



ELIMBAH CO-OP



PINEAPPLE FIELD DAYS

Sunshine Coast

24-25 JULY 2025



DAY 1 (THURSDAY 24 JULY)

START	FINISH	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7:00AM		Bus - Holiday Inn Sunshine Coast to Tropical Pines (7am arrival for a 7:15am departure)	Holiday Inn Sunshine Coast 42 First Avenue & Fairway Drive Maroochydore
8:00AM	9:00AM	Registrations Open Welcome Introduction to our Sponsors	Tropical Pines 205 Burys Road, Beerwah
9:00AM	9:15AM	Bus - Tropical Pines to Pineapple Farming Co	
9:15AM	10:15AM	Farm Walk - Pineapple Farming Co <i>Morning tea available.</i> - Glasshouse Aeroponics Study on Potassium Phosphonate (73-50) - Sam Wakefield, DPI. - On-farm Demo - Hybrid pineapple production under various potassium phosphonate use patterns - Ben Stokes, Pineapple Farming Co. - Ag Engineering Services - Nat Parker, AirBorn Insight.	Pineapple Farming Co 32 Stokes Rd, Beerwah
10:15AM	10:30AM	Bus - Pineapple Farming Co to Sandy Creek Pineapple Co	
10:30AM	12:15PM	Farm Walk - Sandy Creek Pineapple Co - Long-term pineapple selection program - Sam Pike, Sandy Creek Pineapple Co. - Update on the Australian Pineapple Multiplication & Evaluation Project – Garth Sanewski, DPI. - Commercial Nitrogen & Root Development Trial – Zenon (Zen) Kynigos, Prodoz & Sam Pike, Sandy Creek Pineapple Co. - DPI Nitrogen use efficiency trial - the ability of freshly planted tops to utilise pre-plant nitrogen - Dr Janine Conway, DPI. - Boom Spray Demo - Sam Pike, Sandy Creek Pineapple Co.	Sandy Creek Pineapple Co 182 Pikes Rd, Glass House Mountains
12:15PM	12:30PM	Bus - Sandy Creek Pineapple Co to Tropical Pines	
12:30PM	1:30PM	TRADE SHOW & LUNCH LUNCH - Sponsored by IMTRADE CropScience DRINKS - Sponsored by Golden Circle	Tropical Pines 205 Burys Road, Beerwah
1:30PM	2:00PM	Harvesting loyalty: How pineapple quality impacts consumer choice - <i>Phillipa Lyons</i>	
2:15PM	2:30PM	Bus - Tropical Pines to PineCo	
2:30PM	3:15PM	Farm Walk - PineCo - PineCo-Developed Planter - Faruk Buzaki, PineCo. - Soil Health - Metagen.	PineCo 153 Kings Road, Glass House Mountains
3:15PM	3:30PM	Bus - PineCo to Tropical Pines	
3:30PM	4:30PM	HAPPY HOUR Sponsored by Pinata Farms	Tropical Pines 205 Burys Road, Beerwah
4:30PM		Bus - Tropical Pines to Holiday Inn Sunshine Coast	



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INDUSTRY GALA DINNER (THURSDAY 24 JULY)

START	FINISH	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6:00PM	10:30PM	INDUSTRY GALA DINNER <i>Pre-dinner drinks (6pm - 6:45pm)</i> <i>Dinner (7pm - 10:30pm)</i> Dinner sponsored by Tropical Pines Bar sponsored by TriCal Australia	Maroochy RSL 105 Memorial Avenue, Maroochydore

DAY 2 (FRIDAY 25 JULY)

START	FINISH	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7:30AM	9:00AM	BREAKFAST Sponsored by Lindsay Rural - Australian Pineapples Update - QFVG - Pineapple R&D Project Update - Bridie Carr, DPI - A Taste of Summer All Year Round - Bespoken	Alex Surf Club 167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland
9:15AM	10:00AM	Attendees to self-drive to The Big Pineapple to meet the bus.	The Big Pineapple 76 Nambour Connection Rd, Woombye
10:15AM	10:35AM	Bus - The Big Pineapple to Oakes & Sons	
10:40AM	11:40AM	Farm Walk - Oakes & Sons - Intergenerational Farming: a Q&A session with the Oakes Family - Angela Seng-Williams, QFVG & Oakes & Sons - GPS Harvester Demo- Murray Oakes - Picker & Shielded Sprayer Demo - Atkinson's	Oakes & Sons 4 Valdora Rd, Maroochy River
11:40AM	12:00PM	Bus - Oakes & Sons to The Big Pineapple	
12:00PM	1:00PM	The Big Pineapple - An afternoon at this Queensland icon.	The Big Pineapple 76 Nambour Connection Rd, Woombye
1:00PM	1:45PM	LUNCH LUNCH - Sponsored by Flavorite DRINKS - Sponsored by Fruit Haul Enjoy a relaxed long lunch with Chef Jamie Gannon on the BBQ.	
1:45PM	2:00PM	Wrap-up & Evaluation	
	2:00PM	EVENT ENDS	

2pm till late: Open invitation to sunset drinks at the Sunshine & Sons Distillery (courtesy bus organised) - not part of the official Pineapple Field Day Agenda.

The 2025 Pineapple Field Days is delivered by the Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers (QFVG) on behalf of the Australian Pineapple Industry.

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