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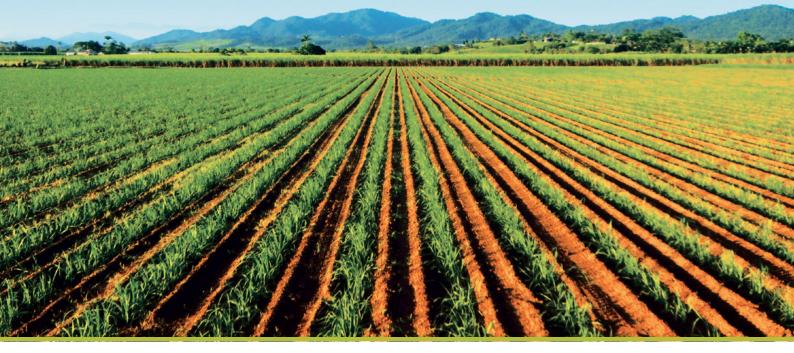
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## Responsibility for all is a message for some

By Dan Galligan, CEO CANEGROWERS

For generations, farmers have been asked to take on responsibilities that stretch well beyond the farm gate.

In fact, almost every agricultural industry in Australia has been called to account for what has become a now popular buzz word, 'stewardship' of their industry issues.

In cane this is well-worn territory on the environmental front. Australian cane growers are asked to be acutely accountable for environmental issues, particularly their relationship with the Great Barrier Reef.

Once this was a community expectation of farmers it became an expectation that most farmers have of each other. That is, to be responsible in the management of the land in such a way that balances profit and sustainability.

The motivation to do so is pretty clear - most farmers want to ensure the resources are there for generations to come. That's why farmers are traditionally the world's greatest conservationists.

However, when it comes to sugar as a consumable product, the idea of stewardship is much more complex, more complex even than protecting the Reef.

If securing water quality outcomes as just one farmer in a hugely variable natural system is not challenging enough, throw into the mix the ever present calls for us to be responsible for how people consume sugar.

This isn't fantasy, it is an almost daily industry challenge to respond to one message after another about the role sugar plays in a healthy diet.

The most recent example is an eight-point plan to tackle obesity in Australia, released by a coalition of 34 health groups.

The Obesity Policy Coalition's plan called for governments to:

- 1. Set time-based restrictions on TV junk food advertising to kids
- 2. Set clear food reformulation targets
- 3. Make the Health Star Rating mandatory by July 2019
- 4. Develop a national active transport strategy
- 5. Fund weight-related public education campaigns
- 6. Introduce a 20% health levy on sugary drinks
- 7. Establish a national obesity taskforce
- 8. Develop and monitor national diet, physical activity and weight guidelines.

There is no hiding from this debate. It is on our TVs, radios and social media platforms every day.

This recent report included a call for a sugar tax, which is a concept specifically rejected by the Prime Minister the day after the report was released.

But the issue is not going away and as an industry body that is proud of the farmers we represent, the product they grow and the way they grow it, we are not going leave the discussion table without the voice of farmers being heard.

Indeed, for a number of years the Australian industry has been working collectively to monitor and provide reasoned responses from our perspective to this ongoing nutrition conversation.

We want to be proactive, responsible and collaborative in engaging with buyers, manufacturers and consumers of sugar.

But we also want a sensible conversation that includes both acknowledgment of the risks of a diet which includes too much sugar and the ultimate responsibility of the individual to ensure they have the information to make sensible choices.

The quest for silver bullet solutions to the challenges people face in everyday life will continue. For us as an industry, our response will continue to be reasoned, factual and realistic.

Community attitudes around responsibility and stewardship are changing and CANEGROWERS has the capacity to meet these demands on behalf of our members.

We do this to allow members to continue to balance profitability

against the ideals of an increasingly distant consumer. ■





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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## **Qld cane heads south to NSW again**

Lobbying from CANEGROWERS has cleared the way for around 4,000 tonnes of stranded Rocky Point sugarcane to be transferred to New South Wales for crushing.

The cane had been cut and was waiting to be processed when the Rocky Point mill's cogen plant suffered another breakdown.

Sunshine Sugar agreed to process the cane but because red fire ants have been found in the northern Gold Coast region, NSW authorities required a special biosecurity permit for the cane to be taken to the Condong Mill, about an hour down the highway.

"One concern was that because the cane had been sitting in bins for a few days, there might be a risk of fire ants being moved interstate."

CANEGROWERS Senior Manager Environment and Sustainability, Matt Kealley, said it was important that appropriate risk management strategies were in place. "One concern from New South Wales was that because the cane had been sitting in bins for a few days, there might be a risk of fire ants being moved interstate," he said.

"Fire ants are around in the district but they are not very active in cane and because of the way cane is cut and binned, there's a very small chance that ants would be present in harvested cane.

"The New South Wales Department of Primary Industries was happy with our processes and they've issued a permit for the cane to move.

"The initial bins have already gone and there's scope for more to be transferred over the next three weeks until, hopefully, the Rocky Point mill is working again."

Another factor mitigating the risk of fire ants spreading is that a lot of the cane has been burnt.

"This area usually cuts green but because more than 50% was stood over last year, it's bigger than normal and a lot of it is being burnt," Matt Kealley said.

There is a precedent of Rocky Point cane going to Condong Mill for processing. In the 2016 season the NSW mill crushed more than 40,000 tonnes of Qld sugarcane.



