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February 2026 – News and Events

Please find below three highlights of current news and events which may be of interest. The Future Beef calendar of events is one to keep an eye on and with producer sessions often held online or at night making them more accessible.

Beef Australia has opened nominations for the 2027 AMPC National Carcase Competition [Beef Australia Carcase Competition](#)

Beef Australia CEO Simon Irwin said, "Entrants will have the chance to be awarded Beef Australia's 2027 AMPC National Beef Carcase Competition Champion Carcase, with cash prizes awarded to the first, second and third pens and ribbons to sixth place, across eight classes.

Beef Australia has opened nominations for the 2026-2027 Graeme Acton Beef Connection Program

[Graeme Acton Program](#)

The program is open to individuals aged up to 35 who are working in or connected to any part of the beef supply chain, including production, processing, corporate affairs, or agribusiness.

Beef Australia CEO, Simon Irwin, said the organisation will recruit up to ten mentees for the next cohort, with applications now open via the Beef Australia website. "This will be the fifth intake of the program, which has already produced a national network of more than 35 emerging leaders who are contributing to positive change across the beef industry,".

Future Beef Events

[Future Beef Calendar](#)

Future Beef Calendar lists events co-ordinated by various Northern Australian Primary Industry bodies with many events being free and some online. Upcoming events include 'Understanding MLA Standards' online, 'Pestivirus Information Day' in Monto or 'Property Fire Management Planning' various locations.