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Chair's Update

The crushing has been going for six (6) weeks with some stops and starts but in general it has been one of the better starts to the season. A total of 75,752 tonnes of cane was crushed in the preseason, including organic. Millaquin had some issues with No.1 Mill, but it was rectified before the core season started. CCS started quite low for preseason cane but with some extended cold weather we have seen the CCS rise quite sharply.

Harvesting conditions have been quite good up until this weekend with an approximate 20mm rain event across the district. Oreco have made their final payment for trash supplied last year albeit without the interest portion yet. Collins Hay are also in the district baling trash.

Matt has been kept busy with Reef Regulation audits with most of them going smoothly. Just a gentle reminder if you are planting cane make sure you obtain a soil test and N & P Budget to comply with these regulations as soil tests are something the auditors have been checking.

Some Directors met with Tyre Stewardship Australia to discuss possible outcomes for used tyres including recycling. There will be a survey to ascertain what used tyres are out there in the near future.

We welcomed QSL representatives to the region on 5 June to discuss the upcoming season, cash flow forecaster accuracy, request the opportunity for flexible advances and receive a market update. Adding further enhancements to the QSL Direct app will have benefits for all growers who market through QSL.

Area B Groundwater users will receive some information shortly about upcoming shed meetings. The shed meetings will be open to all Groundwater users and allow the opportunity to discuss upcoming changes for Area B license holders. The Department is looking to transition these licenses to allocations and is seeking feedback on zones and water trading rules.

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) have released their final determination on 2025-26 regulated retail electricity prices and electricity prices increases will apply from 1 July 2025.

Please contact the office on 4151 2555 to discuss reviewing tariffs to ensure growers are on the most cost-effective option for their situation. Further information is included on pages 8-9. ■

Mark Pressler
Chairman



Top Five (5) Issues We Have Been Working On

1. Ensuring that the Cane Analysis Program is being implemented and that issues are being resolved promptly and as per the program.
2. Assisting growers to switch electricity tariffs following the release of the QCA final determination for 2025-26.
3. Representing Growers on various issues including Groundwater metering, Sunwater pricing proposals and Oreco contract renewal.
4. Coordinating 2025 soybean season arrangements and payments to Grain in Cane Cooperative members.
5. Reviewing Bundaberg Regional Council budget including impact on Category 9 rate payers.



One-Eye Sett order forms are now due.

If you have not received an order form or have any further questions, please contact David Dowson on 0429 334 553.



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2024 Season Indicative Advances Program

Based on QSL reports 30 May 2025

Applicable From	Uncommitted Pool Advance (AUD/tonne IPS)		QSL Standard Advance Rate
Payment Date	Payment Change	To	
Initial	\$0	\$420	65.0%
15 Jun 24	\$-21	\$399	65.0%
11 Jul 24	\$0	\$399	65.0%
17 Aug 24	\$0	\$399	65.0%
14 Sep 24	\$17	\$416	65.0%
16 Oct 24	\$32	\$448	70.0%
20 Nov 24	\$77	\$525	72.5%
18 Dec 24	\$29	\$554	77.5%
15 Jan 25	\$16	\$570	80.0%
19 Feb 25	\$28	\$598	85.0%
19 Mar 25	\$21	\$619	87.5%
16 Apr 25	\$20	\$639	90.0%
21 May 25	\$12	\$651	92.5%
18 Jun 25	\$35	\$686	95%
By 31 July 25	\$18	\$704	100.0%

Notes:

Under QSL's Advances program, supplying growers and millers are paid a proportional amount of their current estimated final sugar pricing result. The 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. Based on indicative pool values, with a estimated combined QSL Harvest and US Quota pool value of \$704/t IPS as of 30 May 2025.

Note: The 'Applicable From' payment dates listed below may differ from your own payment dates due to your local milling arrangements and bank processing times.

