

NEW STAFF TO BOOST SRA ADOPTION CAPACITY

SRA has welcomed new members to its Adoption Team as part of the delivery of the industry-led Adoption Strategy for Australian cane growers and millers.

The new staff are Mr Tim Liebelt (Tully/South Johnstone), Ms Clare Gersch (Mackay), Mr Will Higham (Meringa) and Ms Molly O'Dea (Proserpine).

As part of the Adoption team, they will work closely with SRA research staff, growers, millers and other service providers to help the Australian sugarcane industry improve productivity, profitability and sustainability. They will work on a range of activities and projects specific to their respective regions, including *Cane to Creek 2.0* and *Pathways to Water Quality Improvement in the Myrtle Creek Sub-catchment*.

In addition, Ms Hannah Russell joins SRA as part of the QFF-led agricultural extension work placement program, funded by the Queensland Department of Environment and Science.

Based in Bundaberg, Hannah will have the opportunity to receive professional workplace development and on-ground extension experience with growers, millers, harvester contractors and a range of service providers in the region.

SRA Executive Manager, Regional Delivery, Mr Ian McBean, said the new staff were eager to work with industry in their respective regions to deliver outcomes for the industry.

"SRA's Adoption Team provides a vital conduit between research and growers and millers, assisting industry to adopt

practices and technology that improve their bottom line," Mr McBean said. "These appointments provide vital capacity to assist with the ongoing delivery of the industry-led adoption strategy." ■

(Below) Ms Hannah Russell has recently joined Sugar Research Australia in the Southern Region, based at Bundaberg, as part of a work placement program for recent agricultural graduates.



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