#### **QUAD BIKE RATING**

Australian Ministers have agreed to introduce a national five-star safety rating system for quad bikes.

Consumer affairs Ministers from across Australia and New Zealand met in Melbourne earlier this month for the Legislative and Government Forum on Consumer Affairs.

They agreed to support all necessary steps to expedite the regulatory impact assessment processes, to introduce the rating system and associated safety standards.

"The proposed rating system is aimed at giving consumers all the information they need to make the safest possible choice when buying a quad bike," NSW Minister for Better Regulation Matt Kean said.

"This is about putting consumers first and doing everything we can to keep farmers safe at work."

#### MORE GROWERS ADOPTING BEST PRACTICE

An annual survey of sugarcane practice change has shown a marked increase in the number of growers adopting best management practice.

The survey was conducted by independent consultants Coutts J&R on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

DAF Coastal Farming Systems Team Leader Neil Halpin said the survey was conducted to provide data to help the department plan investment into future activities.

"87 growers and 11 extension providers took part in the survey this year, across the Mackay/Whitsunday, Burdekin and Wet Tropics cane growing regions," he said.

"Overall, there was a 16% increase in the number of growers making a change to improve their farming operations, or decision-making (from 2016).

"There was also an increase in the number of growers planning to make future changes to their operations – increasing from 9% of growers in 2015 to 52% in 2017."

The top four improvements highlighted in the survey were calculating nitrogen fertiliser rates, fallow management, placement of nitrogen fertiliser and increasing row width. ■

## Welcome rain!



It flooded paddocks and may delay the harvest for up to a fortnight but on the whole an early October rain event across Queensland's central and southern cane growing districts has been welcome.

In the week to 4 October, the Bureau of Meteorology reported that Bundaberg recorded in excess of 340mm of rain, Maryborough 95mm and Childers 65mm.

Of course, individual properties around those centres may have recorded more or less than those totals and there are more details are in the Regional Round-up on page 6-8.

CANEGROWERS Maryborough manager Cameron Waterson summed up just how welcome the rain has been in his droughtdeclared district.

"Only two weeks ago we were wondering if it was smart to plant due to the extreme dry and then we received close to 100mm of rain," he said. "It was long overdue and very well received!"

In the Mackay region, totals were very mixed with Plane Creek Mill recording 17mm and Mirani Weir 2.2mm.



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#### Mossman

In Week 16 (ending 23/9) Mossman Mill processed 36,811 tonnes of cane for a weekly average of 14.17 CCS. To date Mossman Mill has processed 630,507 tonnes of cane for a mill average of 12.98 CCS.

Factory performance is starting to reflect the efforts of the season, with further electrical, boiler and mechanical issues keeping availability lower than desirable.

The crop estimate continues to fall due to the dry weather and has now dropped below 900,000 tonnes.

To help offset lower tonnes the CCS remains steady along with the fibre output, so there is plenty of bagasse being made.

The back end is our slow point at this time of the year and the crushing rate remains steady at an average of 318t/hr for Week 16.

This should be helped, however, by the change back to Brand JA sugar in Week 15.

#### **Cairns region**

Significant rain was experienced in a relatively short time during the last period. This rain was welcomed by most.

Delays and reduced bin deliveries have been experienced as a result of mill breakdowns.

Mill transfers continue to be managed by the Crushing Oversight Group, with the last figures indicating South Johnstone Mill positioned at 64% crushed, while Mulgrave Mill is at 66%.

CANEGROWERS continues to lobby against the proposed State Development Area and is meeting with stakeholders to best manage the situation.

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#### Innisfail

Heavy rain in the latter half of September caused disruption to the harvest resulting in 2.5 days lost crushing time.

Further disruption occurred with a major failure at the mill's boilers station. The FD fan suffered a catastrophic failure resulting in the shut-down of the main boiler. Crushing operations were able to continue at 40% capacity for a period of five days while repairs were carried out. Mill workers did a commendable job getting the boiler back online quickly.

As at 1 October, 65% of the crop had been crushed. The current indication is that the crop is cutting out at 97% of the pre-season estimate. An official change to the estimate has been made. CCS levels have improved but are nothing to get too excited about with the season to date mill average just below 12.2.

The estimated finish date has been pushed back to 24 November with an allowance for a further five days lost for wet weather.

#### Burdekin

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Thanks to continuing dry conditions the Burdekin harvest for 2017 is now well and truly on the run home.

Burdekin mills have crushed a total of 5,649,958 tonnes of cane, which is around 70% of the revised estimate of 8.1 million tonnes.

The Burdekin mills crushed 349,125 tonnes of cane in a challenging week where all factories stopped for scheduled cleans and unscheduled maintenance.

Invicta passed the two million tonnes crushed milestone in late September.

The average weekly CCS levels have continued to hold at 15.06 units in Week 16 (ending 30/9) with season to date climbing to 14.12.

The best performing variety on a regional basis in Week 16 was Q183 with 35% of supply and 15.31 CCS, closely followed by Q208 at 15.28 CCS with 23% of supply.

Based upon the revised crop estimate and no further wet weather stoppages, it is anticipated that the crushing season will finish in the middle of November.



#### Tully

For the most part, harvesting conditions have been excellent.

120mm of good steady rain was alleviated what was a very dry September. While the rain delayed the crush for a day, it was welcome for plant and ratooning cane.

CCS has remained above 14 and the seasonal average CCS is over 13 and climbing, which is well above the long term average. The crop estimate is still falling and now looks to be 2.5 million tonnes at best.

