

Cane News

*CANEGROWERS Proserpine's
monthly member newsletter*



WELCOME TO THE 2023 ISSUE # 1 OF 'CANE NEWS'



We'd love to share how our members are filling their days, new technologies or methods being used, photos of our beautiful area and any feel good or funny situations that you find yourselves in, but we need your help!

If you have something to share on the CANEGROWERS Proserpine facebook page – Proserpine Director, Bessie Orr, wants to hear from you!

Need a little help taking some photos to share or putting together your story – no trouble – we'd love to help.

Email your stories, photos etc to Bessie at: proscgmedia@gmail.com or phone Bessie: 0437 538 044.



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tool to determine your
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Enter as kg/ha of N,P,K,S required

CALCULATE

TOP 10 FERTILISERS MATCHING REQUIREMENTS						
RANK	PRODUCT NAME	OPTIMUM RATE m3/ha	N	P	K	S
1	MY 120P	3.8	100	14	104	22
2	MY 130P	3.3	100	10	92	19
3	Hi K AUTOCONER	3.5	100	18	95	24
4	LIQUID 160/50	3.5	100	6	94	13
5	PAB 2	3.1	100	11	82	19
6	MY 140P	3	100	6	82	17
7	MY 150P	3	100	13	82	20
8	SUNFLOWER 1	3.6	100	20	99	32
9	MY 110	4	100	0	112	15
10	OPROPLANT 1	2.9	100	4	80	14

** Be aware that the search results will include products with P, if not required please disregard these products **

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**CANEGROWERS PROSELINE
INSURANCE
FEBRUARY UPDATE**



When it comes to insurance, it's important to know what's covered and what's not.

While cover can differ from one policy to the next, here are six common home insurance exclusions to be aware of:

***Maintaining your home and contents**

It is important to maintain your home in good repair and condition, ensuring it is watertight, structurally sound, secure and well-maintained, failure to do this may result in your insurer declining a claim or refusing future cover.

***Business Activity**

If you run a business from your home, you need to let your insurer know as many policies don't offer cover for any business activity unless it is previously agreed to by the insurer. If you are an employee and you work from home this is not considered operating a business from home. Unless it is your business.

***Unoccupied home**

Homes that are left unoccupied for extended periods of time may be excluded from cover or have limited cover. Advise your insurer should you plan on being away for a while. Some policies have exclusions that start from as little as 30 days.

***Short term and holiday renting**

If your home is being used for a short-term rental (less than 3 months) or holiday letting including any accommodation booked through an online booking platform you need to advise your insurer as cover may be limited or excluded. For example, Air BnB.

***Pests, Parasites or Domestic Pets**

Ensure you keep up to date with your pest control. Any loss or damage caused by vermin, including rats, rabbits, mice, cockroaches, insects, fleas, lice, bedbugs, termites, dogs, cats and birds will not be covered. Unless it is the result of fire caused by vermin.

***Wear and tear**

Any gradual process of deterioration, mould, mildew, action of light, atmospheric or climatic conditions, rust, corrosion or wet or dry rot from whatever cause is classified as wear and tear and is not covered under the policy.

Keep in mind this isn't a complete list of exclusions. What's not covered can vary from one policy to another.

Please refer to your insurers Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for a full list of exclusions and remember that every year you accept and renew your policy you are entering into a new agreement with your Insurer.

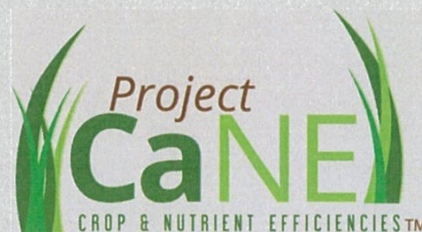
Proserpine Insurance Admin, Jess Harrison is in the office Monday to Thursday, 8.45am to 2.45pm. She's contactable by phone (4945 1844) or email (jess_Harrison@canegrowers.com.au).

Closing date for classified advertisements is the close of business of the first week of each month.

Classifieds are free to CANEGROWERS members.

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SMARTER PESTICIDE USE WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
FROM 8:30AM TO 3PM**

Herbert River Crushers Clubhouse,
Sportsman Parade, Ingham.

PRESENTATIONS ON:

PESTICIDE DECISION SUPPORT TOOL

Assoc. Prof. Michael Warne

Director, Reef Catchments Science
Partnership

B.Sc. (Hons), PhD, GCPSM

School of Earth and Environmental
Sciences

Faculty of Science, University of
Queensland

NEW REGULATIONS ON SPRAY DRIFT - WHAT IT MEANS TO GROWERS. RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.