This figure is an estimate only for the default QSL pricing position of 98% Harvest Pool + 2% US Quota Pool based on pool values as at the date specified. Please note that the pool values used to calculate the default payment will change as the season progresses. The default payment figure incorporates a weighted average Shared Pool allocation, with the Shared Pool allocation applied to grower payments varying in each region due to regional costs (regional Shared Pool details are available at www.qsl.com.au). The estimated payment figure quoted also does not include any applicable Loyalty Bonus, GST, allowances, deductions or any other adjustments incurred by the grower or passed on by their miller.

Accelerated Advances

Accelerated Advances Program participants receive 90% of their eligible products' indicative value by December each year. Under this scheme, Advance rates paid for tonnages in these products remain at 90% from each season, reverting to the QSL Standard Advance Rate from the subsequent May payment.

2025 Season Indicative Advances Program

Based on QSL reports 19 May 2025

Applicable From	Uncommitted Pool Advance (AUD/tonne IPS)		QSL Standard Advance Rate
Payment Date	Payment Change	To	
Initial	\$0	\$403	65.0%
18 Jun 25	\$0	\$403	65.0%
16 Jul 25	\$0	\$403	65.0%
20 Aug 25	\$0	\$403	65.0%
17 Sep 25	\$0	\$403	65.0%
15 Oct 25	\$31	\$434	70.0%
19 Nov 25	\$15	\$449	72.50%
17 Dec 25	\$31	\$480	77.50%
21 Jan 26	\$16	\$496	80.0%
18 Feb 26	\$31	\$527	85.0%
18 Mar 26	\$15	\$542	87.50%
15 Apr 26	\$16	\$558	90.0%
20 May 26	\$15	\$573	92.50%
17 Jun 26	\$31	\$604	97.50%
By 31 July 26	\$16	\$620	100.0%

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Summary of Wage Rates from 1 July 2025

This information is a **summary only** - for full details including weekend penalty rates, overtime and public holiday rates, refer to Fair Work Ombudsman website – Award Viewer - MA000087 (Sugar Industry Award 2020) - Part 4 – Field Sector – Wages and Allowances Clause 17 Minimum Rates & Schedule D Summary of Hourly Rates of Pay. ■

Type of Employment	Full/Part-Time Hourly Rate	Full/Part-Time Single Contract Hourly Rate	Casual Hourly Rate (Ordinary Hours exc Weekends)	Casual Single Contract Hourly Rate
Basis of Pay	(Ordinary Hours)			

Classification

Cultivation/Cane Production

Youths under 18 years	\$15.19	\$17.47	\$18.99	\$21.27
Youths 18-19 years	\$18.98	\$21.83	\$23.73	\$26.57
Inductee/Trainee	\$24.51	\$28.19	\$30.64	\$34.31
Grade 1	\$26.25	\$30.19	\$32.81	\$36.75
Grade 2	\$27.12	\$31.19	\$33.90	\$37.97

Classification

Cane Haulage

Inductee/Trainee	\$25.66	\$29.51	\$32.08	\$35.92
Grade 1	\$26.25	\$30.19	\$32.81	\$36.75
Grade 2	\$27.12	\$31.19	\$33.90	\$37.97

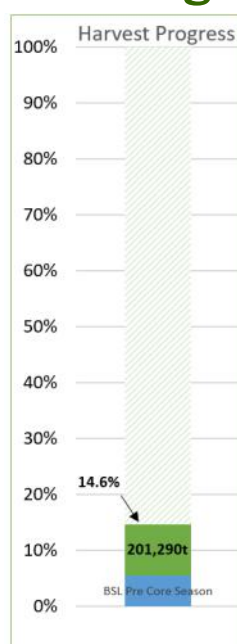
Classification

Cane Harvesting

Inductee/Trainee	\$26.25	\$30.19	\$32.81	\$36.75
Grade 1	\$27.12	\$31.19	\$33.90	\$37.97
Grade 2	\$28.12	\$32.34	\$35.15	\$39.37

Superannuation Guarantee (SG) rate of 12% applies from 1 July 2025. You'll need to use the new rate to calculate super on payments you make to employees on or after 1 July, even if some or all of the pay period is for work done before 1 July. Workers under 18 are eligible for SG when they work more than 30 hours in a week. ■

Crushing Statistics 2025 Season



Policy change regarding definition of primary production income for disaster assistance



The Queensland Government recently announced the broadening of the definition of *primary production income* for disaster assistance schemes administrated by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) under the joint Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DFRA).

