Last Meeting for Current Policy Council

Last week Canegrowers Burdekin Chairman Phil Marano, Board Directors Owen Menkens, Steve Pilla, Sib Torrisi and CBL Manager Wayne Smith attended the Canegrowers Policy Council and Managers meetings in Brisbane.

A number of important issues facing Canegrower members across Queensland including Smartcane BMP alignments, trade and market access, grower choice in marketing, marketing information services, Reef Regulations, Cane Burning and transport was discussed.

There was guest presentations from David Crisafulli who is the State Shadow Minister for Environment, Science & Great Barrier Reef; Griffith Uni Lecturer in Politics Dr Paul Williams and QSL CEO Greg Beashel.

The District Managers meeting held following the Policy Council discussed the operational aspects of the CANEGROWERS services and implementation of policy outcomes from the Policy Council.

This was the last meeting for the current Policy Council as elections are now underway which may change the members of the Policy Council. CANEGROWERS Burdekin received more nominations for the six positions available therefore a vote is needed to determine the Board. Members should have received their ballot paper and instructions in the post.

Last chance for BMP Incentive Payment – Offer extended

The incentive payment which was negotiated by CBL into the Collective CSA is available to growers who have received their Accreditation and Certificate for the first three modules of the Smartcane BMP program has been extended.

In the annual review of the CSA conducted last week Wilmar have agreed to extend the offer of 15 cents per tonne of cane payment to those growers who have registered for BMP by 29th March 2019 and achieved accreditation by 1st July 2020.

The payment is claimable as per the process outlined in the Wilmar incentive brochure which can be viewed by clicking here.

Any assistance required to claim the incentive payment can be arranged by contacting the CBL office for any grower who has the accreditation in place.

Burdekin Productivity Services are holding a workshop this Monday 18th March, 1pm—3pm at the BPS office, 210 Old Clare Road.

Contact Jasmin Connolly BPS Extension Officer to register your interest.

Email: jconnolly@bps.net.au  Mobile: 0438 934 601
**Farm change program receives funds for future**

An industry-developed program which recognises sugarcane growers for rising to the challenge of improving water quality for the Great Barrier Reef and encourages further innovation on farms is set to expand with a new funding arrangement.

“Project Cane Changer is about reinforcing positive farming practices and it links into the industry’s Smartcane BMP, best management practice program which is being recognised globally as a guarantee of sustainability,” CANEGROWERS Chairman Paul Schembri said.

“Today’s funding announcement means Cane Changer will involve more growers in the sensitive Wet Tropics region and also expand into other catchments, such as my home region of Mackay,” he said.

Established by CANEGROWERS and delivery partner Behaviour Innovation with seed funding from the Queensland Government, Cane Changer has delivered more than 260 workshops and activities in two years in cane growing communities from Mossman to the Herbert River.

Today’s announced $1.41 million in funding by the partnership between the Australian Government’s Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation will allow the program to expand to the Burdekin, Mackay and southern growing regions of Queensland over the next 12 months.

“Cane Changer seeks to understand the grower, recognise them for their on-farm changes, and create the right conditions to support ongoing practice change into the future,” explained John Pickering from Behaviour Innovation.

"More than 246 growers have signed commitments, putting in writing their next steps to protect the Great Barrier Reef," he said.

"It’s through positive engagement and programs such as Cane Changer and Smartcane BMP that we can show the community and governments what is taking place in the industry and why increasing the burden of regulation is not necessary," Mr Schembri said.

“Over the past two years where Cane Changer has been running, Smartcane BMP accreditation has increased by more than 300%, demonstrating that a voluntary program that works in partnership with growers will achieve great things.

“Through Smartcane BMP, which is financially supported by the Queensland Government, we are being recognised internationally as producers of sustainable sugar – the more growers we have accredited, the greater our presence in the market can be.

"I look forward to Cane Changer expanding in the future and thank the Australian Government and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation for seeing its potential," Mr Schembri said.

Other successful cane related applications that received funding for projects in Burdekin, Haughton & Barratta under the Reef Trust Partnership were:

BRIA Irrigators Ltd received $950,520 for An Evidence Based Approach to Improving Water Quality in Barratta Creek Catchment (Stage 2) to be a farmer (cane) led project which raises awareness and drives practice change through improved fertiliser application, modifying pesticide type and quantity and improving irrigation efficiency.