Andrew Ygosse

Senior Project Officer (Reef)

Plant Biosecurity and Product Integrity
Biosecurity Queensland (BQ)
Department of Agriculture and
Fisheries (DAF)

AS WELL AS, THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS:

- What pesticides we find in water ways - Aaron Davis (Tropwater)
- Impact of different herbicides on cane varieties - Emilie Fillols (SRA)
- Managing 2,4-D drift (DropZone & CanDo) - Mark Rantucci (Nufarm)
- Balance in your spray programme - Nick Mathews (Bayer)
- Project Bluewater 2 - Pesticide and Water quality outcomes - Rob Sluggett (Farmacist)
- Using drones for weed and pest control - Rod Neilson (HCPSL) & Travis Van Dooren (Travearth Drone Services)
- Using Amitron safely in crop - Mark Ellwood (UPL)
- Managing Crop Ripening - Do's & Don'ts and Wet Tropics results - Project Catalyst, Lawrence DiBella, Greg Shannon, Peter Reid (HCPSL, Tully Mill & FNQAGRI Consultant)

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the HCPSL Office on (07) 4776 1808 by Friday 17th February.

Project CaNE™ is funded by the partnership between the Australian Government's Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.



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WILMAR SUGAR WELCOMES NEW APPRENTICES

Thirty-four new apprentices have started on the tools at Wilmar Sugar's Queensland mills and bioethanol distillery.

The new recruits kicked off their trade training with a two-week Safe Start program in December before beginning work at their respective sites. Seventeen of the first-year apprentices are based in the Burdekin region, where Wilmar owns four sugar mills. Eight are based at Wilmar's two Herbert mills, four at Proserpine Mill, four at Plane Creek Mill and one at the Sarina BioEthanol Distillery.

Wilmar Sugar Training Superintendent Daniel Shipard said six of the new recruits were women and nine were existing Wilmar

employees who had taken the opportunity to upskill by learning a trade. "We offer apprenticeships in the fabricating, fitting and turning, diesel fitting and electrical trades," Mr Shipard said. "Our apprentices are well supported throughout their training and we're proud to turn out well-trained and well-rounded tradespeople with a strong focus on safety."

Plane Creek diesel fitting apprentice Riley Steindl said he chose to do his apprenticeship through Wilmar as he was passionate about the sugar industry. "I like the hands-on learning, and I am really interested in working on heavy machinery, like locos," he said.

Burdekin fitting and turning apprentice Jorja Grabs said she was excited to learn about the different machinery she would be working on. "I already feel that working at Wilmar will give me the opportunity to be the best fitter and turner I can be, both throughout my apprenticeship and when I am trade qualified."

Wilmar Sugar is one of North Queensland's largest apprenticeship providers, with about 130 apprentices employed at any one time. The program boasts a completion rate of 98 per cent, making it one of the most successful in Australia. Wilmar is employing a total of 49 first-year apprentices for its 2023 intake. Some positions are currently open for the fitting and turning, fabricating and electrical trades. **To find out more or register interest, search 'Wilmar Sugar apprenticeships'.**



New Proserpine and Sarina apprentices, from left: Hunter Morton (fitting and turning - Sarina Distillery), Zain Webb Studders (electrical - Plane Creek Mill), Darcy Burgum-Johnstone (fitting and turning - Proserpine Mill), Harry Walton (fabricating - Plane Creek Mill), Riley Steindl (diesel fitting - Plane Creek Mill), Ryan Muller (electrical - Proserpine Mill) and Ezra Tyrell (fitting and turning - Plane Creek Mill). Absent: Sarah Botta (electrical - Proserpine Mill) and Marco Davies (fitting and turning - Proserpine Mill).

REGEN CANE FORUM 2023

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Venue: Meet at Ingham Showgrounds
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DIRECTOR PROFILE SERIES - JOHN CASEY

Over the next few months, we will be posting a bit of information from members of our Board and Staff at CANEGROWERS Proserpine. Our first Director in the spotlight is John Casey. For those who have been around for a while, John and his infamous “Charlene” are well known, for new growers we suggest scouring the internet for more on their interesting story.

Tell us a bit about yourself and something other growers might not know about you.