CANEGROWERS Tully will hold its AGM on Thursday 19 October. There will also be meetings called by TSL & QSL to outline their marketing offers for 2018 and beyond.

#### **Plane Creek**

In Week 15 (ending 30/9) Plane Creek Mill processed 57,662 tonnes, bringing the season total to 845,605 tonnes or 70% of the estimated crop.

About 850 tonnes of standover with an average CCS of 11.70 units were crushed in this week.

The week's reduced throughput was due mainly to an extended planned maintenance stop.

CCS for the week was 15.71 units, with the season to date average at 13.88 units.

The highest CCS recorded for the week was 17.60 from a rake of Q240 plant in the Cliftonville Productivity District.

#### Mackay

The three Mackay Sugar mills processed a total of 214,066 tonnes in the week ending 1 October, bringing the season total to 3,360,491 tonnes.

The mills have 34% or 1,739,509 tonnes left to process this season.

PRS for the week was 15.62, with the season to date average at 13.45.

Individual mills processed the following for this week: Farleigh 70,159 tonnes, Marian 83,038 tonnes, and Racecourse 60,869 tonnes.

#### **Bundaberg**

Bundaberg mills are close to 70% completed thanks to good harvesting conditions up until 2 October. Base CCS has also increased to 14.2.

Some very welcome rain fell across the district last week, with our weather stations recording rainfall of between 60mm at Wallaville in the west, through to 240mm at Moorlands and Elliott sites inland from the coast. The weather stations at South Kolan, Bucca and Fairymead recorded around 120mm, with 140mm at Yandaran and 100mm at Qunaba Mill site.

There was a great variation in the rainfall with properties close to the weather stations recording up to 50mm difference to the weather station rainfall recordings.

Early indications have damage limited to lost trash blankets, erosion along headlands and in cultivated blocks, and some damage to the cane rail line. However this may change as growers assess their properties. With no further rainfall there should be little damage to emerging plant cane.

The rain will assist with the establishment of next year's rations and may increase the estimate. Hopefully we get clear skies and a dry finish so the harvest is complete by mid-November.

#### Maryborough

The district finally received some much-needed rain in the first few days of October, with approximately 100mm falling in one day.

The mill has progressed to 68% of estimate crushed or 408,478 tonnes.

CCS has reached 14.19 for the season to date.

The mill experienced a couple of days downtime in recent weeks due to some necessary repairs.

The crop estimate remains at 600,000 tonnes with an expected finish date in early to mid November.



#### Proserpine

Proserpine Mill has crushed just over 1,083,000 tonnes of cane (or 70%) of its revised crop estimate of 1.55 million tonnes;

An extend stop at the beginning of Week 13 (ending 30/9) due to a failed gearbox on the mud/ash belt reduced the week's throughput to 76,765 tonnes;

Average CCS for the week was 14.63 bringing the season to date CCS to 13.59.

The highest CCS sample was 18.86 for a rake of first ratoon Q240 from the Waterson Productivity District;

Conditions remain extremely dry, and while this is assisting harvesting operations, it is having an adverse impact on the emerging crop;

Provided there are no other major interruptions, the Proserpine harvest should be completed on or around 1 November.

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## **CANEGROWERS** Regional round-up

#### **Rocky Point**

The co-generation plant that supplies power to the Rocky Point Mill broke down on 26 September and is expected to be out of action for at least three weeks.

The district began hauling stale cane to Condong Mill in New South Wales for crushing on Friday, 29 September, after all the relevant biosecurity and transport approvals had been obtained.

Adding to this blow, on 28 September a burnt out stolen

#### **New South Wales**

The NSW harvest is approaching the 60% completion stage. All three mill areas - Condong, Broadwater and Harwood - are experiencing favorable harvesting conditions with the continuance of dry weather.

With the continued dry weather CCS levels are well above average in the 13% to 14% range.

Planting is progressing although some growers are waiting for rain. There is still some moisture in the ground, however with the weather now starting to warm up this moisture will rapidly disappear if rain is not received. vehicle sparked a fire on which burnt some 3000 tonnes of cane. This cane is also being sent to Condong Mill for processing.

The total tonnes crushed up until 24 September 2017 (Week 13) of 194,525 is only 41% of our estimated 472,000 tonnes. CCS to date is averaging 12.92.

Some much needed rainfall has been received in the first few days of October.

Falls of up to 15 mls in recent days have not been significant enough to have an impact and it is hoped that predictions of further rain in the next week or so are correct.

With the very high fire ratings currently in place, burning cane for harvest has been restricted and is receiving some criticism from the general public.

Under legislation growers have the right to burn for harvest with conditions attached but with an ever increasing non-agriculture population throughout the NSW industry area we are under continuous scrutiny.

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There were smiles all round with the recent rain received across the Isis Cane Supply Area. Growers can now take a break from irrigating for a period of time.

Week 13 saw Isis Mill notch up another production record with 11,380 tonnes of IPS sugar dispatched to the Bulk Sugar Terminal. In more than 120 years of production this is the highest ever weekly output of sugar, surpassing the previous record by more than 300 tonnes. The recent rainfall event halted crushing on 2 October with 941,974 tonnes having passed through the mill prior to the stoppage.

This leaves approx. 208,000 tonnes available for milling and the season could be completed in early November.

A CCS of 17.74 was recorded by a Gin Gin grower in week 13 who supplied Q208 Autumn plant. The mill average CCS currently sitting at 13.98.