A primary producer whose income includes agricultural support services such as cane harvesting, contract mustering, artificial insemination, cattle droving services, and contract milking services is now eligible for primary producer DFRA grants, as this is considered primary production income.

This means disaster-affected farmers who may have been previously ineligible for assistance in Queensland can apply for support measures like Disaster Recovery Grants, disaster loans and freight subsidies. These changes will also be

applied retrospectively to Queensland 2025 summer events.

What happens now?

Before applicants fitting the broadened definition of primary production income for disaster assistance schemes can apply for disaster assistance from QRIDA, the policy change will require regulatory amendments to formally enact this change. Government agencies are currently working to enact these amendments to facilitate this change.

Will there be communication when these policy changes are enacted?

Yes, there will be further announcement once the regulatory amendments have been enacted for this policy change.

QRIDA will also advise of the finalization of these amendments via the

QRIDA website, social media channels and email communication with relevant stakeholders.

When can applicants fitting the broadened definition of primary production apply for disaster assistance?

Primary producers, including those who have been previously declined a Disaster Assistance Recovery Grant or Loan from a 2025 disaster event based on their primary production income, who are considering applying can do so once the policy has been enacted.

Before applying, applicants are encouraged to contact QRIDA on 1800 623 946 or Bundaberg CANEGROWERS on 4151 2555 to discuss their individual circumstances.

QPS is shutting the gate on rural crime

Queensland Police Service (QPS) is helping landowners to safeguard their properties against rural crime as part of a new crime prevention initiative.

Shut the Gate on Rural Crime is a campaign designed to address the unique challenges of rural crime through targeted educational resources and a regional roadshow, where landowners can meet with QPS officers.

As part of the campaign, a dedicated Rural Crime Prevention webpage has been developed, featuring a suite of downloadable resources including security brochures detailing ways to deter fuel tank, livestock and machinery thefts. It also includes a property marking checklist, crime prevention handbook and a factsheet for reporting suspicious activity.

This initiative is designed to empower landowners with practical tools and knowledge to safeguard their properties, while also fostering strong connections between rural communities and local police.

To learn more about the initiative and access valuable rural crime prevention resources, visit www.police.qld.gov.au/RuralCrimePrevention.

Relative CCS

Sugar content of cane varieties varies throughout the season. It is by CCS and is usually low at the start (June), rises to a peak in early October then falls at the end of the season.

To ensure continuity of supply throughout the harvesting season, the relative payment system (relative CCS) is applied. In order to enable growers to supply cane early and late in the season (when CCS is lower) without penalty the growers' CCS is compared to the daily average of the cane supplied to the mill (relative to the mill).

The relativity is transferred across the season average CCS for the whole mill area. This means that a grower supplying cane at CCS 12.5 (mill average CCS) at the beginning of the season will receive the same payment as a grower supplying CCS 15 (mill average CCS) in September.

Because harvesting groups cut the crops and individual growers may only supply cane four (4) or five (5) weeks during the harvesting season, without the relative CCS payment scheme, the grower who cut cane during the lower CCS period would have great disadvantage compared to others.

Although relative CCS averages out CCS across the season growers are still rewarded for producing cane with a high CCS, regardless of when it was harvested.

Payments made to growers using the relative, require an estimated season CCS (base CCS) to determine the adjusted CCS figure above or below the mill average depending on grower relative CCS. This is then placed into the cane price formula agreed upon by Bundaberg CANEGROWERS and used by Bundaberg Sugar mills. The formula is:

Price of cane = price of raw sugar* x 0.009 x (CCS - 4) + \$0.6455

*Price of raw sugar IPS as quoted by QSL

The grower will receive more or less than the base price per tonne of cane according to the relationship of the grower's daily average CCS to the mill average CCS for that day.

