

Presenting the latest milling research to stakeholders



SRA and QUT recently worked together to provide a series of research updates for the milling sector across the Australian industry.

The purpose of these workshops was to give milling stakeholders an overview of the full scope of milling research being undertaken by SRA and QUT. This included projects funded by SRA as well as QUT projects funded through other grants and initiatives.

Presentations were provided by Dr Geoff Kent, QUT, Prof Ross Broadfoot, QUT, and Ms Eloise Keeffe, SRA.

This research investment from SRA is part of two of SRA's eight Key Focus Areas (KFA5: Milling efficiency and technology; and KFA6: Product diversification and value addition).

In addition, SRA also invests in other development work to benefit the milling sector through KFA8: Capability development, attraction and retention.

This includes initiatives such as scholarships, PhD research, travel and learning awards, and early and mid-career researcher awards. For more information on these initiatives and eligibility criteria, please visit the SRA website, www.sugarresearch.com.au.

Above: Wilmar and Mackay Sugar workers at one of the research updates (Racecourse).

Right: Dr Geoff Kent with QUT provides an update on the Rural R&D for Profit project *A profitable future for Australian agriculture: bio-refineries for higher-value animal feeds, chemicals and fuels*. This project is funded by SRA and the Australian Government Department of Agriculture Water Resources through its Rural R&D for Profit programme.

SRA also provides research updates to the milling community through the SRA milling webinar series (see story page nine). Updates are also provided through a fortnightly email newsletter from SRA.

Research updates on some of this work will also be provided at the forthcoming Australian Society of Sugarcane Technologists (ASSCT) conference in Cairns from May 3 to May 5. This event is also featuring a day on Tuesday May 2 that includes discussion of sugarcane manufacturing topics.

Discussion will include boiler safety, global boiler trends and new technology in boiler control; aspects of milling train efficiency; maximising sugar recovery from molasses; meeting challenges in process training; energy and renewables policy; and power systems maintenance.

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