## Notice of 2017 Annual General Meeting

11 am, TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017

Members of Queensland Cane Growers Organisation Ltd (the Company) are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of their organisation.

#### The meeting will be held at:

Time:	11am
Date:	Tuesday 14 November 2017
Where:	CANEGROWERS office
	Level 6, 100 Edward Street
	Brisbane, Queensland

#### **BUSINESS**

#### FINANCIAL AND OTHER REPORTS

#### **Resolution 1**

To receive and consider the Financial Report, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report for the Company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

#### **Resolution 2**

To receive the Annual Report of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer on the Company activities for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

The annual report for 2016/17 is available online now at this link: *www.canegrowers.com.au/page/about/publications* or for a hard copy, drop into your local CANEGROWERS office.

The financial report for 30 June 2017 is available online for members only via the same link or please contact the Company Secretary for a copy at: *Jodie\_mittelheuser@canegrowers.com.au* 

By order of the Board

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For the purpose of the AGM a member is entitled to vote at the meeting and each member has the right to one vote. Any member entitled to vote at the AGM may appoint one proxy.

Rules to appoint a proxy:

- The proxy shall be a member of the Company
- The proxy form must be signed by the member or the member's attorney.
- The proxy form must be deposited at the Company's registered office at 6th Floor, 100 Edward Street Brisbane, or emailed to the Company Secretary *jodie\_mittelheuser@ canegrowers.com.au* by no later than 5pm on Friday 10 November 2017.

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or failing the person or body corporate named, or if no person or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the meeting, as my/our proxy to act on my/our behalf at the AGM of the Company to be held on 14 November 2017 at the office of CANEGROWERS, Level 6, 100 Edward Street Brisbane.

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Resolution 1: Financial Report			
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## Better sugarcane varieties for growers and millers – TARGETING A 2% ANNUAL GAIN

Sugarcane growers and millers will be the beneficiaries of significant enhancements to the way Australian sugarcane varieties are created.





SRA Key Focus Area for Optimally Adapted Varieties, Plant Breeding and Release, Dr Jason Eglinton.

Sugar Research Australia (SRA), the lead organisation in developing new cane varieties, has announced enhancements to its development process that will target improved profitability for sugarcane growers and millers.

"SRA has set the ambitious goal of delivering a 2% improvement in annual genetic gain for new sugarcane varieties," said SRA CEO Neil Fisher.

"To put that goal into context, the global average gain for wheat breeding is 1% per annum, and the global average for sugarcane is less than 1%.

"But we have set this 2% target based on feedback from the industry that new varieties must continue to offer meaningful improvements and improve profitability for our grower and miller investors."

Mr Fisher said this process will be led by Key Focus Area Leader, **Dr Jason Eglinton**, who is one of Australia's leading plant breeders and was recently appointed to SRA.

Dr Eglinton reviewed the current breeding program and the SRA Board has endorsed his recommendations for a series of enhancements. These include:

• Reducing the number of parent plants and crosses that are used to create new varieties. This will allow an increase in the size of high leverage (high value) populations of plants, but reduce the total number of populations;

• Decreasing the proportion of original seedlings with defective traits by using modern breeding tools such as molecular markers;

• Increasing variety trial precision;

• Applying earlier screening for smut and Pachymetra;

• More precisely select for sugar content

by measuring sugarcane maturity;

• Piloting fast-track selection schemes including the use of tissue culture in place of traditional propagation;

• Using wild relatives of sugarcane to focus on challenging traits with the first target being ratoon crop performance;

• Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of research engagement and adoption; and

• Establishing lead indicators as the basis for performance measures and developing a dashboard appropriate for regular management and Board reporting. Mr Fisher said that this represented a significant investment of an additional \$4 million over the next seven years, which reinforced the development of new commercial varieties as the single largest investment that SRA makes on behalf of investors.

"By setting the 2% goal, and defining a clear strategy to target that goal, we are laying the foundation for ongoing improvement in the breeding program, ultimately leading to a more sustainable Australian sugarcane industry and more profitable growers and millers." ■

Photo: Enhancements to the SRA breeding program will include piloting fast-track selection schemes including the use of tissue culture in place of traditional propagation.



Kevin Borg CANEGROWERS Farm Inputs and Research Committee

"Our industry is under the spotlight and breaking the rules will lead to our downfall when it comes to having the access we need on the public road network. "



## **Operating outside of the law –** is it worth the risk?

For the past few years, CANEGROWERS' Farm Inputs and Research Committee has been working closely with three government agencies to streamline the safe movement of agricultural vehicles on Queensland roads.

In mid-September, we brought together the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), Queensland Police Service (QPS) and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to discuss process and responsibilities.

Moving oversize machinery is part of everyday life in today's farming systems and the current regulations should always be kept in mind whether you are moving your existing machinery or purchasing or building new machinery.

It makes good sense to plan how you will move your machinery on the public road network when necessary.

CANEGROWERS' lobbying power has achieved a number of concessions that make moving oversize agricultural vehicles significantly safer than it was in the past.

But while safety is a critical consideration, the conditions have sometimes made the process of movement less efficient for growers and contractors.

A recent example of CANEGROWERS' proactive approach to working with these agencies is the unprecedented and successful permitting of the movement of harvesting equipment in the areas still crushing into the Christmas curfew period in 2016.

We have been keeping these agencies apprised on the progress of this year's harvest so they, and the industry, are on the front foot if the need arises to again harvest into the curfew period.

