



BOWEN GUMLU
GROWERS ASSOCIATION INC.
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MEMBERS 2025/26



ABOUT US



Bowen Gumlu Growers Association is an industry body that represents the interests of farmers and associated agribusiness in North Queensland.

Our key activities include member services, advocacy, industry and workforce development and the delivery of projects focused on improving on-farm practices and commercial outcomes for farming businesses and the prosperity of our community.

IT'S OUR MISSION...

to support and advocate for farmers by fostering innovation, collaboration and industry-driven solutions that grow a profitable, sustainable and resilient future for agriculture in North Queensland.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY...

“Koorelah Farms is a proud member of BGGGA. The association represents our local industry at all levels, giving growers a voice to government and industry stakeholders. We appreciate the support available for workforce issues and industry development.”

Leanne and Wayne Born,
Koorelah Farms

“Our family has been members of Bowen Gumlu Growers Association for many years. The team at BGGGA have their finger on the pulse on all matters relating to horticulture in this region and they provide an exceptional service for their members. We’ve been so glad to have their support and expertise available to us when we’ve needed it.”

Kayla and Paul Castorina,
Sunshine Mangoes





WHY JOIN BOWEN GUMLU GROWERS? 2024 in a nut shell . . .

A VOICE FOR FARMERS

In 2024, our board and executive team worked closely with three levels of government to ensure the needs of our industry were acknowledged, understood and incorporated into policy and action.

Joined QHC delegation to Queensland parliament to advocate pre-election, meeting with Minister for Agriculture, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and their staff. Discussions focused around biosecurity, supply chain challenges, road and transport priorities, water security, workforce access and compliance.

Participated in over 50 meetings with government and industry to advocate for the needs of regional farmers on key issues such as biosecurity, water security, costs, fair prices, the PALM scheme and other visas, industrial relations.

Represented the region's growers at ACCC national inquiry into supermarket sector. Welcomed the new Queensland Food Farmers Commissioner to region to hear from growers on concerns with retail and wholesale customers, supply chain and compliance challenges.

Contributed significantly to Biosecurity Queensland Industry Working Group to prevent the spread of Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus into Queensland.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

BGGA has continued to deliver crucial services in workforce development and support through the agriculture and aquaculture sectors, supporting the training and retention of 200+ agribusiness employees by targeting workforce training and upskilling. Our QAWN Officer's efforts reached over 800 students and job seekers, actively promoting diverse career pathways in agriculture and aquaculture, instrumental in supporting regional jobs.

Through the VegNET Regional Development program our extension officer focused on supporting producers around biosecurity, supply chain challenges, pest management practices and innovative technology designed to support farming businesses.

PROMOTION & MARKETING

Delivered the Pick of the Crop program with Health and Wellbeing Queensland to increase vegetable and fruit consumption in primary schools and enable students to interact with growers, gardening projects and build confidence around cooking and eating fresh produce.

Completed the New Realities in Agriculture and Aquaculture project engaging young people through virtual reality and inspiring exploration of the diverse career opportunities on offer in the sector.

Represented our members at the Taste of Queensland Showcase, connecting with buyers from South East Asia and Pacific and potential food processors.

GRANTS & INITIATIVES

Our members received over \$200,000 in ag technology and consultancy through the QRIDA Smart Data Decisions and Agrifutures Producer Uptake programs, supporting in the implementation of on-farm technology.

Commenced delivery of the national Fall Army Worm National Surveillance Program, co-ordinating the strategic placement of 600 RapidAim sensors across Australia to monitor movement and assisting with pest management.

Supported the implementation of robotic farming platform Robotti through funding via Hort Innovation and the Queensland Government.

Delivered the 2024 Grown In NQ Innovation Showcase. Funded through Agrifutures, this event connected growers with over 30 agtech vendors and service providers offering the opportunity to see the benefits of technology in region. The event was preceded by an Industry Breakfast and Farm Tours, with key speakers highlighting the innovations being rolled out across all aspects of agribusiness.

Secured funding through the Regional Economics Future Fund to conduct a business case and feasibility study for the Bowen Food Futures Precinct and establish a pilot processing plant to transform reject produce into value-added products for North Queensland farmers.

Collaborated with QFF to deliver SmartAg training across identified priorities with course price reductions of 75% for over 50 agribusinesses members and 200+ employees.



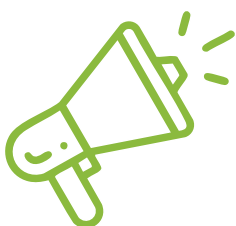


Ensure your voice is heard on regional, state, and national issues impacting primary producers and be part of a collective effort to protect and advance producer interests.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL INDUSTRY BODY

GROWER MEMBER: \$550

MEMBER BENEFITS



A VOICE FOR FARMERS . . .

