



# PROGRAM

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**8:30am - 8:45am**

**Welcome** by SRA General Manager - Adoption  
Dr Graeme Doole

**8:45am - 9:30am**

**Agronomy: Long-term Farming System Trials**  
Dr Barry Salter

**9:30am - 10:00am**

**Innovative Strategies and Advances in Nematode Management for Sustainable Sugarcane Production**  
Dr Nathalie Piperidis

**10:00am Morning tea**

**10:30am - 11:00am**

**Results & Findings from Harvest Trials in 2025**  
Matt Schembri

**11:00am - 11:40am**

**A Smartphone-based Lab-on-a-Chip Platform for Rapid Soil and Leaf Nutrient Insights**  
Dr Liang Wang

**11:40am - 12:00pm**

**Smarter Farming Decisions: Tillage, Legume Nitrogen and Crop Timing Tools**  
Dan O'Connor (DPI)

**12:00pm Lunch**

**12:30pm - 1:00pm**

**Fiji leaf gall eradication project updates**  
Dr. Shamsul Bhuiyan

**1:00pm - 2:00pm**

**SRA Weed Management Research Update**  
Emilie Fillols

**2:00pm - 2:30pm**

**Burnett Mary Agronomy Project: From Data to Impact**  
Lisa Devereaux and Hector Fleury

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Thank you.



# SRA SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIELD DAY

**WEDNESDAY 27 May 2026**



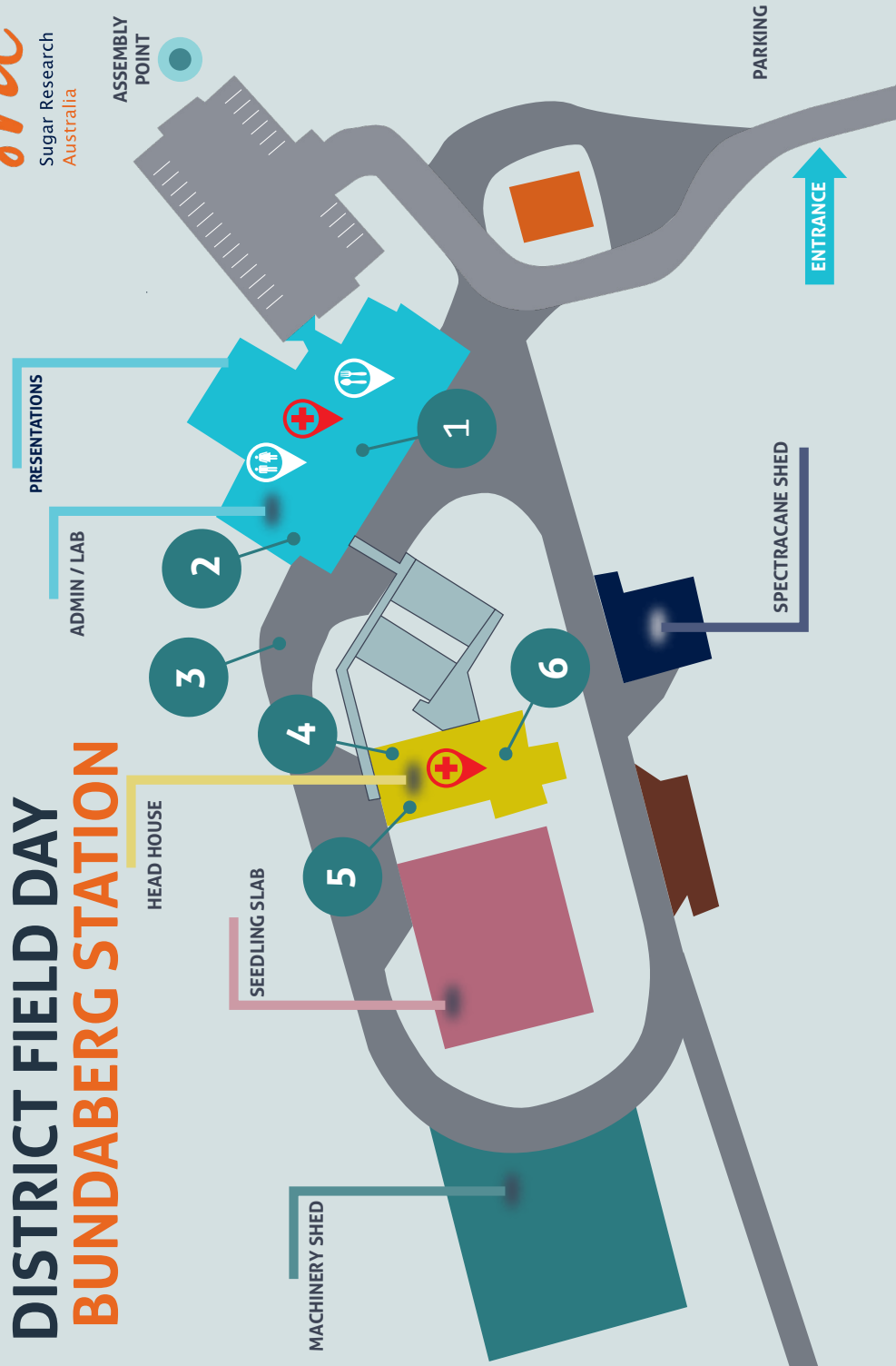
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- **Demonstrations, Presentations & Conversations**
- **Coffee, Morning Tea & Lunch provided**

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# SRA SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIELD DAY BUNDABERG STATION



## SELF GUIDED WALK

- 1** NIR Chemists will demonstrate the handheld Near Infrared (NIR) device used for cane maturity and nutrient determination. CANEGROWERS' Smartcane BMP Facilitator, Tracy Jensen will answer questions about Smartcane Best Management Practice Program.
- 2** SRA General Manager Variety Development, Dr Garry Rosewarne, will be available to answer grower questions about SRA variety performance, product profiles and the future variety development pipeline.
- 3** SRA Southern Plant Breeder, Alison Jensen will be available to discuss and show new varieties in the pipeline for Southern District. Bundaberg Sugar Services' Lily Schipper will be available to discuss the one eye sett propagation program.
- 4** Dan O'Connor from DPI will demonstrate the SPLAT tool for legume nitrogen decision-making and discuss practical crop timing tools with growers.
- 5** SRA Entomology Leader, Dr Kevin Powell, will be available for grower discussions on pest concerns, including soldier fly, and emerging biosecurity threats.
- 6** SRA Manager Biosecurity and Disease Screening, Dr Shamsul Bhuiyan will be available to discuss the current Fiji Leaf Gall eradication project and issues with fungal diseases.



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