I am a third-generation cattle and cane grower on the O’Connell River near Bloomsbury. When I left Ag College, my father and I farmed together from 1978 until 2000 when I took over the farm. I have been in partnership with my wife (Maria) ever since. We built and ran a caravan park on the river from 1986 until 1998; an experience I don’t want to go through again! People know me in this town as the crocodile man, as I took over the care of my father’s crocodile (Charlene) who has a reputation around the world as being a well-travelled “pet”. This has also led to my daughter calling me some inappropriate names due to me frequenting the media spotlight lately.



How long have you been a Canegrowers member and served on the Board for?

I have been a canegrowers member since 1978 and I have served on the board since 2007. My father also served on the board for 9 years.

Why do you think Canegrowers is important for the future of Proserpine growers?

Canegrowers is very important for our ability to bargain with the mill. We have a strong reputation in Proserpine for being ‘out of the ordinary’ compared to other groups, because we believe in a good relationship with our miller and in our ability to negotiate a good contract with them. We also offer our growers incentives to remain with us, such as fire perils insurance and BMP incentives. Canegrowers Proserpine was an important point of contact for our members in overcoming the challenges put to us regarding mill reliability and weather events occurring this past 2022/23 harvest. We will need to remain vigilant in our ability to push for a better harvest in coming seasons.



What has changed in your years as a Board Member?

I have seen a lot of changes and challenges since I started on the board. I have seen the mill sale to Wilmar and consequently contract disputes regarding the marketing of sugar. Where our growers were going to miss out on pricing opportunities, we helped resolve negotiations (with the input of Wilmar), to enter a one-year contract of which our members took advantage for some good pricing.

Where would you like to see Canegrowers positioned in the future?

The future of Canegrower looks bright, and we will be there to help our members wherever we can. I believe that Canegrowers will be a strong force within the sugar industry for the years ahead.

PROSERPINE QSL UPDATE



James joins the QSL Central Region Team

QSL has welcomed James Formosa to the QSL Central Region Team as the new QSL Grower Relationship Manager. Based in Mackay, James is born and bred in Far North Queensland, hailing from a cane farming family in the Innisfail/Cairns region. James has extensive experience in the sugar industry having previously worked with

growers in the Herbert River region as a QSL Grower Relationship Officer.

"I'm excited to be back with the QSL team and am looking forward to working closely with growers alongside Grower Relationship Officers Sonia Ball and Karen Vloedmans," James said. "Cane farming is in my blood and agribusiness is something I'm very passionate about. Delivering a high level of support to growers is a priority for me and I am keen to utilise my experience to help growers make the most of QSL's product and pricing options."

James has a Bachelor of Agribusiness degree from the University of Queensland's Gatton campus and has extensive on-farm experience in broadacre enterprises. To speak with James, please call 0437 645 342 or email James.Formosa@qsl.com.au.

Scheduled IT maintenance

From 9am Saturday 18 February to 6pm Sunday 19 February, QSL will be performing scheduled maintenance on our IT systems to maintain performance and security standards. The QSL Direct Grower Portal and QSL App may have reduced functionality during this period. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Advance rate increase

QSL's Standard Advance rate will increase from 80% to 82.5% this week. You can find the full 2022 Season Indicative Advances schedule below here: <https://www.qsl.com.au/content/indicative-advances-2022>.

Key Dates

- 20 February 2023: Last day to price 2022-Season Target Price Contract tonnage before the pricing window is automatically extended and roll adjustments apply.
- 20 February 2023: Last day to fill or roll orders for the March 2023 ICE 11 Contract in the Individual Futures Contract and/or Self-Managed Harvest Contract.
- 10 March 2023: Last day to nominate tonnes to the QSL Pre-Crush Advance Payment Scheme.
- 30 April 2023: QSL's 2023-Season Nomination Deadline. This is the last day to elect QSL products for the 2023 Season, with any tonnage not allocated to a pricing product defaulting to the 2023 Harvest Pool after this date.

QSL Pre-Crush Advance Payment Scheme

Nominations are now open. The QSL Pre-Crush Advance Payment Scheme gives growers a payment for their 2023-Season QSL GEI Sugar in March 2023.

New QSL App version includes new Daily Price Tracker

A new version of the QSL App has been released to include the new Daily Price Tracker feature. This handy tool allows growers to track ICE 11 raw sugar prices and receive daily price updates.

Simply update your iPhone and iPad in the App Store, or for Androids use the Google Play Store. Alternatively, give your local QSL Team a call.

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