Farmacist received $1,243,500 for Project Bluewater in the Haughton, Pioneer and O’Connell Rivers and Plane Creek catchment areas to reduce the runoff of pesticides into the Great Barrier Reef lagoon through the adoption of improved sugar cane farming practices. The project will directly engage over 70 growers, managing over 12,000 ha of land, in the catchments of Haughton, Pioneer, O’Connell Rivers, and Plane Creek identified as high priority in the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan.

Queensland Farmers Federation received $1,146,720 for Early Career Extension Officers to increase the delivery capacity related to agronomic extension by training early career extension officers (agricultural experts) in practices relevant to addressing sediment, nitrogen and pesticide runoff. The project will involve a 12-month placement of up to eight early career extension officers within various organisations in reef catchments, to increase capacity to support land management practice change.

Greening Australia received $2,092,040 for an Innovative Gully Project - Phase 3 which aims to reduce the amount of sediment discharging to the Great Barrier Reef lagoon by approximately 3,200 tons per annum through remediation of alluvial gullies by using established techniques. In addition, the project will aim to pilot the Reef Credit system and investigate how Reef Credits could be used to fund gully remediation works and ongoing maintenance requirements.

Catchment Solutions received $2,407,751 for Project Catalyst - extension to support a network of cane farmers in the Reef catchments to improve farming practices to reduce nutrient run off to the Reef. This is achieved by focusing on soil testing, nutrient management plans and implementation of controlled traffic management systems (reducing soil compaction by confining heavy machinery to permanent traffic lanes). This phase of the project will engage new farmers and continue to work with previously engaged cane farmers in Mackay Whitsunday, Burdekin and Wet Tropics.

Queensland Farmers Federation received $3.5 million for Reef Alliance Project, Phase 2 which supports cane farmers and graziers by using one-to-one agricultural experts (extension officers) to move 462 land holders, covering 209,750 ha, towards best practice to reduce sediment, nitrogen and pesticides as outlined in the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan (Wet Tropics, Burdekin, Mackay/Whitsundays, Fitzroy and Burnett Mary)

A full list and description of the successful Reef Water Quality projects can be viewed by clicking here
2019/20 Council Rates
Representatives of Burdekin Cane Grower organisations recently met with the Burdekin Shire Mayor, Councillors, the Shire CEO and Council officers. Councillors Liessman and Bawden were absent from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and raise concerns regarding the upcoming budget and the ratepayers of the Burdekin Shire’s ability to be able to continually fund the ever increasing level of rates contributions.

As the cane industry is the predominant economic activity in the Shire, grower representatives took the opportunity to inform the Council of the current state of the industry which is in very low if any profitability being saddled with low returns and ever increasing costs.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin assured the grower representatives of Councillor’s prudence and awareness of the issues in the industry when conducting their deliberations on the Council budget.

Grower representatives also raised the possibility of Council issuing rates notices half yearly instead of the current annual notice.

Council elections are due in March next year.

Representatives have planned to meet and discuss further activities leading up to the release of the budget in June.

Review of the Notification and Permit for lighting of Fire for Burning of Sugar Cane in Queensland
Canegrowers Burdekin directors and other grower representatives, local grower fire wardens, Burn Ashburner who is QGCO Senior Manager of Industry, attended part of a state wide consultation meeting in the CBL Boardroom on Tuesday which also included representation from the Rural Fire Service, Transport and Main Roads and Workplace Health and Safety.

The meeting was to inform consultation regarding changes to the Notification, which is out dated and open to interpretation.

The question of the consultation was for the Burdekin District growers to use the existing “Fire Permit to Burn” procedure which is obtained through their local Fire Wardens, (when wanting to burn cane for harvest or burn tops and trash) or to continue with a revised Notification and Permit.

Further feedback from growers over this matter would be appreciated. The draft consultation paper and feedback sheet can be viewed by clicking on the links.

Please either discuss further with your local Fire Warden or contact any of the directors or manager to provide feedback or if you have any questions or concerns relating to this.

Lowes petroleum service BP offer
Local fuel service distributor and servo operator Lowes has come up with a special offer for CANEGROWERS members.

The Lowes BP+ Card for members has the following benefits for fuel purchased at the BP Ayr Service Station:
- 6 cents per litre discount off the board price at the BP Ayr Servo
- 24 hour Outdoor Card Payment Terminal
- No monthly fees
- No transaction fees
- One itemized monthly statement
- Online Card portal

If any member wishes to discuss the offer further please phone the Ayr Depot Manager Judy Betteridge on 4783 2466.
Queensland sustainable sugar ticks market boxes

CANEGROWERS has achieved exciting progress in having Queensland sugar produced by Smartcane BMP accredited growers recognised as sustainable in Australia and internationally.