There are still some issues that the Farm Inputs and Research Committee believes are hindering efficient work practices, and we believe these need to be addressed and resolved with these agencies.

But while this work progresses there are existing conditions set down that growers must adhere to. The onus is on every individual to be aware of the conditions and regulations, and to adhere to them.

There is evidence of specific instances of non-compliance, and this, no doubt, will make it more difficult for the committee to negotiate better circumstances.

Our industry is under the spotlight and breaking the rules will lead to our downfall when it comes to having the access we need on the public road network.

We have been forewarned that while there have been no prosecutions to date, they may soon become a reality.

Moving machinery outside of the regulations is risky. You may get away with it - but you also may not.

If you are unfortunate enough to be involved in an accident causing injury or death when operating outside of regulations, you will be facing serious consequences and your farming business may very well come undone.

In this scenario, you will be directly in the firing line of the courts as well as putting at risk the work the Farm Inputs and Research Committee has conducted to date on your behalf.

The prosecution will not be lenient, and CANEGROWERS will not be able to assist if you are operating outside of the law. ■



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## Wet Tropics growers embrace Project Cane Changer

Project Cane Changer is a CANEGROWERS initiative, funded by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, that works with growers to recognise, value and accelerate their efforts to adopt farming practices that help protect the land, and subsequently, the Great Barrier Reef.

The project officially commenced in early 2017 and is currently being rolled out across the Wet Tropics.

Cane Changer focuses on various priority areas, as identified by local growers, and may including peer-to-peer mentoring, the development of monitoring and record keeping tools, and highlighting positive stories of practice change.

In Innisfail for example, the project has held workshops designed to build cohesion and cooperation between industry groups, and facilitated peer-topeer learning between younger and older growers.

Innisfail was the first district to sign onto the Cane Changer project and is led locally by the CANEGROWERS Innisfail board chaired by Joe Marano.

"Growers in Innisfail have really embraced the project," Joe said. "It is a different way of encouraging the public to understand the sugar industry.

"Through the project, we have government and sugarcane growers working together, and we are keen to continue working together with the project, with the mill and with other industry bodies for a positive outcome for the sugarcane industry." So far Cane Changer has been launched in four districts - Innisfail, Tully, Cairns and, most recently, in the Herbert River on 25 September.

"We are happy to have the Cane Changer program in the Herbert and are committed to the program," said Michael Pisano, CANEGROWERS Herbert River Chairman.

"We believe it is important to share our story to other industries and the greater community."

Growers in the Herbert were invited to sign up through a Cane Changer Commitment.

The commitment asks growers to detail farming practices that they have changed over the years and commit to making further changes in line with best management practices.

Across the districts more than 150 growers have signed up with their own Cane Changer Commitment. Innisfail is leading the way with over 85 growers to date.

Tully was the second district to join the project and has run a number of shed meetings to encourage participation and to collect Smartcane BMP data.

Peter 'Jacko' Jackson hosted one of the workshops at his Tully farm and is supportive of the project.

> "Growers have been making changes, improving and protecting the environment for decades, but there isn't a lot of

acknowledgment of that." Jacko said.

"The work being done by Project Cane Changer is positive and is bringing attention to the work that growers have been doing for a long time."

In August, more 30 growers participated in workshops in the Cairns Region designed to acknowledge the role of family within the sugarcane industry (pictured below).

A key focus of the workshops was helping growers and their families develop skills to keep better records and improve participation in Smartcane BMP.

CANEGROWERS Cairns Region Chairman Stephen Calcagno was pleased at the support shown by locals.

"It's great to see the growers and their families showing interest in the Smartcane BMP process and understanding that the broader picture of record-keeping is to show to the general population that the sugar industry is doing the right thing by the environment and by the Great Barrier Reef."

The Project will be heading to Mossman and the Tablelands in the coming months and will run until the end of next year.

All growers across the Wet Tropics are invited to get involved and help set the record straight.

For more information please head to *www.canechanger.com* or speak to your local CANEGROWERS office. ■





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## Improvements to QSL website

## QSL has made a number of improvements to our homepage to help growers find the information relevant to their specific needs.

**QSL Pool Prices** 

These changes include:

## A new link to the QSL Direct log-in for Wilmar Sugar growers

This link directs growers to the QSL Direct Portal, where Wilmar growers can submit, edit or cancel a pricing order for current and forward seasons (up to 2020), access their QSL payment statements, and view their GEI Sugar declarations for current and forward seasons.



#### Milling -district specific pool results, incorporating more detailed reporting of our Shared Pool

Growers from all milling districts can now access QSL pool prices and QSL Shared Pool information for their areas. The QSL Shared Pool does vary district to district because each Miller has different arrangements with QSL.

Key Shared Pool elements covered in this new section include net market premiums, storage and handling costs, finance costs, marketing and shared services costs, regional costs, the Loyalty Bonus (where applicable) and indicative Shared Pool result for each milling district.

For more detailed information about the QSL Shared Pool, please read the QSL Shared Pool Terms available on our website (*www.qsl.com.au*)

## A new Market News feature and link to the latest Market Snapshot

By selecting the "Latest Market Snapshot", you will be able to view QSL's Weekly Market Update and see the latest ICE #11 futures contract prices.