Throughout the crush the base price may be increased or decreased on seasonal conditions with resulting adjustments in pay to growers. At the end of the season the base CCS is converted to actual season CCS, again with adjustments made to cane pays depending on how this final figure compared to the base CCS. ■

How to calculate relative CCS

This example uses three (3) harvesting rounds instead of the usual five (5), however the principle is the same regardless of how many rounds a grower receives.

To calculate the Grower's Daily Relative CCS you compare the difference between the Grower's Daily CCS and the Mill's Daily Average CCS.

1 st Round	Tonnes	Grower's CCS	Mill Average CCS
Grower supplies cane on 3 July	150	13.40	13.20
Grower supplies cane on 4 July	250	13.55	13.50
Grower supplies cane on 5 July	250	13.35	13.30
Total	650		

E.g. 13.40 (Grower's CCS) minus 13.20 (Mill CCS) = 0.20 plus units x 150t = 30 plus units
 13.55 minus 13.50 = 0.05 plus units x 250t = 12.5 plus units
 13.35 minus 13.30 = 0.05 plus units x 250t = 12.5 plus units
 = 55 plus units

then: divide the 55 plus units by tonnes supplied (650) = 0.0846153
 because they are plus units they are added to the Base CCS (13.8)
 $13.8 + 0.0846153 = 13.8846153$ (**Grower's Relative CCS**)

2 nd Round	Tonnes	Grower's CCS	Mill Average CCS
Grower supplies cane on 14 Aug	250	13.35	13.60
Grower supplies cane on 15 Aug	350	13.50	13.80
Grower supplies cane on 16 Aug	350	13.65	13.60
Total	950		

E.g. 13.35 (Grower's CCS) minus 13.60 (Mill CCS) = 0.25 minus units x 250t = 62.5 minus units
 13.50 minus 13.80 = 0.30 minus units x 350t = 105 minus units
 13.65 minus 13.60 = 0.05 plus units x 350t = 17.5 plus units
 = 150 minus units

then: divide 95 minus units (55 plus units + 150 minus units) by tonnes supplied (1600) = -0.059375
 because they are minus units, subtract the answer from the Base CCS (13.8)
 $13.8 - 0.059375 = 13.740625$ (**Grower's Relative CCS**)

3 rd Round	Tonnes	Grower's CCS	Mill Average CCS
Grower supplies cane on 3 Sept	250	14.35	14.10
Grower supplies cane on 4 Sept	350	14.50	14.25
Grower supplies cane on 5 Sept	350	14.45	14.35
Total	950		

E.g. 14.35 (Grower's CCS) minus 14.10 (Mill CCS) = 0.25 plus units x 250t = 62.5 plus units
 14.50 minus 14.25 = 0.25 plus units x 350t = 87.5 plus units
 14.45 minus 14.35 = 0.10 plus units x 350t = 35 plus units
 = 185 plus units

then: divide 90 plus units (95 minus units + 185 plus units) by tonnes supplied (2550) = 0.035294
 because they are plus units add the answer to the Base CCS (13.8)
 $13.8 + 0.035294 = 13.835294$ (**Grower's Relative CCS**)

Note:

- As the Base CCS is adjusted throughout the year you will receive an adjustment payment. When this occurs the grower needs to use the new adjusted Base CCS figure in their calculations.
- At season end when the Mill Average (Actual) CCS is substituted for Base CCS, the grower adds or subtracts the plus or minus units from throughout the season from the Mill Average CCS to determine the Grower's Relative CCS.

Sustainability within the Bundaberg Sugar Supply Chain



Bundaberg Sugar is committed to maintaining the highest standards of sustainability across its entire supply chain. As part of its certification under the Bonsucro Production Standard, and in alignment with its recently validated greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), the company is working to deepen its understanding of sustainable practices across all farms supplying cane to its mill.

Approximately 50% of the total cane supply comes from independent growers, whose ongoing partnership is highly valued. In response to growing interest from customers and external auditing bodies, Bundaberg Sugar is inviting

growers to participate in a short questionnaire. The purpose of this is to support compliance with sustainability requirements and to demonstrate continuous improvement in responsible and climate conscious sugar production.

