



BURNETT INLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ORGANISATION

“Finding Solutions”

BIO FUELS REGIONAL FORUM

Forum

- *Hear from companies & councils that actually use alternative energy & fuels for vehicles & machinery*
- *Talk with technicians & users about the costs & benefits & practical ‘how to’s’*
- *Find out about production options – for own-use or commercial markets*
- *Find out about value-adding options that can increase income streams*

Bio Fuels Bash (Rally)

- *Alternative fuel/energy vehicles in a regional rally*

Field Days

- *See the latest alternative fuel options in use*

Attendee Information Paper

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Who?

The Burnett Inland region is located 2 hrs west of Bundaberg and 2 hrs north of Brisbane. This region, comprised of 12 shires, works as an innovative economic bloc.

BIEDO is the award-winning, peak regional development body (incorporated) for the Burnett Inland, sustained for 10 years by a partnership of Councils, industry & community. Maps and additional information are available on our website.

Why?

We aim to establish a bio fuels industry focused on:

1. **Self sufficiency**, ie: where primary producer or industry co-operatives produce & process bio fuels for their own use. This can reduce costs associated with purchasing fossil fuels and improves price stability,
2. **Commercialisation**, ie: developing product for commercial bio fuel markets,
3. **Value-adding to waste products** to create new income streams, eg: meat & animal waste into bio gas; tree heads into bio oil, etc.

This industry programme started in response to rising fuel costs. We aim to manage fuel costs, improve incomes and find commercially viable uses for waste in our region.

What?

Councils, companies, and community members can learn more about production, processing and use of bio fuels at:

- ◆ A Bio Fuels Forum in Kingaroy on 24th November,
- ◆ A Forum Dinner in Kingaroy on 23rd November.
- ◆ The Bio Fuels Bash - a vehicle rally from Monto to Kingaroy, featuring alternatively powered vehicles (compressed air, solar options, biodiesel, etc).

Field Days, offering working demonstrations of a bio fuel processing plant, and a wide range of alternatively powered engines & machinery, will be held in 2007.

When & Where?

Bio Fuels Forum –	24 th Nov at South Burnett Campus of SQIT, Kingaroy	8.30-9.00am
Forum Dinner –	23 rd November at Bell Tower Restaurant, Kingaroy	6.30pm
Bio Fuels Bash –	Option One – overnight, commencing Monto, 23 rd	4.00pm
	Option Two – day trip, commencing Tansey, 24 th	10.00am
Field Day	Monto BIO 07	(date to be advised in 2007).

The Bio Forum Programme

1. A Morning Forum featuring:
 - ◆ Paul Higgins, Emergent Futures: Global fuel situation & its impact on rural Queensland,
 - ◆ Newcastle City Council: (Australian leaders in use of bio-fuels in local government). Cost/benefits of using bio fuels in local government business,
 - ◆ Bev Logue: (RIRDC Rural Woman of the Year, Runner Up): How to be fuel self-sufficient: a practical guide to producing & processing your own bio fuel.
 - ◆ Andy Fischer, South Australian Farmers Fuel (Winner 2003, South Australia Panasonic Australian Business Award) #1 bio fuel retailer, and 1st govt approved bio fuel operator in Australia
2. Practical, Interactive Afternoon Workshops - concurrent workshops run 2x.
 - ◆ Practical 'how tos' – using bio fuels in local government fleets, equipment, etc (Newcastle City Council)
 - ◆ Waste water to bio gas (Dr Jurg Keller: University of Qld)
 - ◆ Tree waste to bio oils - value adding in the timber industry (Dr David Rogers, University of Southern Qld)
 - ◆ Animal/meat waste to bio gas - value adding in the meat & animal sectors (Guy Lane)
 - ◆ Fruit Waste to bio-energy – value adding in the olive, grape, citrus industries (GrowCom & Tony Campbell)
 - ◆ Energy innovations - algae, compressed natural gas, hydrogen & others (Paul Higgins)
 - ◆ Turning bio-diesel by-product into H-protein animal feed – balancing demand between bio fuels and animal & human feedstock industries (Bev Logue)
 - ◆ Production & processing of bio-fuels for own-use or commercial use – equipment, throughput, output, (Patrick Kearney)
 - ◆ Commercial distribution and supply in a rural region (targeting fuel suppliers & retailers, transporters, and community services – ambulance, school buses) (SAFF – Andy Fischer)
 - ◆ Future policy in government on renewable energies & fuels (CSIRO)

Bio Fuels Dinner

1. Keynote speaker – Andy Fischer (see above)
2. Guy Lane - setting up a regional bio-fuel system: production, processing, distribution and use. For industry, communities and councils
3. Launch of Burnett Inland Strategic Framework – celebrating the implementation of 5 major regional projects arising from the BISAF,
4. “Blues Excuse” (jazz & blues band) & Mike Webb (celebrated poet & raconteur)
5. Menu featuring exquisite Inland cuisine & wines. See our website for details.

