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# Soil health and soil biology masterclasses

Mastering your soils for greater productivity and profitability

Soil health is an important aspect of any farming business and provides the foundation for a productive and sustainable farming system.

One part of soil health that is often overlooked and yet is incredibly important, is soil biology, which will be the focus of this masterclass.

## About

These classes will be practical, hands on and specific to your regional conditions. Most importantly, what you discover won't stop when you walk out of the masterclass.

A soil health action plan developed as part of the masterclass will act as a stepping stone for you to implement and monitor practical objectives and actions in the paddock.

These masterclasses have been compiled and will be delivered by a team of experts, who offer a range of experiences from the research, extension and grower points of view.

- > Graham Stirling (Biological Crop Protection)
- > Anthony Young (University of Southern Qld)
- > Jay Anderson (University of Qld)
- > Sebastian Garcia-Cuenca (SRA)
- > Simon Mattsson (Mackay grower)
- > Tony Chapman (Bundaberg grower)
- > Ashley Peterson (Hervey Bay grower)

This masterclass will appeal to growers who have already attended soil health training workshops, such as those provided through Smartcane BMP, and who want to take their understanding of soil health to the next level with a specific focus on soil biology.

## Dates

Three one-day workshops are being held in each region.

### Southern Region - Childers

Tuesday 13 February 2018

Wednesday 14 February 2018

Thursday 15 February 2018

CANEGROWERS Childers, 48 Churchill Street, Childers

7.30 am – 3.30 pm

### Far North Region - Mourilyan

Tuesday 6 March 2018

Wednesday 7 March 2018

Thursday 8 March 2018

Sugar Heritage Centre, Bruce Highway, Mourilyan

7.30 am – 3.30 pm

### Burdekin Region - Ayr

Tuesday 20 March 2018

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Thursday 22 March 2018

Ayr Showgrounds, Bruce Highway, Ayr

7.30 am – 3.30 pm

**Cost:** \$150 per person. This assists in partially covering costs, including all materials, catering and a copy of 'Soil health, soil biology, soilborne diseases and sustainable agriculture. A guide.' This practical guide, written for growers and advisors, will be a valuable resource that gives participants a reference point long after the masterclass has been completed.

**How to register:** Please complete the registration form available from your local productivity services or the SRA website [www.sugarresearch.com.au](http://www.sugarresearch.com.au).

