



Life and land go hand in hand.

MACKAY // FRIDAY 16th October 2020

Fire, flood, wild storms, pests and disease – 2020 has it all on record. This year may also be remembered for an increase in growing your own food.

According to producers, the local demand for food, seedlings and even egg laying chickens, reached a high earlier this year and the *Bring Your Land to Life Field Day* event, has been coordinated by Reef Catchments at just the right time.

Showcasing the latest products, technology and information by stallholders, the day will also feature presentations from experts in fire management, soil health, animal husbandry, biosecurity and even gardening to grow food. (A full list of speakers and stallholders is attached.)

Reef Catchments CEO, Katrina Dent is anticipating record attendance. "From the interest in this event with over 400 people already registered to attend and more than 30 stallholders confirmed, it's clear there's a real need in our community to share this information".

"Whether you're a home gardener or own a large property, we've lined up a diverse array of stallholders and speakers, so there will be something to interest everyone."

Free community events like this often rely on collaboration and Reef Catchments is grateful to be recipients of Glencore's annual Community Investment program. Glencore Community Relations Manager, Craig Strudwick explains. "Our partnership with Reef Catchments is part of almost \$5 million in funding, provided each year to support the communities close to our operations."

"We aim to build capacity and create meaningful change through community partnerships and initiatives like the Bring your land to life Field Day."

"By working together with our partners, and by operating in a responsible and sustainable manner, we can deliver positive outcomes for our communities. That's something we're very proud of."

More information: <https://reefcatchments.com.au/events/bring-your-land-to-life-field-day-2020/>

Free tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bring-your-land-to-life-field-day-tickets-117476909599>

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Programed Presentations and Demonstrations

10:00	Welcome to country and smoking ceremony, Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation	
10:15		
10:30	Katrina Dent, CEO, Reef Catchments: Formal Welcome	
10:45	Dakota Brown, Glencore Spokesperson	
11:00	Kirra Tully and Gillian Barbat, Greater	
11:15	Whitsunday Food Network: Agritourism, Food network supporting local producers and strengthening the region's food culture	Maria Ferraro, Mackay Regional Pest Management Group Weeds and biosecurity. Carlos Bueno, Reef Catchments on water mimosa and pest fish in waterways
11:30	Tegan McBride, Sustainable	
11:45	Agriculture Project Officer, Reef Catchments: Regenerating Agriculture	Sue McCormack, Mackay Natural Environment Centre: Plant this instead
12:00	Judy Langdon, Waterlot Farm: Journey into Holistic Farm Management	Brad Lawson, Extreme Green: new remote controlled flail mower
12:15		Greg and Caroline Sandral, Just Got Laid Poultry Supplies and QStockfeed
12:30	Alan McLean, Central Queensland Soil Health Systems, Regenerative Farming	
12:45	Through Improved Soil Health	Shine Metzels, Mackay Community Garden: Growing food in your home garden
13:00	Chelsea Jarvis, Northern Australia	
13:15	Climate Program, La Niña and what it means for your season	Maighan Grant and Neville Overall, Auscan Worm Farms: Worm Composting with the best backyard pets!
13:30	Emma Rush, Drought and Flood Response and Recovery: Drought & flood Agency, objectives and overview of potential assistance	Central Queensland Beekeeper Association: Beekeeping and bee friendly plants for your garden
13:45		Nancy Pratt, Mackay and District Goat Group: Market for goat meat and products and caring for your goat.
14:00	Andrew Howley,	
14:15	Fire in the Landscape: What is good fire and what is bad. / How to be prepared	Aaron Regan, Reef Catchments: Fire Safety
14:30	Molly O'Dea, Sugar Research Australia and Grace Richards, Mackay	
14:45	Whitsunday Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership	
15:00	Tegan McBride, closing thanks	
15:15		Roxanne Morgan, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mandy Jeppessen, Sustainable Grazing Officer, Reef Catchments: Balancing risk - aligning animal production with pasture production. Pasture monitoring and forage budgeting. Planning calving for the green date.
15:30		
15:45		Tegan McBride, closing thanks
16:00	Event Finish	



Stallholders

Auscan Worm Farm
Calibre Aviation
Central Queensland Soil Health Systems
Cloudbreak Lowlines
CQ Rescue
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
Drought and Flood Response and Recovery
EHS Engineering - StoolZippa
Extreem Green
Glencore
Golden Chilli
Greater Whitsunday Food Network
Just got laid poultry supplies
Mackay and District Goat Group
Mackay Community Garden
Mackay Natural Environment Centre
Mackay Regional Pest Management Group
MAD Cow Coffee
Mirani Sugar Valley Lions
Mt Ossa Rural
MWI Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership
Northern Australia Climate Program
nu-tank
Pioneer Catchment Landcare
Plantasia nursery
Reef Catchments
Sarina Catchment Landcare
SnapSolar
Sugar Research Australia
Whitsunday Catchment Landcare
Worm Hit
Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation