



CANEGROWERS HERBERT RIVER

Week Ending 09th May 2025



Dear Members,

On Wednesday night CANEGROWERS Herbert River Board appointed Steven Marbelli as Chair and Leah Russo as Deputy Chair. Steven & Leah bring great passion and commitment to their roles and the sugar industry.

We look forward to their leadership in continuing to represent the interests of Canegrowers Herbert River members and guiding our organisation into the future.

The Board also discussed the 2025 Membership Levies and have decided to keep the Canegrowers Herbert River levies unchanged at 18.0 cents per tonne + GST and increase the Cane Analysis & Audit fee to 8.9 cents per tonne + GST. CANEGROWERS will once again provide FREE Crop Insurance for all members for the 2025 season.

CANEGROWERS Herbert River have also advised Wilmar of the starting interim CCS for the 2025 season:

REL A: 12.40 CCS

REL B: 11.95 CCS

If you have any queries about the above or below do not hesitate to contact Canegrowers Herbert River Manager Frank Scardamaglia on 0475 818 800.



Today marks the final day of the CANEGROWERS Herbert River Haul Out Course. We were pleased to have 11 participants who completed the four-day program. Throughout the course, attendees gained valuable knowledge in workplace health and safety, pre-start machinery checks and inspections, haul-out vehicle operation, driving alongside a harvester, and the simulated filling of bins at the nearby siding.

We would like to thank Mackay CANEGROWERS head trainer, Ronald Gurnnett for his time, assistant trainers Steve Marbelli and Terry Motti and a big thank you to the Reinaudo family for kindly hosting the course on their farm and providing the machinery to help run the course.



Ingham Showgrounds on May 23-24

The comprehensive two-day schedule running Friday and Saturday includes an eclectic program of “agri life skills” from operating a small excavator to learning suturing techniques and bandaging from a professional vet, to name just two of 20 business-delivered activities.

In addition to the skills programs and live demonstrations, the program also features a host of entertainment, from a kids pedal tractor pull competition and line-dancing lessons to whip-cracking classes, fancy dress competitions and a comedy show.

For adults, there is a full-bar, live music, food and trade stands on each day, and NQ Makers Markets on Saturday.

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Cane Trains Rolling As Crush Nears

Wilmar Sugar and Renewables has confirmed the start dates for its 2025 North Queensland crushing season, with the first of its eight sugar mills set to fire up from Monday 3 June.

Operations will begin in the Burdekin and at Plane Creek Mill in Sarina on 3 June, followed by the Herbert region on 10 June. Proserpine Mill will be the last to come online, with a planned start date of 17 June.

Pre-season commissioning is already well under way, with steam trials scheduled to begin at Inkerman Mill in the Burdekin on 13 May.

In preparation for the season, RSU and locomotive driver training commenced earlier this week across Wilmar's milling regions. From Tuesday 6 May, empty cane trains began running on the cane rail network during daylight hours.

Motorists are urged to be vigilant at cane railway crossings and to observe all signs and signals throughout the pre-season and crushing period.

Night works - Stone River Road, Trebonne - Sunday 11 May 2025 to Thursday 15 May 2025

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise that asphalt pavement maintenance work will soon commence on Stone River Road, Trebonne. These scheduled maintenance works are essential to preserve the condition of the state-controlled road and to ensure safe travelling conditions for all road users.

Due to the proximity to traffic, construction will be undertaken at night when traffic volumes are low. Carrying out these works at night helps keep our crews safe, while minimising disruptions to the community during the day.

Night works will occur from:

6pm to 6am

Sunday 11 May to Thursday 15 May 2025

All work is subject to weather conditions, contractor availability and construction progress.

What to expect during construction:

- Single lane closures on Stone River Road between the hours of 6pm and 6am during works (night hours)**
- Both lanes will reopen to traffic on Stone River Road between 6am and 6pm (day hours)**
- Speed restrictions will be in place**
- Noise associated with the construction including the use of concrete sawing, water blasting and truck movements**
- Access to residences and businesses will be maintained at all times**

- Additional lighting towers will be used to illuminate the work area
- Light vehicle movements, including the use of reverse beepers (Workplace Health and Safety management procedures stipulate warning signals cannot be turned off, even in residential areas)
- Traffic controllers will be onsite during active construction hours
- Advanced warning signs will be in place on approach to the work area, notifying road users of the changed conditions.

In the event of wet weather or unforeseen circumstances, activities will be rescheduled for the next available shift. TMR will make every effort to minimise traffic impacts for motorists and would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during these important works.

Sugar Cubed

What's next for Queensland's cane industry.

More than 150 delegates came together to discuss future opportunities for Australia's sugarcane industry. Insights into agtech, global influences, market access and diversification were among the topics of discussion when sugar producers joined industry stakeholders and experts for the three-day Sugar Cubed conference in Brisbane. Delegates took a deep dive into the theme 'Growth for Generations', focusing on innovations and collaborations required to secure a sustainable, thriving future for the industry.

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ASSCT 2025 Conference

CANEGROWERS attended the Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists (ASSCT) conference in Brisbane on 30-31 April 2025. The annual ASSCT conference is the flagship event for scientists, technologists, growers, millers, managers, institutions and companies concerned with the technical advancement and sustainability of the Australian cane sugar industry. The event followed the CANEGROWERS Sugar Cubed 2025.

The conference and trade display were well attended with over 100 exhibitors, at the CANEGROWERS stand conference attendees talked with staff about the work CANEGROWERS does for members, growers and the industry. Delegates tried the CANEGROWERS Virtual Reality Paddock to packet experience asked questions about the advocacy and project work undertaken by CANEGROWERS and the 13 districts.

Agriculture Information Network

Small business is an enduring ACCC priority. The ACCC has recently launched a new small business web page designed to support small business owners, including farmers.

This centralised, easy-to-navigate resource brings together key information, tools, and guidance tailored specifically for small business needs. Whether you are just starting out or already running a small business, the page is designed to help you better understand your rights and responsibilities when dealing with customers, competitors and suppliers.

[**READ MORE HERE**](#)

98 YEARS

Feast of St Anthony

Bemerside

Sunday 8th June 2025

Celebration of Mass

11.00 am

Mass will be celebrated
with our Parish Priest



Procession
&

Rosary

2.30 pm

followed by the
Blessing of Children
and Distribution of
St Anthony Bread

Lunch from
12.00-6.00pm

Stalls

- BBQ
- Fish & Chips
- Granita
- Tea & Coffee
- Cakes & Sandwiches
- Canoli
- Softdrinks
- Bar

Entertainment
Anthony Fracchia

- Religious Articles
- Monster Raffle
- 500 Club
- Bottle Stall
- Jumping Castle

**ALL
WELCOME**

For more information please contact
Angie on 0427 761 522

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FRI 27TH JUNE 2025

INQUIRIES TO BRIAN EXELBY - PH 0428 758 372

QSL POOL PRICES & ADVANCE RATE UPDATE

Please find below QSL's updated 2024-Season indicative Pool Prices and Advance Rate Schedule as at 25 April 2025.

All pool results quoted remain indicative only until the end of the relevant season, when the Shared Pool element is finalised and the final net price result confirmed.

While the 2024 Season Advance Rate Schedule is outlined below, please note that the June and July Advance rates remain pending. Final Advance rates will be confirmed following QSL's May Board meeting.

[2024-Season QSL Pool Prices \(indicative as of 25 April 2025\)](#)

[2024-Season Indicative Advance Rate Schedule](#)

The Net Pool Price is the price payable for a pool in accordance with the QSL Common Pool Terms to a Participant under a OSA Grower Agreement, SMA Grower Agreement or an SMA inclusive of the Shared Services Rebate. The actual net prices payable to a Participant will only become final at the end of the relevant season.

Under QSL's Advances program, supplying growers and millers are paid a proportional amount of their current estimated final sugar pricing result. The above program is indicative only and may change during the course of the season, and so should not be taken as a commitment by QSL with regard to either the Advance rate or date of increase. The QSL Board reviews the program periodically to determine whether scheduled increases should be approved or amended, weighing factors such as movements in the marketing and shipping plans, sugar price and currency movements and the timing of cash flows. Suppliers' positions in relation to any pricing elections may also impact the timing and size of Advance payments

QSL WEEKLY UPDATE

Please click the below link to access QSL's Weekly Market Update

[QSL WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE](#)

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