

Biosecurity News

Spring 2017

Spring is a season that many of us look forward to—a time of rejuvenation as we embrace our outdoor lifestyle in Queensland. But as much as we enjoy seeing new plants and animals grow, there's also a number of biosecurity pests that we don't want to see thrive.

In particular, there are plant and animal pest species that can tolerate drought, and with the majority of Queensland experiencing an extended dry period, we need to be aware of how to prevent invasive plants and animals from becoming a long-term problem. Over the coming weeks, Biosecurity Queensland will be running a series of posts on what landowners can do, so be sure to follow us @BiosecurityQld on Facebook.

We also have a number of campaigns running at the moment, both through Facebook, and in conjunction with our partners to raise the profile of the importance of good biosecurity. This includes our 'Check your bait' campaign with ex-cricketer Andrew Symonds on using the right bait when fishing to prevent introducing disease to our waterways. We also have launched the fire ant bait treatment season across the Scenic Rim, Ipswich and Lockyer Valley areas, supported by the recent announcement of the \$411.4 million decade-long eradication program.

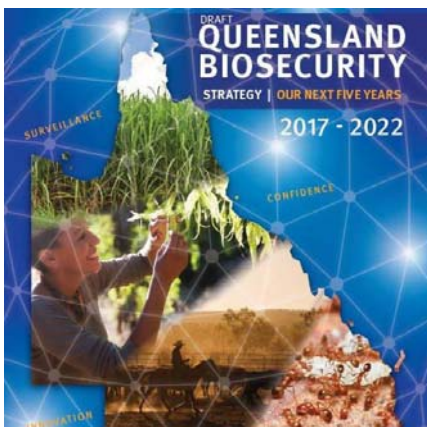
We've had success too with the Queensland Dog Breeder Register, with more than 7500 breeders now registered. I encourage everyone to continue to show their support for the welfare of our dogs by ensuring they register if their dog breeds, or buying only from registered breeders. You can access the register at www.qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au

I wish you all the best as we head into the warmer months, and encourage you to continue to be alert for pests and disease at your properties.

Allison Crook
Acting Chief Biosecurity Officer



Latest biosecurity news



Biosecurity Partners' Forum and National Biosecurity Committee Roundtable

Nearly 100 partners from across Australia gathered to attend a two day biosecurity event in September.

Day 1 featured the 2017 Biosecurity Partners' Forum, and day 2 was the National Biosecurity Committee Roundtable hosted by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

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Biosecurity Queensland's seafood ad wins award

Biosecurity Queensland has won an award for best promotional video at the 2017 Queensland Seafood Industry Awards for the advert featuring rugby league footballer, Sam Thaiday.



Queensland Seafood Marketers Association President Marshal Betzel praised the white spot communications team for a successful campaign that expertly highlighted the fantastic seafood we produce in Queensland.

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Fire ants on target for destruction

The \$411.1 million National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program will reduce the size of the fire ant infestation in Queensland through advanced, innovative techniques and tools.

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Queenslanders take the lead on dog breeder registration

For the first time, state and local government agencies, and animal welfare and industry groups have the tools to instantly pool their intelligence, thereby streamlining the process for handling animal management and welfare complaints and identifying unscrupulous breeders.

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Be a mate, check your bait

Holidays and weekends are a great time for Queensland families to head out on the water for a spot of fishing, but Biosecurity Queensland wants to make sure that fishers, both young and old, are using the right bait when they do.

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Panama TR4 Program update on second detection

Panama disease tropical race 4 was confirmed on a second commercial banana farm in the Tully Valley in July 2017.

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Invasive Plants and Animals highlights

A brief round up of some of the recent activities conducted by the Invasive Plants and Animals (IP&A) team.

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Biosecurity Queensland officer profile

“There’s a lot more to it than just going out and spraying weeds - one day I might be writing management plans, the next I am surveying for new weed incursions...”

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