Link to QSL's 2018-Season Pricing Pool Terms, Fact Sheets and Updates for Tully Sugar, Wilmar Sugar and MSF Sugar Growers

# Please click the links below to access the current indicative QSL pool prices as they apply to each milling district. Bundaberg Sugar Growers MSF Sugar Growers > Isis Growers Tully Sugar Growers > Mackay Sugar Growers Wilmar Growers > USL Pool Information Indicative Advances Program > Click on your milling district to view the latest pool prices and QSL Shared Pool information. >



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## QSL Direct Portal Update - Wilmar Growers

Following grower feedback, QSL has also implemented some enhancements to the QSL Direct portal.

#### **NEW REPORTING TAB & ANALYTICS**

A new 'Reporting' tab gives Wilmar growers access to various tools, like their forecast payment schedule and forecast pool prices.

Some of the key features available in this section include data on:

- Weighted Average Net Pool Price: This figure reflects the weighted average of a Grower's current forecast net pool prices and takes account of the Grower's pool selections and the proportion of their tonnage they have allocated to each pool.
- Forecast Gross Pool Price: This contains the gross prices of the pools the grower has elected to participate in, as well as the QSL Harvest Pool and the US Quota Pool.
- Forecast Payment Schedule: This is a forecast payment schedule in AUD per IPS tonne delivered where the Advances rates are based on QSL's Advances Rate Schedule.
- Delivered and remaining tonnes: This bar chart tracks sugar deliveries against a Grower's committed sugar tonnage and against their total forecast deliveries.

Shared Pool reporting: This gives a breakdown of the various costs and premiums that make up the QSL Shared Pool allocation for the ICE11 pools and the US Quota pool and indicative QSL Shared Pool results, as applicable to Wilmar Growers. The table includes two values for each - one for the standard QSL Shared Pool result, and one which includes the Loyalty Bonus (where a Grower has committed to QSL for three consecutive seasons forward). The QSL Shared Pool reporting will be updated on a monthly basis.

#### EDIT PRICING ORDERS AFTER HOURS

Wilmar growers are now also able to edit or cancel their unfilled pricing orders at any time, day or night including on weekends and public holidays. This change will allow growers to either edit the target price of a pricing order or cancel a pricing order, subject to a pricing order not being filled before the

next business day.

Pricing orders, where the status is 'Open-Action' can be edited after 3pm on a business day, in the same way that they are now – by clicking the drop down arrow next to the order and clicking 'Edit/ Cancel Order'.

Any newly edited orders will now appear in a new table called 'Open Orders – After Hours Edit', below the Pricing Orders table on the Orders page in the QSL Direct portal.

This means growers will be able to clearly identify which pricing orders have edits or cancellations pending, while continuing to see the original target price.

It's important for Pricing Managers to note the following when editing orders after 3pm on business days (after hours):

• You won't be able to edit the tonnage associated with an order

• You are not pricing in real time so any edits or cancellations will only be applied where the order would have otherwise returned to an 'Open – Pending' state in the portal the next business day. For example, you may amend an order from \$500 to \$470 on a Monday night or early Tuesday morning, but the existing order for \$500 will remain in place until orders open again later on Tuesday morning.

#### **GROWER INFORMATION SESSIONS**

QSL will be hosting a number of Grower information sessions about our 2018-Season offering. Here is a list of upcoming events.

REGION	DATE & TIME	VENUE	
BURDEKIN	6pm Thursday, 12 October	Canegrowers Hall, Home Hill	
	9am Friday, 13 October	Ayr PCYC	
TULLY	6pm Wednesday 11 October	Tully Senior Citizens'	
	8am Thursday 12 October	Hall, Tully	

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## NEW CONCEPT IN ARTICULATED TRANSPORT FOR CANE HAULAGE

Supplied by Agri-Con Equipment

High demand from sugar industry harvest contractors led to the fast-track release of Agri-Con Equipment's latest innovation, the ACE Transporter.

The first seven of the brand new articulated transporters have been delivered a full year earlier than planned.

Managing director, **Cameron Greaves**, said Agri-Con Equipment is backed by over 60 years and four generations of Greaves family experience in farming, harvesting and the design and manufacture of agricultural machinery and equipment.

"We have brought together a team of experienced product engineers along with high quality components to ensure that the ACE Transporter is the 'best in the business' and will out-last and out-work its rivals, to ensure a more profitable industry for the future," he said.

As a director of Agri-Con Solutions, a 24hr contract farming operation that farms 2800 ha, Mr Greaves understands the need for reliable and efficient agricultural equipment.

In designing the new ACE Transporter Mr Greaves set out to domestically manufacture a transporter that would offer the sugar industry a new standard in performance, efficiency and longevity. "The decreased life expectancy for hauling equipment is often resulting in contractors selling or trading their machinery at a substantial loss," he said.

"Contractors are looking for alternatives and the ACE Transporter really is the ultimate machine for hauling sugarcane."

"The ACE Transporter has been eagerly accepted in the industry as it offers contractors a workhorse that will outlast current hauling equipment many times over.

"Contractors are looking for alternatives and the ACE Transporter really is the ultimate machine for hauling sugarcane," said Mr Greaves. "This machine has a comfortable top speed of 65 km/hr – or 50 km/hr in reverse – powered by a gutsy 250HP Caterpillar C7 engine matched with a smooth Power-shift transmission that includes an automatic mode."

The articulation of the ACE Transporter enables increased maneuverability that allows the operator to easily reverse fill next to the harvester, reducing turning time in the field.

When fully loaded the ACE Transporter can leave the field at high speed, forward or reverse.

Agri-Con Equipment has ensured world class quality in operator comfort of the ACE Trans-porter, with a spacious cab, leather wrap steering and premium seating giving the machine an automotive feel rarely found in typical agricultural machinery.