“Supported by the commitment of our members to the Smartcane BMP program and its environmental credentials, CANEGROWERS has been actively building links with companies and accreditation programs to ensure they can identify our sugar as meeting their environmental and social responsibility goals,” CANEGROWERS CEO Dan Galligan said.

“This is the key to the future of our industry and the thousands of people which rely on it – our farming families included.”

The bulk of the raw sugar produced in Queensland each year is refined in the Asia-Pacific region and much of it is used by food and beverage manufacturers which have set goals for sourcing sustainably-produced sugar.

“CANEGROWERS is celebrating the news that Coca-Cola Amatil has approved the Queensland sugarcane industry’s Smartcane BMP program and the international program Bonsucro as meeting its on-farm sustainable sugar requirements for its Australian products,” Mr Galligan said. “All of our accredited growers should feel personally proud of this recognition.”

Coca-Cola Amatil has announced that all sugar purchasing contracts to 2021 will be a mix of Smartcane BMP and Bonsucro certified sugar. Read the Coca-Cola Amatil statement here.

“This is very significant for the whole of the Queensland industry and a great recognition of the commitment of our growers and what they have achieved and continue to achieve in caring for the environment while running world-leading profitable and productive sugarcane farms,” Mr Galligan said.

“CANEGROWERS has worked closely with Coca-Cola as they have gone carefully through our program and determined it meets the company’s sustainability requirements.”

Smartcane BMP provides a framework for growers to demonstrate and implement farm practices that improve productivity and profitability while also reducing the risk of environmental impact, particularly to the Great Barrier Reef. More than 70% of the state’s sugarcane land is being managed by growers who are involved.

Backed by the commitment of the organisation’s members for a sustainable future, CANEGROWERS is building links and gaining recognition for Queensland sugar internationally.

Smartcane BMP has already achieved full alignment with Bonsucro, an international sustainability standard for sugar, and CANEGROWERS is now working with the big sugar trading and supply chain firm Czarnikow and its VIVE program for sustainable sugar on a joint path to compliance.

An independent review of Smartcane BMP and VIVE, carried out by Kruger, Swart & Associates, concluded there was good alignment between the programs and an opportunity to combine Smartcane BMP’s evidence at farm level with the VIVE program’s upstream modules to increase assurance throughout the supply chain.

“VIVE’s work with mills, refiners, shippers and tradehouses opens the door to extending the farm level success of the Smartcane BMP across the entire supply chain,” Mr Galligan said.

“This partnership is an exciting development for both VIVE and Smartcane BMP as we look to increase the supply of sustainable sugars to meet global end-user demand.

“CANEGROWERS, with the backing of our members, is leading this push to position Queensland sugar as a sustainable product in national and international markets.

“Queensland Government attempts to impose more bureaucratic interference on growers through increased regulation of farm activities and the sugar supply chain in this state will only frustrate this valuable and future-focused effort.”
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Executive Comment
✓ Attendance and panelist at the International Sweetener Colloquium, held in Florida. The opportunity was to showcase the Australian approach to use BMP to deliver sustainably sourced sugar to American sugar users and producers. The US sugar buyers are grappling with an attempt to develop sustainability frameworks for their industry and buyers are progressively looking to buy sugar from certified sustainable sources. The Australian approach to these issues was well received.
✓ Triennial Elections – nominations closed resulting in 5 known elections

Smartcane BMP
✓ There are currently 340 accredited farming business, representing 82,000 ha of cane. There are an additional 30 accreditation audits in progress.

Electricity
✓ CANEGROWERS provided comment in support of a rule change request lodged with the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) seeking to introduce a mechanism to enable consumers to participate more actively in response to wholesale market signals.
✓ CANEGROWERS participated in the Energy Queensland (EQ) Agriculture Forum making the case for the introduction of network tariffs to support the irrigation tariffs T62, T65 & T66 from 1 July 2020 and for the introduction of dynamic load control tariffs.
✓ Both EQ and the Australian Energy Regulatory (AER) are well aware of the issue and CANEGROWERS arguments in support of cost reflective levels.
✓ Participating in the Energy Queensland’s consultations on future tariff structures, CANEGROWERS continued to advocate the need for electricity tariff structures that meet the need of food & fibre producers.
✓ QCA released its draft report on regulated retail electricity prices for regional Queensland.
✓ Tariffs for irrigation users were held constant. Those of other small business users were reduced by 7.2%.
✓ It is disappointing that QCA has not reflected the reality of the low cost of supplying electricity in regional Queensland and reduced prices for irrigation use to at least the same extent as it has for small businesses.

