

SUGAR TUESDAY

The 42nd ASSCT conference will be held in Bundaberg April 2020 at the Multiplex Convention Centre - providing a valuable industry technology forum. In 2020, Sugar Tuesday will be staged on Tuesday 21st April with demonstration of new technologies, informal discussions around technology application and practical modifications to farm machinery and an interactive panel session with the leaders who are taking our industry to new and exciting future directions. This information day exploits the opportunity provided by the gathering of leading technologists from around the country - and promises to provide an even better value proposition for those attending the conference. The ASSCT conference will remain the pinnacle of the week. It is hoped that Sugar Week will continue to develop, providing greater opportunity for industry technologists and industry personnel in general to interact in areas not directly related to the reporting of research results. More information on Sugar Tuesday will be available on the ASSCT website at a later date.

ACCOMMODATION

There is excellent accommodation within walking distance of the conference venue. Contact details for some of these establishments are listed below. All accommodation should be booked directly through the motel of your choice. Bundaberg is a popular destination for travelers, so early accommodation arrangements are recommended.

Further information on Bundaberg is available from the Bundaberg Visitor Information Centre on
Tel: 1300 722 099, E: info@bundabergregion.org and
website: <https://www.bundabergregion.org/>

Acacia Motor Inn

248 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Phone 07 4152 3411

Best Western Bundaberg City Motor Inn

246 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Phone 07 4152 5011

Riveria Motel Bundaberg

238 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Ph 07 4152 2700

Villa Mirasol Boutique Motel

225 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Phone: 07 4154 4311

Free conference courtesy buses will run from the following Motels

Burnett Riverside Motel

7 Quay Street, Bundaberg. Ph 07 4155 8777

Chalet Motor Inn

242 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Phone 07 4152 9922

Sugar Country Motor Inn

220 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Ph 07 4111 1622

REGIONAL INFORMATION

The Bundaberg Region is home to a large and productive agricultural region of southern Queensland. The primary economic driver of the commercial hubs of Bundaberg, Childers and Gin Gin is agriculture and horticulture making Bundaberg the ideal location for a sugar conference. Throughout the region there is a sense of history mixed with wilderness adventure, rural experiences and warm country hospitality. All this and more is waiting for you to enjoy.

With its pristine environment, the Southern Great Barrier Reef region is home to many marine creatures. Humpback whales pass close to the shoreline en route to Hervey Bay; and Australia's largest mainland turtle rookery is situated at Mon Repos Beach. Reef walk, snorkel and dive on one of the great wonders of the world, the Great Barrier Reef. Depart from Bundaberg onboard a luxury vessel for a day cruise to Lady Musgrave Island.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Our Keynote speaker is Mr Richard Heath, Executive director of the Australian Farm Institute, Director of the Grains Research and Development Corporation and former director Nuffield Australia Farming Scholars. Mr Heath is also a Member of CSIRO Agriculture and Food Advisory Committee and was previously Associate Professor of Agronomy and Farm Management for the University of Sydney responsible for managing their North West Farms Group.

Mr Heath is passionate about advancing the Australian agriculture industry and ensuring it stays profitable, sustainable, and competitive in the new global "smart" agriculture space.



The official opening and initial keynote session will be held in the Bundaberg Multiplex Sports & Convention Centre on Wednesday 22 April 2020.



Aerial of Bundaberg.

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42nd Annual Conference

SMART SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

21 - 24 April 2020 - Bundaberg

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The official Opening Session of the 42nd ASSCT Conference will be held at the Bundaberg Multiplex Sports & Convention Centre, (BMSCC), 1 Civic Ave, Bundaberg West, Qld on Wednesday 22nd April 2020. All General, Manufacturing and Agricultural sessions will follow at the same site, concluding after the tours on Friday 24th April 2020.

The welcoming function will be held **the evening before** the official opening, commencing at 5pm (Tuesday 21st April) at the Bundaberg Multiplex Sports & Convention Centre.

Sugar Tuesday will be held on **Tuesday** (21 April), **Happy Hour** on **Wednesday evening** (22 April) and the **Conference Dinner and Awards Presentation** on **Thursday night** (23 April). The **AGM** and **Conference Tours** will be held on **Friday** (24 April)

General enquiries can be directed to:

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CONFERENCE THEME

The annual ASSCT Conference is the premier technical and professional event of the Australian sugar industry and the 2020 conference in Bundaberg is celebrating the theme of Smart Science and Innovation.

During the main days of the conference, Technical Papers and the Poster Paper Sessions will bring together both local and international experts, focusing on cutting edge research and innovative engineering. A key focus is ensuring our industry is viable into the future, and by sharing the latest ideas and findings we are ensuring a united approach to the advancement of the Australian Sugar Industry.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration for Full / Associate Members & Delegates of Supporting Members will be \$350 but this increases to \$390 for payments after 13th March 2020. Life Members registration is \$280 increasing to \$320 after 13th March 2020 and the registration for Non-Members will be \$400 increasing to \$440 after 13th March 2020. On-site registration is available commencing 7:30am on either Tuesday 21st or Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at the BMSCC. The registration fee provides entry to all Conference sessions, the Welcome Function, a Conference Dinner, morning and afternoon teas and lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday. Morning tea and lunch will be included on Friday. The fee also covers bus transport for the Conference tours. Conference registration is only available online, please visit <https://www.assct.com.au/conference/registration> to register.