The questionnaire focuses on four key areas of sustainability including human rights and the environment:

1. Risk of child labour
2. Risk of forced labour
3. Risks to water quality and quantity in the surrounding catchments
4. Conversion of natural ecosystems

Bundaberg Sugar appreciates the time and cooperation of all growers in completing this questionnaire. This input is essential

to ensuring the company continues to meet and exceed internationally recognised sustainability standards.

Thank you for your continued support.

Questionnaires will be delivered over the coming weeks and we kindly request that all surveys be completed and returned by 31 July, 2025. If a short phone call or face-to-face meeting is preferred, please contact BSL, as this can also be arranged.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out by contacting environment@bundysugar.com.au or via your GSO'S. ■

Cheaper Home Batteries Program

The \$2.3 billion Cheaper Home Batteries Program will support Australian households and small businesses with a discount on the cost of installing small-scale battery systems.

From 1 July 2025, the program will provide around a 30% discount on the upfront cost of installing eligible small-scale battery systems. The discount will be based on the battery's usable capacity and will gradually decrease until 2030.

The discount will generally be provided via solar and battery retailers and

installers. The Cheaper Home Batteries Program will be delivered through the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES), administered by the Clean Energy Regulator.

Eligible battery systems

Minimum and maximum battery size

- An eligible battery storage system must be in the range of 5 kilowatt-hours (kWh) to 100 kWh in nominal capacity. The nominal capacity is the maximum amount of energy a battery can store at full charge.

- The discount will be provided for up to 50 kWh of a battery system's usable capacity.

The program is intended to support residential and small-scale battery systems. Electric vehicles are not eligible battery systems for this program. Battery systems supported under the program can be installed either on or off-grid.

Eligibility details are yet to be finalised although if you are interested in installing a battery, please contact your preferred solar and battery retailer. ■

Agricultural Chemicals Licensing

In Queensland, commercial ground or aerial distribution of agricultural chemicals is regulated to reduce any adverse impacts of chemical use. There are four (4) types of licences available for the distribution of agvet chemicals.

Ground distribution Contractor License

Anyone in the business of ground distribution of herbicides, or who directs or authorises the ground equipment to be used by, or under the supervision of, a licensed commercial operator, on land owned by others, must hold **either a ground distribution contractor license or an aerial distribution contractor license.**

Commercial Operators License

A person who distributes (spray, spread or disperse) herbicides using ground equipment, on land that they do not own or occupy, must have a **commercial**

operator's license. An employee may spray an employer's land without the need for a commercial operators license.

A licensed commercial operator must carry out the ground distribution work during the business or under the direction or authority of a licensed ground distribution contractor or aerial distribution contractor.

Aerial Distribution Contractor License

Anyone in the business of aerial distribution of agricultural chemicals, or who directs or authorises an aircraft (manned or unmanned aerial vehicles) to do so, must hold an **aerial distribution contractor license.**

The aerial distribution contractor license must continue to hold the relevant Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) aviation authorisations for the manned or

unmanned aircraft that are listed in their license application. A licensed aerial distribution contractor may also distribute herbicides from the ground equipment, or direct or authorise ground equipment to be used to do so.

Pilot Chemical Rating license

All agricultural aircraft, whether manned or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) must be under the control of a licensed pilot in command. The pilot in command of the aircraft (manned or unmanned) must hold a **pilot chemical rating license** and an aerial distribution contractor license or operate under the direction of a licensed aerial distribution contractor.

For further information on agricultural chemical use, contact your local department of Primary Industries Office on 13 25 23, or search for "agricultural chemical records" at business.qld.gov.au. ■

Announced Allocation Advice - Bundaberg Water Supply Scheme

The initial announced allocation for Bundaberg Water Supply Scheme has been calculated for the 2025-26 water year under the rules defined by Bundaberg Water Supply Scheme Operations Manual and will be applicable until revised and communicated by Sunwater.

Kolan Subscheme

High Priority 100%
Medium Priority 100%
Effective Date: 1 July 2025

Burnett Subscheme

High Priority 100%
Medium Priority 100%
Effective Date: 1 July 2025

Approved carryover volumes will be advised once the previous water year has been finalised.

