



CONGRESS PROGRAM

Wednesday, 12th May	
09:30 am - 04:00 pm	Off-site tour: Howe farming – Mt Uncle Distillery – FNQ Incubator <i>Meeting point in the Pullman Cairns International foyer</i>
02:00 pm - 06:30 pm	Registrations 02:00pm - 04:00pm: Cairns Convention Centre 04:30 - 06:30: Pullman Cairns International
05:00 pm - 07:00 pm	Welcome reception Daintree's Pooldeck, Pullman Cairns International <i>Proudly sponsored by</i> 
07:00 pm onwards	Banana Bar Lobby Bar, Pullman Cairns International <i>Proudly sponsored by</i> 

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07:15 am - 08:00 am	LaManna Premier Group Sponsored Breakfast <i>Blewater 1 and 2 Pullman Cairns International</i> <i>Proudly sponsored by</i> 
07:30 am - 06:30 pm	Registrations
08:30 am - 08:45 am	Official Opening Ceremony Paul Inderbitzin - <i>Congress Chair and ABGC Director</i>
08:45 am - 10:00 am	Opening keynote address Matt Church <i>Founder of Thought Leaders</i> <i>Proudly sponsored by</i> 
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Consumer insights, marketing trends and brand strategy Adam Ferrier - <i>Founder/ Chief Thinker of Thinkerbell</i>
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Morning Tea and Trade Show - Exhibition area
11:15 am - 11:45 am	Banana Marketing - Victory Lane Tate Connolly - <i>Hort Innovation Marketing Manger for Australian Bananas</i>
11:45 am - 12:15 pm	Global trends: After the pandemic – which changes to the food market are forever? Tim Hunt - <i>Rabobank, General Manager of the RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness division across Australia and New Zealand</i>
12:15 pm - 12:30 pm	Q&A Tate Connolly and Tim Hunt

12:30 pm - 02:30 pm	Banana Women's Luncheon - Kingsford Lounge, Pullman Cairns International with special guest Mary O'Brien, Founder of Are you bogged mate?
12:30 pm - 01:30 pm	Lunch and Trade Show - Exhibition area
01:30 pm - 02:00 pm	Overcoming disease challenges/biosecurity lessons - Pythium what a Pest Shane Templeton - <i>President of Australian Ginger Industry Association and Director of Buderim Ginger</i>
02:00 pm - 03:00 pm	Science Speed Talks Session chaired by Dr Rosie Godwin - <i>ABGC R&D Manager</i>
03:00 pm - 03:45 pm	Afternoon Tea and Science Poster session - Exhibition area
03:45 pm - 05:15 pm	<p>Future of Bananas and R&D</p> <p>Session chaired by Stewart Lindsay, <i>DAF Team Leader, Banana Production Systems</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exotic banana diseases on our door-step Prof. Dr Andre' - <i>Drenth, Centre for Horticultural Science, University of Queensland</i> • Mining for gold – Beneath the surface of Goldfinger and beyond Jeff Daniells, <i>Department of Agriculture and Fisheries</i> • Banana microbiomes and Fusarium wilt: A programmed approach Tony Pattison, <i>Department of Agriculture and Fisheries</i> • Product & Brand Innovation in Fresh Produce Michael Simonetta, <i>CEO Perfection Fresh</i>
05:15 pm - 05:30 pm	Panel discussion
05:30 pm - 07:30 pm	<p>Tradeshow Exhibition Evening</p> <p>with special guest Billy Slater - <i>Banana Ambassador</i></p>

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Friday, 14th May

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07:00 am - 07:45 am	<p>Soils First NQ Sponsored Breakfast - Bluewater 1 and 2 <i>Pullman Cairns International</i></p>
07:30 am - 08:15 am	Morning Coffee with Exhibitors

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08:15 am - 08:55 am	Innovation and value adding after the farm gate Trent De Paoli - <i>Entrepreneur / FarmerInvestor / Innovator - De Paoli Orchards</i> Ag-Tech and cross-industry innovation Jack Milbank - <i>Founder of Lexi Tech</i>	
08:55 am - 09:05 am	Q&A Trent De Paoli and Jack Milbank	
09:05 am - 09:35 am	Blueberry success story - A Blueberry and Banana Smoothie Ridley Bell - <i>Founder/ Owner of Mountain Blue Farms</i>	
09:35 am - 09:45 am	Q&A Ridley Bell	
09:45 am - 10:15 am	Morning tea and Trade Show - Exhibition area	
10:15 am - 10:45 am	Succession Planning - Pass the Baton Tony Catt - <i>Director of Catapult Wealth</i>	
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Robotics and Automation Andrew Bate - <i>Managing Director & CEO of SwarmFarms Robotics</i>	
11:15 am - 11:45 am	Grower Innovation Panel – Learn from banana growers trailing/ implementing innovative farming practices	
11:45 am - 11:55 am	Grower Innovation – Discussion Panel	
11:55 am - 12:15 pm	TR4 – Transition to Industry Management Jim Pekin - <i>CEO of Australian Banana Growers' Council</i>	
12:15 pm - 01:40 pm	Lunch and Trade Show – Exhibition area	
01:40 pm - 02:25 pm	Mental Health - Are You Bugged Mate? Mary O'Brien - <i>Founder of Are you bugged mate?</i>	Proudly sponsored by 
02:25 pm - 02:35 pm	Q&A Mary O'Brien	
02:35 pm - 03:20 pm	Shot 14 times - Perform above and beyond 'your' norm Derrick Mcmanus - <i>Former Operaterative with the elite special task and rescue (STAR) group of the South Australian Police</i>	
03:20 pm - 03:30 pm	Closing ceremony	
07:00 pm - late	Banana Industry Ball and Awards of Honour Special guest Matt Wright - <i>Television presenter from Outback Wrangler</i>	Proudly sponsored by 