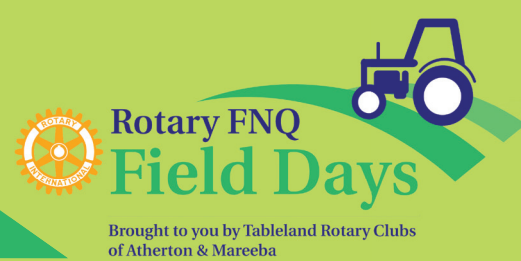


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FARM TOURS – WEDNESDAY 28 MAY

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.



PINATA FARMING – PINEAPPLE PLANTING

When we planted our first pineapples in the Mareeba district of tropical north Queensland in 1994, we were entering uncharted territory for pineapple production. Piñata pineapples are grown on four adjoining Piñata Farms-owned properties spread over 150 hectares of gentle slopes at Paddy's Green, at the northern end of the Atherton Tablelands. Mareeba's sandy soil and nine-month dry spell is ideal for summer pineapple production. Our northern operation produces some 200,000 trays between October and March. We produce two pineapple varieties here – MD2s and 73-50s. It takes 18 months to produce a crop, six months less than Wamuran. We have modified traditional growing practices to suit the region, implementing measures such as erosion control, underground drainage and irrigation.



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

Rocky Creek Orchards is a family-owned horticultural, processing and packaging business operated by the Masasso family on the Atherton Tablelands in Far North Queensland. Our three farms in Tolga, Mutchilba and Dimbulah take advantage of the naturally fertile soils and tropical climate, growing a diverse and quality crop of avocados, mangoes, passionfruit, lychees, gold kiwifruit and potatoes.



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"

Stefan is the General Manager of RaboResearch Australia & New Zealand and will work to provide unparalleled knowledge, insight and value to clients across Australia, New Zealand and around the globe.

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 –
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

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.

Bookings for this event via www.fnqfielddays.org.au
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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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