

## Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network

Great News! As a result of its success and the support it has received, the Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network (QAWN) has been funded for an additional three years from July 2018.

QAWN is part of a suite of Queensland Government funded initiatives, including the Rural Jobs and Skills Alliance (RJSA) and Agribusiness Gateway to Industry Schools Program. Together these initiatives aim to address agriculture's labour and skills needs.

The QAWN initiative consists of 6 officers across the state who are committed to aligning identified industry needs with appropriate government and private sector services and programs to optimise Queensland's Agricultural Sectors' capacity to attract, retain and up-skill its workforce.

The success of the network comes down to connecting with people. Agriculture Workforce Officers engage with a range of stakeholders across Queensland to deliver practical, responsive workforce development services for the agriculture industry.

This includes:

- providing training and employment advice and support;
- improving connections between industry, jobseekers and service providers;
- facilitating training and employment opportunities;
- providing feedback to service providers to drive improved offerings; and
- providing industry intelligence to the Rural Jobs and Skills Alliance (RJSA) to help shape government policy and investment to better meet industry's workforce needs both now and into the future.

CANEGROWERS Mackay is proud to once again host this position. Lorelle Stables is the Queensland Agriculture Workforce Officer for Central Queensland and would be happy to discuss your workforce and skilling needs with you. You can find her on Twitter @QAWNQLD, on Facebook @QAWNQLD or of course right here in the CANEGROWERS office in Mackay!

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