

NATIONAL BANANA ROADSHOW SERIES

Mini

New mini roadshow series hits the road in November

We are pleased to announce industry's National Banana Roadshow Series is happening this November. Although COVID-19 has put the brakes on normal activities in 2020, the extension team is confident in delivering roadshows in a new format that will follow a COVID safe plan. Rebranded as the mini roadshow series, the new shorter format will be delivered over 3 hours.

Here is what's on offer for growers

Banana varieties

Updates on industry's variety research including progress on importation and development activities, latest results from the Northern Territory Panama TR4 screening trials, as well as the South Johnstone agronomic evaluations, and an update on the pre-commercialisation trials.

Innovation

Innovation trial results including information on early de-suckering to improve productivity of tissue culture plants, update on nematode research to control banana weevil borer, and results from ground cover trials.

Industry 'priority issues' workshop

Hear about the latest priority areas identified by growers and participate in a fruit quality workshop. In this first roadshow series, the fruit quality workshop will focus on **banana rust thrips** and will use the collective knowledge and experience of participants to help identify research gaps and guide best management practice for this significant bunch pest.

Connect

Opportunity to catch up and chat with other banana growers, researchers and other industry members.

Where & when

Roadshows will run
from 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Innisfail - Thursday, 5 November - RSVP by 2 Nov.

Brothers Leagues Club, Cnr Campbell & Ernest St

Tully - Friday, 6 November - RSVP by 2 Nov.

Tully and Districts Senior Citizens Hall, 19 Blackman St

Murwillumbah - Thursday, 19 November - RSVP by 16 Nov.

Murwillumbah Services Club, 10 Wollumbin Street

RSVP

Numbers will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions and **RSVP is essential**. Afternoon tea is provided, and each event will have a COVID-19 safe plan. If you can't attend in person, you can register your interest to join one of the roadshows online.

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Banana growers at 2018 Banana Roadshow
(Left to right—Chris Borsato, Will and Hayden Darveniza)

Coffs Harbour - Friday 20 November - RSVP by 16 Nov.

Coffs Harbour Showground, 123 Pacific Hwy

Mareeba - Friday, 27 November - RSVP by 23 Nov.

Mareeba Leagues Club, Cnr Doyle St & Riordan St

Carnarvon - Coming soon!