



NSW ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURE TEACHERS INC. (NSWAAT)
BIENNIAL CONFERENCE "AGRICULTURE BY THE SEA"
at Coffs Coast on 6th to 10th October 2026
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DAY 1: TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2026

Time	Activity
From 2pm	Arrival & Conference Registration Book in to Accommodation at Park Beach Caravan Park (PBCP)
3pm – 4pm	Activity Option 1: Enjoying the Park Beach Caravan Park (PBCP) facilities – swimming pool, basketball, table tennis etc.
4pm – 5pm	Activity Option 2: Stand Up Paddleboarding – Coffs Creek (High Tide 5.52pm)
5pm – 6pm	Activity Option 3: Exploring Coffs Jetty and/or Park Beach area – walk to Muttonbird Island & surrounding beaches (Jetty Beach, Park Beach, Macauley's Beach)
6pm – 7pm	Welcome to Country - Welcome drinks at Park Beach Reserve
7pm – 9pm	Pizza Dinner at Park Beach Caravan Park (PBCP)



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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2026

Time	Activity
6am – 7am	Self-guided local walk (Park Beach, Jetty and/or Muttonbird Island)
7am – 7.45am	Breaky at Accommodation (PBCP) – <i>Everyone must wear the Conference Shirt today</i>
8am - 8:30am	Travel PBCP to Big Banana (bus) - Conference photo & split group
8.30am – 9am	Take the Conference photo then split into two groups – to swap half-time for both activities
9am – 10.15am	1. Group 1. Big Banana History, Farm & Shed Tour (groups swap after 1½ hours)
10.30 am – 11.45am	2. Group 2. Bananas Australia – Biosecurity Workshop (30 mins), Lolly Making Demo (15 mins), Junee Chocolates Visit (15 mins), self-guided walk through Big Banana Café, Gift Shop & Historic Tour (15 mins)
11:45am – 12.15pm	Travel Big Banana to First Sikh Temple at Woolgoolga – <i>Must bring a head covering & will be required to remove footwear at the Temple.</i>
12.15pm – 1.40pm	3. Visit First Sikh Temple , local Sikh people discuss the history of Sikhs & Agriculture in the area. Lunch at First Sikh Temple (vegetarian).
1:40pm - 2pm	Travel (bus) from First Sikh Temple to Costa Berries at Upper Corindi
2pm – 4pm	4. Farm visit to Costa Berries , Upper Corindi
4pm – 4.30pm	Travel (bus) Costa Berries to Mogul Beer in Woolgoolga
4.30pm- 5.30pm	5. Visit to Mogul Beer , Woolgoolga
5.30pm – 6pm	Travel Mogul Beer, Woolgoolga to Accommodation at PBCP
6pm – 7pm	Ready for dinner & walk to Park Beach Bowling Club
7pm – 9pm	6. Dinner at Park Beach Bowling Club



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DAY 3: THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

Time	Activity
6am – 6.50am	Self-guided local walk / swim / surf
7am – 7.45am	Breaky at Accommodation (PBCP)
7.45am – 8am	Travel (bus) PBCP to Golden Dawn Fruit Merchants
8am - 9am	1. Visit to Golden Dawn Coffs Harbour – Coffs Coast local fruit & veg merchants, wholesalers, distributors & transport company
9am – 9.40am	Travel Golden Dawn to town of Raleigh – split into two (2) groups
9.45am – 11.45am	Groups in two rotations between 2. NORCO Foods, Raleigh & either 3. Lindsay's Oysters or 4. The Honey Place – approx 1 hour each visit, allowing 10 mins travel between
11.45am – 12pm	Drive to Fountaindale Dairy Darkwood Dairy (start milking 12.30pm)
12pm – 1pm	5. Visit Fountaindale Dairy Darkwood - 48 stand rotary dairy, 340 Jersey cows
1pm – 1.15pm	Travel Fountaindale Dairy to Raleigh Winery
1.15pm – 2.15pm	6. Tour and Lunch at Raleigh Winery
2.15pm -2.45pm	Return to Accommodation PBCP Coffs Harbour
2.45pm – 3.45pm	7. Half hour presentations & workshops with resources sharing : Luciano Mesiti, PIEFA – new teaching resources, Trent Donaldson, UNE Business Development Manager , University Study in Schools opportunities, UNE Early Entry and pathways into Agriculture, Kirsty Piontek, NSW DPIRD Farms of the Future (Coffs Harbour SLSC)
4pm –5pm	8. NSW ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURE TEACHERS (NSWAAT) BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING (BGM) at Coffs Harbour Surf Life Saving Club (CH SLSC) - Election of Office Bearers, Committee, Presentation of Reports
5pm -6pm	9. Sharing of Ag teaching resources Session - Nic Skevington for NSWAAT - new Stage 5 (& Stage 6) Syllabus & Resources (Ag Tech, Ag) - CH SLCS
6pm - 9pm	10. Prof Peter McGilchrist, UNE - Meat Science Workshop, Cook-up & Dinner at PBCP



