



The Australian Banana Growers' Council

OUR VISION: Enabling banana growers to maximise innovation and opportunity. Our 2030 vision is a banana industry that has grasped opportunities with courage and confidence.

OUR MISSION: We represent and lead banana growers to ensure a profitable and resilient industry future.

ABGC's Objectives

- Lead the banana industry's responses to critical issues and events. This includes the response to Panama Tropical Race 4 (TR4) and to its management. This also includes the response to import applications, Banana Freckle, and cyclones
- Influence Australian, State and Local Government decisions regarding the banana industry
- Communicate banana industry issues to growers and other stakeholders
- Deliver projects and strategies to improve profitability and reduce growers' costs while maintaining the industry's environmental credentials
- Deliver best practice Panama TR4 extension advice to all NQ growers
- Ensure value for money for growers' levy investment in marketing and research and development
- Coordinate of Panama TR4 research
- Coordinate a practical banana industry biosecurity strategy
- Develop a leading edge environmental strategy
- Plan and deliver the biennial Banana Industry Congress
- Deliver services to ABGC members that meet their expectations
- Ensure the operation of ABGC is effective and accountable to all members

ABGC Board, from left, Steven Lizzio, Tom Day, Ben Franklin, Stephen Lowe, Doug Phillips, Peter Molenaar, Stephen Spear and Paul Inderbitzin.





Why Join?

The ABGC exclusively represents the interests of Australian banana growers and our work is funded by voluntary membership fees. ABGC is your voice on industry issues crucial to the sustainability and growth of the Australian banana industry. These include effective biosecurity measures and pest & disease management, research and development projects, banana import issues, environmental issues, supply-chain management issues, banana marketing and effective communications with key stakeholders including policy makers and key-decision makers.

Our Members

ABGC is a voluntary incorporated association with grower and affiliate members. The ABGC is always keen to welcome new members. Contact the ABGC office or the CEO, Jim Pekin, for a membership application form.

Grower members pay a membership fee of 3 cents per carton of bananas marketed. ABGC regularly informs and discusses important issues with its members.

Affiliate members are non-growers who have joined the ABGC to show their support for, and involvement with, the banana industry.

Our Board

We have eight directors representing our growing regions – five from Queensland, two from New South Wales and one from Western Australia/Northern Territory.

- Doug Phillips, Chair (Qld)
- Stephen Lowe, Deputy Chair (Qld)
- Peter Molenaar, Treasurer (NSW)
- Steven Lizzio (Qld)
- Stephen Spear (NSW)
- Tom Day (WA)
- Ben Franklin (Qld)
- Paul Inderbitzin (Qld)

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