Full airbag suspension adds to the level of operator comfort.

"The power-shift transmission makes operation of the ACE Transporter simple and smooth, even at top speed," said Mr Greaves. ► "There is no clutch, so the operator just places the bump-shift into the forward or reverse position then bumps the shifter up or down the gears while under full acceleration."

A single joystick makes operating the trailer very easy as all functions are controlled with one hand.

A declutch trigger on the joystick means the operator does not need to take the machine out of gear or hold their foot on the brake pedal while unloading the trailer.

All these features contribute to the fast operation and improved efficiencies that the ACE Transporter brings to the sugar industry.

"The ACE Transporter's powerhead includes the hydraulic tank, pumps and valves required for typical trailer controls," said Mr Greaves.

"This ensures high-quality components are used and supports the smart electronic joystick for the bin functions."

The quality of components used in the ACE Transporter and the machine's longer effective life has been recognised by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA). Asset Finance Specialist, John McNeil has confirmed that the ACE Transporter has qualified for CBA's Energy Efficient Equipment Finance Facility, applying a standard 0.7% discount to the rate the customer normally pays for the asset being financed.

This means that the bank will structure payments over a 5-year term with an option of a 30% balloon payment, giving clients more flexibility and double the repayment term to pay off the asset.

This is in contrast to the bank's usual financing structure for tractors used in cane haulage where the CBA prefers to limit the term to four years with no residual value expected.

For more information, visit the website *www.agriconequipment.com.au* or call Cameron on 0423 844 264 ■

Pictured: (p16) Seven new ACE Transporters are hard at work in canefields across Queensland this harvest season. (Left) The ACE Transporter has world-class cab comfort, superior speed and efficiency and smart electronics that make operation fast and safe.





## **GET SMART this harvest season**

Supplied by RB Engineering

The new 'Smart Hauler' from RB Engineering ticks all the right boxes, refining RB's previous model with a fully engineered unit that brings real value to farmers and harvesting contractors.

With over 30 years' experience in farming and harvesting, RB Engineering's Frumento Brothers understand what cane growers need from a haul out.

That's why they designed and built the new Smart Hauler at their engineering facility in El Arish, north Queensland.

"The first six bins of the new design are now out in the field and the response has been fantastic, customers are very happy with how the bins are performing," RB Engineering's Ross Frumento said.

"The operators love them, they're easy to use and they're a quality build that we are very proud of.

"Our aim was to make a strong, quality bin, with good stability, and a low tare weight to allow maximum capacity for cane." Another great feature of the Smart Hauler is its adjustable under body high lift, which is capable of dumping into different height bins from 2.6m-3.1m clearance, giving great flexibility to harvesting contractors.

This unit will suit everyone from the Tablelands to Northern NSW.

"The elevator was another area that we wanted to improve," Ross said.

"A large volume of cane flows across the elevator, we have opened up the throat of the bin and laid the doors at 20 degrees and controlled the speed of the rotations of the elevator to make sure there is maximum cane flow and no spillage.

"The speed and ease of use of the bin was something we were aiming for.

"Time is money, and as farmers we know how important this is."

RB Engineering offers customised aspects of the bins, there are dual and triaxle designs, as well as three options in hitches; 360 degree roll over gooseneck for JCB's, articulated, and a 360 degree roll over ball hitch for 4WD tractors.

RB Engineering is now focusing on production of the new Smart Hauler and is currently taking orders for the 2018 season.

A lot of thought and effort has been put into this innovative new bin. It is certainly packed with small details that make big differences.

RB Engineering has designed the unit and had it fully engineered.  $\blacksquare$ 



#### SILVAN'S CANE BOOM SPRAYER - PERFECT FOR PRECISION APPLICATION

Supplied by Silvan Australia

Since Silvan released its Silvan Cane Boom sprayer in 2013, it has been adopted by cane growers from northern New South Wales to far north Queensland.

"We recognised that with our extensive experience, resources and equipment choices, Silvan could design and produce a linkage mounted sprayer and boom that was specific to the needs of farmers," said Silvan Australia's Queensland Product Specialist, David Carr.

The Cane Boom is a linkage spray unit that incorporates shielded spray heads and air inducted nozzles to minimise spray drift.



It uses a fully galvanized four or six row boom with a standard hydraulic twin folding boom mechanism and adjustable tracking arms.

The Cane Boom offers a choice of 600, 800 or 1100 litre capacity, UV stabilised Polytuff spray tank.

The tank itself features a range of options including a 15L fresh water hand clean tank with an integrated, 4L capacity, sealed tool box and a 70L capacity optional flush tank for filter, spray line and nozzle flushing, which fits snugly under the main spray tank.

The pump choices are Silvan oil-backed high-pressure diaphragm pumps, with the promise of a long life against chemical corrosion.

The pump option has choice of two capacities - 71L per minute at 1500kPa or 121L per minute at 2000kPa.

Accurate spray application is provided by an optional Bravo

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from the tractor cabin. But it is the boom design that is a special feature, with the vertical channel of the spray tank assembly allowing a manual boom height adjustment or an optional hydraulic boom lift.

Attached to the boom are the 500 to 1300mm wide spray head and nozzle assemblies, with 800mm wide spray heads generally the standard choice.

Each spray head also has a brush skirt to contain the area of application.

The heads are attached to the boom by a unique parallelogram tracking system with heavy duty hinges that withstand boom drag.