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DAY 4: FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026

Time	Activity
6am – 6.45am	Breaky at Accommodation (PBCP)
6.45am – 7am	Drive or walk to Coffs Harbour Fishermen’s Co-operative (1 km)
7am – 8.45am	1. Two separate visits to Coffs Harbour Fishermen’s Co-operative (at 7am & 7.45am) to watch unloading of daily catch & hear from President of Fishermen’s Co-op (maximum of 25 in group at a time)
8.45am – 9am	Travel (bus) from PBCP to National Marine Science Centre (NMSC)
9am – 10:15am	2. Visit National Marine Science Centre (NMSC) – split into two (2 groups) to swap after morning tea. Group 1: Tour of facilities & climate change talk, Group 2: Fish dissection & comparison with ruminant digestive system
10:15am– 10:45am	Morning tea break, beach and/or resort walk
10:45am – 12pm	Visit National Marine Science Centre (NMSC) Group 2: Tour of facilities & climate change talk, Group 1: Fish dissection & comparison with ruminant digestive system
12pm - 12.30pm	Travel NMSC to Woolgoolga Main Beach / town centre
12.30pm – 1.45pm	3. Lunch/ swim at Woolgoolga Main Beach / town centre - own choice
1.45pm - 1.50pm	Travel Woolgoolga Main Beach to Woolgoolga High School Ag Farm
2pm – 3pm	4. Visit Woolgoolga High School Ag Farm – tour Agriculture teacher Gavin Whitburn
3pm – 3.15pm	Travel Woolgoolga High School to Mogul Beer
3.15pm – 4.15pm	5. Visit Mogul Beer – refreshments
4.15pm – 4.30pm	Travel Mogul Beer to Accommodation PBCP
4.30pm – 6pm	6. Additional sessions & workshops with resources sharing (continued from Thursday afternoon session). Preparation for Conference Dinner – attendees can enjoy local area & PBCP
6pm – 9pm	7. CONFERENCE DINNER with Keynote Speaker Gurmesh Singh, MP, Federal Member for Coffs Harbour, Leader of NSW National Party at Coffs Harbour SLSC



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Walk to Hoey Moey Hotel (1km) for live music

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DAY 5: SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026

Time	Activity
7:30am – 8.30 am	Breaky at Accommodation (PBCP)
8:30am – 10am	Pack up at Accommodation PBCP and free time to explore the Coffs Coast
10am	NSWAAT Conference Close & Departure from Accommodation PBCP Unless staying longer for optional activities – see below.
<i>Morning optional activities – DSF and WW will be self booked. Dune Care is confirmed.</i>	<i>Optional activities with additional cost (need to book in & pay personally with tour operators prior to arriving at Conference):</i> A. Deep Sea Fishing (6 hours) – 6am to 10:30am - \$195 – Coffs Coast Fishing Charters 0459 376 290 B. Whale Watching – 8am to 12 noon \$80 (mention Hundle) – 02 6551 1611 C. Dune Care: Get your hands dirty – 8:30am to 10am - Free

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