



Regional Capacity Through Migration Forum - Agenda

Date: 13th July 2023

Time: 10am – 4pm (Networking form 4pm – 5pm)

Venue: Flagstaff Hill Bowen

| Time | Topic | Keynote Speakers and Panellists |
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| 10am | Welcome - Leading regional collaboration in difficult times and responding to workforce shortages | Bowen Gumlu Growers Association |
| 10:10am | Growing Workforce, Growing Agriculture - What is the future of Agriculture in Australia? | Government Representative |
| 10:15am | Your Journey, Your Experience - Sharing the experience and the sense of belonging of our seasonal workforce - Community service support - Attraction opportunities for our region | Horticulture Producer Cane Producer Multicultural Affairs University Researcher Working Holiday Maker |
| 10:45am | Break | |
| 11:30am | Picking, Packing Pruning and Planting our Nation's Produce - Current statistics, data, and trends - How are we remaining globally competitive in this market? | Harvest Trail Information Services |
| 11:50am | Our Changing Backpacker Landscape - What are we noticing with the Working Holiday Maker (WMH) workforce? - What local initiatives and solutions are available to support producers to attract and retain WHMs? | Mango Producer Harvest Trail Information Services Harvest Trail – QITE Department of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 12:20pm | Demystifying Skilled Migration - What do we need to know about Skilled Migration? - Designated Area Migration Agreements (DAMAs) | Department of Home Affairs (BIRO) Regional Development Australia |
| 12:50pm | Future-proofing our Skilled Workforce - What does our future workforce look like? - What future skills we be required? - How can we future proof our skilled workforce? - What are our skilled workforce options and opportunities? | Department of Home Affairs (BIRO) Regional Development Australia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Cane Producer Agribusiness TAFE Qld Aquaculture Producer |
| 1:20pm | Break | |
| 2:00pm | Our Island Home - Producer's lived experiences of the Pacific Australia Islander Mobility (PALM) scheme | Australian Mango Industry Association |
| 2:20pm | Expanding the Pacific Islander Labour Mobility Scheme - How can producers access the PALM scheme? - What is the process to become an Approved Employer (AE) or to engage a Labour Hire Provider? - What are our future opportunities with the PALM scheme? | Mango Producer Pacific Labour Facility Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Labour Hire Providers Treeti Business Consulting |
| 2:50pm | Day in the life... - What are our key learnings when employing PALM workers? | Pastoral Carer |
| 3:10pm | Home for Everybody - Rural Worker's Accommodation Initiative | Department of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 3:30pm | Discussion and Closure | Neil Glentworth (Dunne Medforth) |
| 4:00pm | Networking | |