Trade
✓ CANEGROWERS is working with Guatemala, encouraging them to join the challenge in the WTO against Indian sugar subsidies. Guatemala is expected to join the consultations in mid-March.
✓ India’s federal election has been called. With more than 800 million eligible voters it will be held over 7 phases from 11 April. The results will be declared on 23 May.
✓ With India now in election mode there can be no more sugar subsidies announced, ‘sops’ as the Indians call them, ahead of the election.
✓ CANEGROWERS has provided feedback to SRA in relation to economic modelling proposals it has received to support the ASA trade strategy review.

Water
✓ CANEGROWERS submission to QCA’s Rural Irrigation Price Review 2020–24 includes a response to the QCA Consultation Paper – Apportionment of Dam Safety Upgrade Costs.
✓ The key point made is that CANEGROWERS is seeking prices that encourage the efficient use of irrigation water across Queensland’s irrigation schemes.
✓ CANEGROWERS participated in the QFF Water & Energy Policy Committee meeting, focal points of the meeting were:
  ✓ Water pricing, including an overview of scheme issues
  ✓ QFF’s draft submission to QCA
  ✓ Dam safety
  ✓ Release of the DNRME metering policy discussion material including discussion of consultation arrangements. Although having its origins in water issues in the Murray Darling Basin, metering and the associated costs of meter compliance are to become a major issue across all Queensland irrigation areas.

Transport
✓ CANEGROWERS attended the Transport and Main Roads - Rail Freight Roundtable Workshop. This was looking at a 10-year vision for rail in Queensland with changes in commodities and possible increase in the use of rail along with the operational requirements to accommodate this.
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**Reef Regulations**

- On 27 February 2019, the Environmental Protection (Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 was introduced to Parliament by the Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts, the Hon Leeanne Enoch MP.
- The Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee is seeking submissions on the Bill from the public and interested stakeholders. An information sheet which provides guidelines on making a submission can be found at: https://bit.ly/2Q5p0Fx
- Written submissions should be emailed to the Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee (ITDEC@parliament.qld.gov.au). The closing date for submissions is 5:00pm on Friday 15 March 2019.
- Canegrowers will continue to engage with the Queensland Government on this issue.
- Canegrowers is preparing a submission to the committee.

**Reef 2050 Advisory Committee**

- Canegrowers attended the Reef 2050 Advisory Committee meeting held in Brisbane on 28 February & 1 March 2019.
- The RAC meeting was chaired by the Hon Penelope Wensley AC. The RAC is one of the two advisory bodies established to provide strategic advice to the Australian and Queensland governments on implementation of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan).
- The RAC meeting was preceded by a joint briefing and discussion session, with the RAC’s fellow Reef 2050 advisory body - the Independent Expert Panel. Members received briefings on the current state of the Reef; progress with preparation of the 2019 Great Barrier Reef Outlook Report; the conclusions and recommendations of the Reef 2050 Traditional Owners Aspirations Project; a modelling project being conducted by the University of Queensland on different climate scenarios, to assist prioritisation of reef management actions; and on the outcomes of a Program Logic Workshop.
- ‘At its 1 March meeting, RAC members continued this discussion, focusing on setting the context for the Plan, the Vision Statement and refining the outcomes considered at the joint meeting and the prior Program Logic Workshop. A further workshop is scheduled for May, to develop the next layer of detail.
- The Committee received reports on and discussed the development of the Reef Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program (RIMReP) from a representative of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; the Reef Credit Scheme from the representative of Natural Resource Management Regions Queensland; the North East Shipping Management Plan review from a representative of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

**Project Catalyst Forum**

- Canegrowers attended the Project Catalyst meeting held in Cairns on 25 & 26 February 2019. The forum heard presentations on nitrogen use efficiency in plant breeding, soil health, precision agriculture, herbicide resistance and succession planning.
- Project Catalyst has been running for 10 years and the program wants to ensure the project is well placed to thrive for the next 10 years. To date, 87 growers have been involved in 115 field trials covering soil nutrition, variable rate application, biologicals, irrigation, fallow crops and nutrient/pesticide application.
- Over the coming months Project Catalyst will be seeking feedback to guide the project in the coming years.