- ✓ Attend meetings with industry leaders, government officials and influential stakeholders
- ✓ Nominate for the NQF management committee
- ✓ Access to BGGA CEO and staff to escalate key issues
- ✓ Invitation to join project sub-committees



GRANTS & INITIATIVES . . .

- ✓ Receive support in identifying, applying for, and managing grants
- ✓ Access to 'partner to member only' offers and discounts
- ✓ Priority access to funded training and workshop opportunities
- ✓ Opportunity to participate in funded initiatives and projects secured by BGGA



SUPPORT & SERVICES . . .

- ✓ Access to third-party business advice, services and resources
- ✓ Access to QAWN Officer to support recruitment, retention, and workplace compliance
- ✓ Access to VegNET Regional Development Officer to improve on farm practices and sustainability
- ✓ Access local weather data through the NQF weather station network





STAY CONNECTED . . .

- ✓ Receive key issue alerts and notifications via text and email
- ✓ Access to BGGA monthly newsletter, case studies, and information resources
- ✓ Invitation to field days and study tours
- ✓ Invitation to attend BGGA general meetings and member network events
- ✓ Invitation to BGGA's premier bi-annual Gala event



PROMOTION & MARKETING . . .

- ✓ Feature in BGGA's digital platforms and campaigns amplifying members farm story and brand
- ✓ Opportunity to showcase your produce and branding at premier events
- ✓ Assistance with press releases, media interviews and local/national exposure

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS

NQ FARMERS REAP BENEFITS FROM \$200K

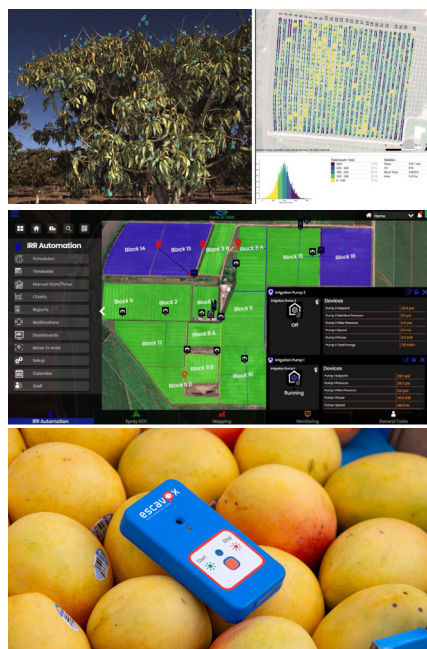
AG TECH INVESTMENT

North Queensland farmers are already seeing the benefits of cutting-edge agricultural technology secured through the Smart Data Decisions and Producer Technology Uptake program.

More than \$200,000 in ag tech hardware and consultancy has been invested to enhance farm operations, delivering increased efficiency, sustainability, and profitability.

The adoption of Farm in One, an advanced farm management system, has streamlined record-keeping and decision-making, giving farmers real-time insights into their operations. Irrigation automation has improved water efficiency, reducing waste and optimizing crop health. Mango growers using AI-driven yield forecasting from Green Atlas have gained accurate production estimates, allowing for better market planning and resource allocation. Additionally, Escovox journey logging has enhanced supply chain transparency, ensuring better tracking and quality control from farm to consumer.

This investment has empowered North Queensland producers to harness digital tools, making data-driven decisions that improve productivity and long-term sustainability.





IN THE PIPE-LINE

NQF SECURES \$2.1 MILLION TO TURN WASTE INTO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

In a major step toward reducing food waste and increasing profitability for farmers, North Queensland Farmers (NQF) has secured \$2.1 million through the Regional Economic Future Fund to explore value-adding opportunities for surplus and reject produce.

The funding will support a business case and feasibility study for the Bowen Food Futures Precinct, paving the way for a pilot processing plant that will transform discarded fruits and vegetables into high-value products. The initiative aims to create new revenue streams for growers while reducing waste and improving supply chain resilience.

A dedicated project subcommittee, made up of passionate local farmers, is currently evaluating potential products, with nutraceutical powders and alcohol emerging as key opportunities. These products would utilize a diverse range of North Queensland's crops, ensuring that surplus produce is repurposed into marketable goods rather than discarded.

This initiative marks a significant investment in the future of North Queensland's agriculture, positioning the region as a leader in sustainable food production and innovation.



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