BIO Fuels Bash

Option One: arrive Monto, 23rd November

1. BBQ with Bio Fuel speakers and entertainment. Programme commences 4.00pm
2. Bio Fuels Tanker (do you want to try bio diesel??) (to be confirmed)
3. Breakfast sausage sizzle- 6.30am & head south at 7.30am
4. Rendezvous at Boonara Homestead, Tansey, 24th November, 10.0-10.30am for morning tea & fuelling from Bio-Fuels Tanker (to be confirmed)
5. Proceed to Kingaroy Forum in time for 12.30 lunch

Option Two:

1. Arrive Boonara Homestead at Tansey, 24th November, 10.00 for morning tea & fuelling from Bio Fuels Tanker.
2. Proceed to Kingaroy as above.

Route maps will be supplied to all Rally Participants. Booking is essential.

Getting Involved: We welcome....

- ◆ **Forum Attendees** - interact with the speakers, exchange information, and find out more about alternative fuel options.
- ◆ **Bio Fuel Bash Rally Participants**, ie: who currently have an alternatively powered/fuelled vehicle OR those who wish to try bio diesel.
- ◆ **Sponsors, Trade Exhibitors, Renewable Energy/Fuel Companies**
- ◆ **Field Day Demonstrators**, if you are interested in demonstrating processes, energy sources, equipment, etc at our future Field Days – contact us.

Bookings are essential.

Want to know more?

If you are interested in being a Sponsor, Rally Participant, Forum Attendee or Demonstrator, call Ginny or Linda on (07) 5484 1652 or biedobiofuels@burnett.net.au

Want to be a Sponsor?

Give us a call to negotiate your preferred alternative.

Want to be a Rally Participant?

Do you have a vehicle powered by alternative energies & or fuels, which is licensed for public road use?

OR

Are you are interested in trialling bio fuels in your current vehicle?

We welcome councils, interested community members, emergency services, community service agencies, departments, enterprises, and primary producers. Cars, motorhomes, utes, trucks and any on-road, diesel engine that is eligible (subject to safety guidelines).

For guidelines on the Bio Fuels Bash Regional Rally, and how you can be involved, contact Ginny or see our website (details above).

Want to attend the Forum?

Who should attend?

The Forum is aimed at:

- ◆ Councils,
- ◆ Primary producers in grains, citrus, olives, viticulture, broad acre cropping & intensive animal industries,
- ◆ Processors in the meat industry,
- ◆ Companies involved in native timber harvesting,
- ◆ Peak industry bodies,
- ◆ Fuel distributors & retailers,
- ◆ Emergency & community services reliant on fuels to deliver their services, eg: St Johns Ambulance, Rural Fire Brigade, Emergency Services, Meals on Wheels,
- ◆ Anyone with an interest in alternative fuel production & use.

What do you get out of it?

This Bio Fuels Forum is being held in a rural region – so that rural people, councils, companies & service providers have the chance gather information, ask questions & make informed decisions.

There will be opportunities to hear companies, councils and producers who actually use, produce or process alternative fuels themselves.

They will provide information on costs & benefits, performance, emissions & environmental impact, access & supply, cost reduction & income options.

Workshops offer:

- ◆ Practical, 'how to', information directly relevant to an industry or a service sector (such as councils or emergency services),
- ◆ Practical tools for individual businesses,
- ◆ Advice on those 'grey areas' such as future government policy on fuel excise.

The workshops allow for plenty of question & answer time.

You will have the opportunity to see alternative-fuels-in-action through the Bio Fuels Bash – and to talk with the Rally Participants about performance, costs, pros & cons.

Not your ordinary conference!

There will be plenty of entertainment by excellent local musicians & bands. Each meal features superb Inland cuisine & wines. (The local triple cream brie is highly recommended! It recently won an Australian Gold Medal).

