

NEWSLETTER



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Natural
Resources
to ensure
Social Wellbeing,
Primary Production
and Ecological
Sustainability.*

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What's New?

Vale Julie Kenniff

Sadly we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of our Administration and Office Manager, Julie Kenniff on the 22nd September.

Julie had been with BBIFMAC for more than 10 years.



Julie is sadly missed by everyone at BBIFMAC and leaves behind husband Lyal, four sons and four grandchildren.

Julie's passing left a huge gap in our team, but we are now back on track with a new team member joining us and someone I am sure many of you will already know! See introduction overleaf.

BBIFMAC staff have been very busy with both new and existing water quality monitoring sites coming on board after harvest. There have been some great results coming out of the Burdekin Irrigation Project showing impressive irrigation savings for participants. Monitoring at these sites continues this season.

The team from Department of Environment and Science who oversee the multiple real-time water quality monitoring sites across the Burdekin that BBIFMAC maintains and services, have recently released their long awaited report into the results from these to date. The report provides an overview of the findings from the fine-scale water quality monitoring network installed within the Lower Burdekin catchments from end of 2020 to March 2023. The network aims to quantify and communicate the nitrate dynamics within the catchment.

The report is accessible via the following link:
<https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/fine-scale-water-quality-monitoring-in-lower-burdekin-catchment>

Alternatively contact us if you wish to have a copy printed for you to collect or emailed direct to you.

We will also be inviting DES staff to present at a BBIFMAC meeting in the new year to discuss the results in detail.

BBIFMAC AGM

All are welcome to attend the BBIFMAC AGM on **Thursday 2nd November**, 9.30am – 12:30pm at Brandon Hotel 54 Drysdale St Brandon. Tea / Coffee and morning tea provided.

We are excited to have two fantastic guest speakers at this meeting!

Warren Tink, from our very own North Queensland Burdekin Distillery talking about “Burdekin Rum” – how it came about and how it is made.

Followed by a field trip to MHP Farms where Andrew Cross, Manager will speak on the diversification journey into Macadamia nuts.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided at the field visit.

Please RSVP ASAP by emailing secretary@bbifmac.org.au or phoning 0413 864784 and specify if you are attending the meeting and / or field visit.

Innovators and Entrepreneurs – meet the locals amongst us breaking new ground!



BBIFMAC invites you to presentations from:

- Warren Tink about the story behind our locally crafted **Burdekin Rum!**
- Followed by a field visit with **Andrew Cross**, MHP Farms Manager to hear about his journey into **diversifying into macadamia nuts**

All welcome at the BBIFMAC Annual General Meeting!

When: Thursday 2nd November 9:30am–12:30pm

Where: Brandon Tavern, 54 Drysdale St, Brandon.

- Morning tea on arrival & lunch provided at field visit.
- Please RSVP to: secretary@bbifmac.org.au or text your name to **0413 864 784**

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Meet the BBIFMAC team!



We would like to take this opportunity to introduce one of our new BBIFMAC team members. In this issue we introduce Kim Mallon as our Administration and Office Manager.

After studying at the former Burdekin Ag college both Kim and husband stayed in the Burdekin to raise a family.

Previously Kim has held positions in the Cane Industry for the past 28 years with the former BSES, Cane growers and recently with Burdekin Cane Audit Services as a Cane Analyst Auditor.

Kim has also led and participated with Women in Sugar Burdekin (Now Women in Sugar and Ag Burdekin). Kim is looking forward to taking on her new position and working with BBIFMAC members and clients.

In addition to the administration role, Kim will also be helping the BBIFMAC team with water quality analyses and many other varied activities!

Please feel free to drop into the BBIFMAC office and say hello to Kim. Her contact details are secretary@bbifmac.org.au or call her at the office on (07) 47 834 344.

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- ❖ Information and assistance with grants.
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