**Market Update**

- This week the sugar market moved lower under the weight of a producer selling.
- Having moved higher due to technical (computer driven) trading, the market struggled to remain at the higher levels.
- Reportedly Thai producers were selling into the rally and the India refiners were hedging above USD350/mt.
- Czarnikow has provided the following sobering assessment:
  - While there has been little fresh bearish news, crops in India and Thailand are progressing at a record pace with stocks increasing to problematic levels in both origins.
  - On top of this, if prices strengthen Brazilian mills will produce more sugar from their available cane at the expense of ethanol.
  - It is therefore difficult to see the market move past highs seen in October.
- This bearish news is all in the here and now of the market. In short there is still plenty of sugar in the world. This is expected to change later in the year. Many analysts are tipping the 2019-20 crop cycle will see the world production and consumption balance slip back into deficit, resulting in a more constructive price environment.

NB: This update contains basic general comments only and not financial advice. Marketing and pricing decisions should not be based on these comments. Readers should consider their own circumstances and take their own financial, legal and accounting advice as required.
Pricing information

2018 Season Advances Schedule
As at 28 February 2019

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Percentage rate approved by QSL Board

The program above is indicative only in its entirety and should not be taken as a commitment by QSL with regard to either the advance rate or date of increase. The program may change during the season depending on movements in the marketing and shipping plans, sugar price and currency movements and timing of cash flows. Suppliers’ positions in relation to any pricing elections may also impact the timing and size of advance payments.

QSL Indicative ICE 11 prices

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The figures quoted above are indicative of available ICE 11 prices as at the current date and reflect the weighted average AUD/mt price. The prices have been adjusted to include Over-the-Counter (OTC) margin fees charged by banking institutions and, therefore, may differ from daily prices quoted by the ICE #11 Exchange and/or other Marketers of Growers’ Economic Interest in Sugar (GEI Sugar). Values also do not account for any adjustments resulting from local grower-miller pricing arrangements. For more information, view the latest QSL Market Snapshot.

Estimated Wilmar 2018 Pool Prices
As at 28 February 2019

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Calculation using ICE Closing Prices or equivalent Bank Swap Rates and prevailing AUD/USD exchange rates.

Refer to https://www.wilmarsugarmills.com.au for additional Pricing information and trends.

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Growers can monitor QSL pool performance via the Price Pool Matrices published on the QSL website (www.qsl.com.au). This information is updated regularly and provides a sense of how the QSL-managed pools are performing over the current season.
1. QFF is looking for a Water Policy Adviser to join our team. This role will be accountable for policy regarding water reforms as they affect QFF member industries and the wider intensive agricultural sector. More information HERE.

2. The Reef Alliance E-Newsletter Summer Edition is now available! Stay up-to-date with the latest news from our partners including a new TechConnect Hub and biofertiliser trials to improve the health of the Great Barrier Reef. Read more HERE.

3. QFF industry member CANEGROWERS has welcomed Coca-Cola Amatil’s commitment to buying 100% sustainably accredited sugar for their non-alcoholic beverage range in Australia. It’s great news for the industry and the Smartcane BMP accredited growers. Details HERE.

4. 1.03 million landowners in 18 local government areas across the state have been issued with new land valuations. These local government areas represent approximately 60 per cent of all properties in Queensland. Find more information about land valuations and yours HERE.

5. The Australian Farmers for Climate Action’s Managing Climate Risk in Agriculture Conference next month is a unique opportunity to build increased resilience and climate smart agricultural practices on the basis of good science and solid evidence. For more information or to purchase your ticket click HERE.

6. QFF and industry members are frustrated following the introduction of new reef catchment regulations that will further restrict farmers as they struggle to recover from natural disasters and low commodity prices in some industries. Read QFF’s media statement HERE.

7. Australian Farmers for Climate Action invites you to their Managing Climate Risk in Agriculture Conference in the Granite Belt next month. They’re bringing leading farmers and industry experts to answer your questions, including QFF Project Manager Ross Henry. Details HERE.

8. If you missed QFF’s recent climate and weather workshops, tune into the upcoming Bureau of Meteorology Autumn 2019 climate and water webinar on Thursday, March 7. Register for more information to help you make important decisions for the season ahead HERE.

9. QFF industry member CANEGROWERS has welcomed moves by the Australian and Brazilian Governments to launch World Trade Organisation action against India’s sugar subsidies. Read their media statement HERE.

10. For years, QFF has been calling for greater investment in weather infrastructure to enable better preparedness, resilience, options, decision making and profitability in our sector. Doppler technology is on our radar and should also be on the Queensland and Australian Governments’. QFF’s QCL column HERE.
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