The package

The Forum will feature a Welcome Lunch (to launch the event). Lunch, morning & afternoon tea are part of your registration package. We can guarantee that you will be exceptionally well fed!

If you wish to attend the Forum Dinner, please indicate this on your registration form.

Registration & booking details will be available on our website [new.biedo.org.au] OR talk to Ginny or Christine on (07) 5484 1652 or biedoadmin@burnett.net.au

Forum Attendee Fees – One Person - \$120 (Forum + Dinner \$120 / Forum only \$95)

- ◆ One complimentary ticket to the Forum Dinner
- ◆ One complimentary ticket to the Forum Welcome Lunch
- ◆ Participation for one in the Forum – with access to all speakers & workshops,
- ◆ Morning tea, afternoon tea and continuous tea, coffee, etc,
- ◆ An Information Pack – with all the speaker and workshop notes, details regarding bio fuel and energy initiatives, promotional material and contact details from bio energy companies, agencies, Sponsors and Trade Exhibitors,
- ◆ Access to the post-Forum Bio Fuels Chatroom – for ongoing Q&A on bio fuels,
- ◆ Entertainment throughout the Forum Dinner & Day,
- ◆ Assistance in arranging accommodation,
- ◆ Access to information on tourism activities in the region – from wine tasting to freshwater fishing to the Mt Perry Races.

Forum Attendee Fees – Multi-person Packages

If your Council, company or group wishes to send 3 or more people, we will offer the following discounts:

- ◆ 3 people / one business or agency - \$90.00 per person
- ◆ 3-5 people, 1 car - \$80.00 per person
- ◆ 5+ people/One business or agency - \$80.00 per person
- ◆ Group bookings over 10 people - \$60 p/hd
- ◆ Spouses - \$80.00 per person
- ◆ Children under 15 – no cost (Please let us know if you require child minding)
- ◆ 15-25 yrs - \$40.00 per person
- ◆ Schools – \$30.00 flat fee for school groups (High School only).

Accommodation, Maps and Things to do in the Inland

Accommodation links, maps, and details on how to get to the region, and the Forum or Rally sites are provided on our website. If you contact us, we can fax/mail these details

Tourism is the third largest industry in this region, so there is a fantastic range of accommodation – from basic to luxury options. There are also many interesting activities such as the Wineries Trail and the Mt Perry Races. Tourism details can also be found on our website, or by following the links.

Benefits for you:

- ◆ Access the latest information on alternative fuel & energy - including practical information on cost-benefits, 'how to' processes, business & market development, environmental management, and self-sufficiency options
- ◆ Interact with producers, processors & users of alternative fuels. Get an accurate, up-to-date picture of the pros & cons of alternative fuel in commercial markets.
- ◆ Explore options for on-farm or on-site production for your own use. Get an up-to-date picture of potential cost efficiencies & cost reductions in fuel use – from primary producers, companies & Councils using alternative fuels
- ◆ Circulate information regarding your business or service, to the Forum audience and the 28 regional & rural communities who participate in this regional economic network known as BIEDO,
- ◆ Contribute to greater sustainability & production efficiency in industries that directly impact on your livelihood, lifestyle, health & wellbeing,
- ◆ Opportunities to network, exchange ideas, & identify options for action,
- ◆ Information on regional industry & community programmes that may benefit you.

Benefits for Rural Queensland:

- ◆ Rural enterprises (producers, processors & suppliers) can access information that may lead to the development of new, sustainable product lines– essentially – a production base for a bio fuel industry,
- ◆ Rural enterprises can access the latest information on emerging markets, market development options, and emerging technologies,
- ◆ Rural enterprises can access information regarding value adding and by-products, that can improve production efficiencies AND enhance income,
- ◆ Rural enterprises can examine self-sufficiency options that may lead to reduction of fuel costs, and greater price stability,
- ◆ Rural enterprises can investigate options for improved waste management, and creation of value-added product from waste (meat/tallows, manure, tree heads)
- ◆ Councils and enterprises can access financial & technical information regarding use of bio fuels, own-use-production of bio fuels, and reduction of costs associated with fuel consumption,
- ◆ Councils, peak industry bodies, and economic development agencies can investigate bio fuel industry models, financial data & technical models that may promote economic growth in other regions in rural Queensland.

The Forum, Workshops and Q&A sessions aim to provide information & opportunities to discuss & investigate, an emerging industry sector that may lead to new markets for rural Queensland AND sustainable energy consumption. ●●●