For delegates and partners not registering for the Conference, tickets are available for the two social functions at individual cost.

- Welcome Cocktail Function (Tues) at Bundaberg Multiplex Sports & Convention Centre, - \$60.
- Conference Dinner (Thur) at the, Bundaberg Multiplex Sports & Convention Centre, - \$100.

ASSCT WEBSITE

The Society's web site, <http://www.assct.com.au>, contains information about online Conference registration, Membership, Conference arrangements, Sponsors, Industry Equipment Exhibition, and the preparation and presentation of papers.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The ASSCT Committee wishes to advise that by attending the Conference/Exhibition/Sugar Tuesday you may be photographed by a member of the Committee or contracted photographer for publicity or promotional purposes. The ASSCT Committee retains all property in all images it produces.

GRADUATES

The ASSCT will be supporting graduates and young professional staff at the 2020 ASSCT Conference in Bundaberg. Twenty complementary registrations will be made available for this purpose. To make this initiative a success we need to gauge the interest from industry groups. Please reply to ASSCT Admin (Sonia Head) by return email to admin@assct.com.au as soon as possible but no later than the end of January.

ASSCT CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

An electronic copy of ASSCT Conference Proceedings is mailed prior to the Conference to all ASSCT members who have paid their membership fees (\$100) for 2020. An electronic copy of the Conference Proceedings is included in the Conference registration fee.

INDUSTRY EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

The Industry Equipment Exhibition will be located within Bundaberg Multiplex Sports & Convention Centre. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea and coffee will be provided in the Exhibition during breaks in Conference sessions.

CONFERENCE TOURS

For interested delegates, there will be manufacturing and agricultural tours on the Friday 24th April.

The **Manufacturing tour** will visit Bundaberg Sugar Ltd, Bingera Sugar Factory.

Bingera Sugar Mill recently upgraded their Evaporator Station during 2016 to 2018 with a replacement of their No.4 and No.5 Evaporators with a new 1,500sq.m No.5 'Roberts' Evaporator and a new 4,000sq.m No.1 Evaporator. The new No.1 Evaporator is a tubed Falling Film (FFT) Evaporator and is the first of this design to be installed in Australia. Bingera also have a very rare 1942 Ruston Lincoln diesel engine, 5 cylinder, 300hp at 333rpm which will be started for the benefit of the visitors. Also on display will be Bundaberg Walkers new prototype 'Steep-angled Interconveyor (Air Bed)' for the benefit of the tour group. The visit to Bingera Mill will conclude with a barbeque lunch kindly provided by Bingera Mill prior to the return trip to Bundaberg Multiplex Centre.

The **Agricultural tour** will give delegates the opportunity to visit the Canetec factory, Bundaberg Sugar's Fairymead Farm and Sugar Research Australia's new research station.

Canetec is a Bundaberg based, Australian owned company that manufactures a range of sugarcane harvesters for the domestic and overseas markets. Their machines are all designed to meet specific market requirements and are built by a local team of dedicated tradespeople. The tour of the Canetec site will give delegates the opportunity to tour the factory floor to see various components being manufactured, machines being assembled as well as completed machines on display.

Bundaberg Sugar are actively value adding to their farming enterprise by growing a range of alternate crops that can be grown in the fallow or in a longer rotation with sugarcane. The tour will highlight some of these crops and allow Bundaberg Sugar staff to explain their strategy for adopting these crops in their farming system. Corn, soybeans, peanuts, ginger, pineapples and raspberries are being successfully grown in rotation with sugarcane to give a diverse and sometimes challenging mix of crops to manage.

Sugar Research recently opened new research facilities and the tour will include farm trials, research facilities and allow researchers to showcase some of their current projects. This will also be our lunch stop, which will allow visitors a chance to catch up with SRA staff and fellow delegates at the final conference event before heading home.

PARTNERS' PROGRAM

Join us for a fun filled couple of days where we intend to showcase Bundaberg as the diverse farming region it is.

Wednesday 22nd April

After the official opening and morning tea will take a short trip to Bargara to immerse ourselves in a "Beauty & Bubbles" workshop. Here we get the chance to have a giggle and make some beauty products that we will take home. Lunch will be provided and afterwards there will be time to stroll through the shops at Bargara or walk along the foreshore.

Thursday 23rd April

Get ready for a great day! Today we join Suzie from Bundy Food Tours as she takes us on a gastronomical tour of our local farm produce. We will meet the producers and get a specialised behind the scenes tour at the Prickle Patch Dragon Fruit Farm, Macadamias Australia, Tinaberries Passionfruit Farm and Windhum Farms for sweet potatoes. Enjoy an espresso at the Alloway Farm Market, take in the sights of Bundaberg from the iconic Hummock Lookout before having lunch and touring the facilities at Grunskies By The River. We will return to the Multiplex in plenty of time to prepare for the Conference Dinner.

The above partners' program has been arranged for partners who are not attending the Conference technical sessions. The partner's registration fee of \$300 covers the cost of the Welcome Cocktail Function, the Conference Dinner and all events on the partners' program.



*Sights from the Iconic Hummock Lookout.
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