Standard nozzle choices within the spray head are two twin nozzle bodies per head with air induction nozzles fitted.

Silvan's David Carr said that the boom can also be supplied with an optional wet boom assembly so that the Cane Boom sprayer can be used for broad acre spraying in addition to row crop applications.

Another optional choice is an Economy Hose Reel with 20 metres of 10 mm hose and a Triam 49 spray gun which enables spot spraying as well.

"I am confident that we have taken into account in our design all of the row crop industry practices employed by cane growers to deliver a Cane Boom unit that meets grower's needs."

For more information: David Carr Queensland Product Manager Silvan Australia, Mobile 0425 748 944 or dcarr@silvanaust.com

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> Pictured: Peter and Steven Miotto with their Austoft.

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Proserpine sugarcane farmer and contractor **Peter Miotto** is in the midst of another busy harvest, and one that even a fierce tropical cyclone earlier this year couldn't prevent.

Cyclone Debbie roared across the Queensland coast on March 28, just north of Proserpine at Airlie Beach, and while her ferocity exacted a devastating toll on the state's agricultural resources, cane growers have carried on.

Peter and wife Judy farm about 200ha just north of Proserpine. They also run a successful contracting business with a Case IH Austoft 8800 harvester, which they purchased just over a year ago in time for the 2016 crush.

Last year, Peter says the Austoft cut about 100,000 tonnes of cane – across about 1200ha - but thanks to Debbie, and another big rain event in May, it's been a slightly different story this season.

He said there'd been a fair bit of damage caused by the cyclone, with a lot of broken and snapped cane that had impacted on the harvesting process.

At the start of July, Peter thought they'd be at least 20% down on last year in the Proserpine area. Now, with just over a month until they finish, those predictions have proved correct.

Peter said for the contracting business, it had been a fairly slow season because of flattened cane and remnants of the cyclone, such as bits of tin and other rubbish littering paddocks. But he knows he's got the best equipment for the challenging task.

Peter says he'd used Case IH machinery for the past 30 years – as long as he's run the contracting business – and kept buying it for some very important reasons.

"I like the product, simple as that," he said. "They're reliable, we've never had any big dramas with them."

The Miottos change over their Austoft harvester every three to four years, and also have several Case IH tractors on the property, including a 180 Puma and two 155 Pumas.

For a business that goes seven days a week in peak time, reliability is key, and in the case of a harvester it's also got to be accommodating for the people behind the controls, who work six days out of eight and can be in the machine for up to 12 hours at a time.

"They are very comfortable and they need to be when the drivers are sitting in there all day," Peter said, referring to son Steven and employee Joel O'Brien.

Peter said the service from his local Case IH dealer, McDonald Murphy at Proserpine, was also a big factor in staying loyal to the brand for so many years.

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	Recorded rainfall (mm)		Average rainfall (mm)	
Location	7 days	to 9am	Year to date	January-October
	25.09.17	02.10.17		January-October
Mossman	20	0	1644	1897
Mareeba AP	21	0.2	622	751
Cairns	49	0	1372	1729
Mt Sophia	118	0	2608	2894
Babinda	210	0	1465	3753
Innisfail	125	0	2717	3135
Tully	126	0	1992	3647
Cardwell	74	0	1440	1807
Lucinda	85	0	1555	1831
Ingham	34	1	1214	1717
Abergowrie	19	0	808	1561
Townsville	1	0	644	933
Ayr DPI	0.6	0.8	771	780
Proserpine	0	0	1265	1136
Mirani	0	0.4	1102	1252
Mackay	0	0.2	1833	1293
Sarina (Plane Ck)	0	0	2433	1423
Bundaberg	0	0	456	795
Childers South	0.4	7	638	687
Maryborough	0	5	432	940
Tewantin	19	0.4	910	1425
Eumundi	14	1	771	1383
Nambour	4	0.4	684	1376
Woongoolba	0.4	0	707	1088
Murwillumbah	0	9	1228	1284
Ballina	7	9	1403	1510
Woodburn	0	0	1357	1161





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Zero indicates either no rain or no report was sent. These rainfall figures are subject to verification and may be updated later. Weather forecasts, radar and satellite images and other information for the farming community can be accessed on www.bom.gov.au. Weather report provided by the Bureau of Meteorology's Commercial Weather Services Unit.

#### **Classifieds**

80" Howard rotary hoe, good condition. Ph. 0417 628 044

12T self-propelled 6x6 elev infielder VGC. 6t side/tipper on Leyland tandem GC. Don Mizzi 741 model on Fiat 750 special turbo plus MF102 half-tracks to suit. Mason 9550 4-row precision vacuum seed planter GC. 0438 606 578 (Mackay)

Howard Crumble Roller, HO-CROLLCH365DT, brand new still in crate, fits rear tool bar of Howard CH2365DT, 2 rollers each@2M.\$4,422GST inc. Ph. 0428236165 DitchWitch R100 trenching machine with back hoe attachment. F10 Volvo 10-tonne tipper with tagalong trailer used to transport trencher. Ph. 4959 2260

Parts available for Howard AR & AH Rotary Hoes from \$50 to \$500. Ph. 4959 5883 or 0407 643 441

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New Holland TR70 Header \$5,000 +gst, Grain Bin Trailer \$1,000 +gst, Bedford TipTruck \$1,500+gst, 1998 Holden Rodeo dual cab ute with canopy 2.8lt diesel 366,000klm \$9,900 Ph. 0488 662 313

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