the plant to photosynthesise more effectively and direct more energy into cane development.

This nutrient-led transformation has benefits beyond the harvest. With improved root health and rhizosphere activity, CropBioLife supports better interaction between plant and soil biology – key for long-term soil health and sustainability.

The enhanced efficiency also means farmers are likely to get better value from existing fertiliser programs, as nutrients are utilised more effectively. And with more robust plants, water use efficiency improves, giving crops a better buffer in challenging conditions.

Growers across the trials also reported noticeable reductions in input pressure. With stronger plants less prone to stress and more capable of supporting their own growth, some farmers observed a drop in fertiliser and pesticide usage –offering the potential for operational cost savings.

At its core, CropBioLife does one thing: it improves nutrient uptake. But from that foundation, the benefits cascade through the crop—boosting productivity, quality, and sustainability.

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– Nutrien Ag Solutions (Sites H1–H5) Winner drawn Friday
Gold coin donation in support of The Royal Flying Doctors

QLD FIRE RESCUE SERVICES & QLD RURAL FIRE SERVICES

– At the Services display area

‘Our capabilities’

‘Recruitment opportunities’

‘New prototype vehicle display’

CATTLE DISPLAY

**AG. & INNOVATION – BROUGHT TO YOU BY ROTARY
FNQ FIELD DAYS PARTNERED WITH FNQ GROWERS**

7.00AM (THURSDAY ONLY)

AG. & INNOVATION QFF BREAKFAST *PRIVATE TICKETED EVENT

– Concluded with event official opening by
The Honourable Minister Tony Perrett MP, Minister for Primary Industries

9.30AM (THURSDAY ONLY)

AGRI COMMODITIES – RABOBANK STEFAN VOGEL

10.00AM (DAILY)

CLARKE DIESEL/HITACHI SOIL SAFARI DEMO

10.30AM (DAILY)

GR8 NORTHERN AG KUBOTA TRACTOR PULL

– At the Tractor Pull Track

10.30AM (THURSDAY ONLY)

NATIONAL FARMERS FEDERATION

11.00AM (THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY) DETECTION DOGS DEMONSTRATION OF ELECTRIC ANTS

– In the Arena

Electric Ants Odour Detection Dogs by Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

12.30PM (DAILY)

AG DRONE DEMONSTRATION BY TRAVEARTH DRONE SERVICES

– In the Arena

TRAVEARTH, Sponsor of Ag. & Innovation Forum Program

1.00PM (WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY ONLY)

AG. & INNOVATION BUS FARM TOUR

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1.15PM (DAILY)

BOBCAT SKILLS SHOW BY REX PETERSEN

– Near the Tractor Pull Track

2.00PM (DAILY)

CLARKE DIESEL/HITACHI SOIL SAFARI DEMO

– Near the Tractor Pull Track

2.30PM (WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY ONLY)

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BOBCAT SKILLS SHOW

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DETECTION DOGS DEMONSTRATION OF ELECTRIC ANTS

Thursday and Friday
in the Arena



HEALTH & WELLBEING FOR ALL

Visit the Health and Wellbeing
area, try your hand at Art
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with host of community
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AG DRONE DEMO

Daily live demonstrations
of the Ag Drone in
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