

# Reef Extension Think Tank 2026

Free  
Event



Reimagining  
your  
**extension  
journey**

**Ryldges Esplanade Resort Cairns**

**Wednesday 20 May & Thursday 21 May**

- Expand your extension capabilities
- Share experiences from your extension journey
- Network with other extension professionals across agricultural industries
- Work together to inspire and inform future extension initiatives

*Join Day 1, Day 2 or both days, refreshments provided*

**Join the Reef Extension Think Tank 2026:**

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# PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

### Masterclasses

Three masterclass options are available: one full-day session, plus separate morning and afternoon sessions - attend both, or choose either one.

#### Option 1: Morning (9am - noon)

##### Maximise impact through trusted relationships and meaningful farm visits

**Presenters: Megan Willis (DPI) and Bob Shepherd**

Designed for early career extension officers, this farmer-focused masterclass will:

- Build your confidence in planning and delivering effective property visits
- Manage challenging situations
- Turn conversations into meaningful, results-driven action

#### Option 2: Afternoon (1 - 4pm)

##### Deliver effective peer-to-peer extension

**Presenter: Denise Bewsell (Scarlatti Ltd)**

Learn how to plan effective peer-to-peer (P2P) extension activities. This masterclass will:

- Provide an overview of P2P groups and adult learning
- Identify barriers and behavioural goals for your target audience
- Show you how to design a P2P activity

#### Option 3: Full-day 9am - 4pm

##### Authentic Co-design - a community co-design process for complex issues

**Presenters: Anthony Boxshall and Max Hardy (Authentic Co-design)**

- Elevate your co-design capability to tackle complex community challenges with confidence
- Learn how to work powerfully with community and stakeholders to ease tension, build trust and deliver stronger outcomes

This fully funded workshop also includes complimentary access to the online *Introduction to Co-design* course and manual. For further information [click here](#).

## THURSDAY 21 MAY

### Reef Extension Think Tank 2026

8.30am - 4pm

A hands-on program where you will tackle real-world extension challenges, alongside leading experts and peers, through dynamic, concurrent sessions, with key highlights:

- Sharpen your engagement skills with Les Robinson (Changeology)
- Explore practical collaboration strategies with Max Hardy and Anthony Boxshall
- Dive into farmer group learning with Denise Bewsell
- Mary Williams and Stacey Holzapfel, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Northern Territory, will share practical insights on successful event collaboration and creating impact
- Capture key themes, bold ideas and shared reflections to shape insights from the Reef Extension Think Tank 2026