The current water storage levels can be viewed here:
<http://bit.ly/swstoragelevels>

The Operational Report is available on our website here:
<https://bit.ly/BundabergWss>

To check your estimated available water balance login to Sunwater Online here:
<https://bit.ly/SunwaterOnline>

Sunwater Online is available to customers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



This system puts you in control of your water and business via secure online facilities. To register for online access, please contact customer support on - 13 15 89

Should you have any enquiries regarding this advice please contact customer support by email customersupport@sunwater.com.au or by phone on 13 15 89 Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Power Prices on the Rise: What Growers Need to Know for 2025-26

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has released its final determination for regulated retail electricity prices for 2025-26. While wholesale energy costs have slightly decreased, rising network charges mean most electricity customers in regional Queensland will see higher bills in the year ahead.

Key Price Changes

- Residential customers (Tariff 11) approximately 3.8% increase
- Small businesses (Tariff 20) approximately 3.2% increase
- Large businesses (Tariffs 44-46) increases between 1.8% and 2.8%

These increases are a result of higher network charges, despite modest declines in energy generation costs.

Changes to Tariffs and Time-of-Use Pricing

Significant structural changes to tariffs are being implemented to align with new network pricing rules set by the Australian Energy Regulator. As a result, many familiar tariffs are being phased out, and new tariffs have been introduced with revised time-of-use (TOU) periods.

For Residential Customers:

- Peak: 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Off-Peak: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Shoulder: All other times

For Small Business Customers:

- Peak: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM (weekdays only)
- Off-Peak: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Shoulder: All other times

New tariffs such as 12D, 22E and 44A, will replace several outgoing tariffs, including 22C, 24A and 44, some of which will be phased out by 1 July 2025, while others are subject to a 12-month transition period.

What This Means for Growers

Irrigation and residential electricity use on-farm may be significantly affected by these changes. Depending on your load profile and daily usage patterns, the new tariff structure may offer opportunities for cost savings—or lead to higher charges if left unchecked.

Growers are strongly encouraged to review their current tariff arrangements and explore alternative options before the

new prices come into effect.

Tools Available to Assist

- CANEGROWERS Electricity Tariff Tool: Available now to help members assess current and alternative tariffs based on their usage.
- QFF Electricity Comparison Tool: Currently in testing and due for public release soon.
- Contact the office for assistance in reviewing your tariffs.

These tools allow you to input your consumption data and compare tariffs to identify the best fit for your farming operation.

Next Steps

Growers are encouraged to contact their electricity provider or the office to discuss available tariffs and ensure they are not left on an obsolete or suboptimal plan. Early action could prevent avoidable increases in power bills in the upcoming financial year.

For more information or assistance, contact Bundaberg CANEGROWERS on 41 512555. ■



***OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES,
AND PROMOTE UNITY IN THE INTEREST OF GROWERS***

Regional Electricity Prices 2025-26

Small Customer Tariff

Tariff	Description	Charge Type	Rate	Unit
20	Small business flat-rate primary tariff	Usage Daily supply charge	32.365 182.788	c/kWh c/day
22D	Small business time-of-use primary tariff	Usage: Peak (5pm-8pm weekdays) Day (11am-1pm) Night (all other times) Daily supply charge	49.946 21.51 29.053 187.464	c/kWh c/kWh c/kWh c/day
22E	Small business time-of-use primary tariff	Usage: Peak (5pm-8pm weekdays) Day (11am-1pm) Night (all other times) Daily supply charge	59.802 6.853 27.33 187.464	c/kWh c/kWh c/kWh c/day
24C	Small business time-of-use monthly demand primary tariff	Demand Peak (5pm-8pm weekdays) All other times Usage: Peak (5pm-8pm weekdays) Day (11am-1pm) Night (all other times) Daily supply charge	8.095 0 23.348 21.51 29.053 160.673	\$/kW \$/kW c/kWh c/kWh c/kWh c/day
31	Small customer flat-rate secondary tariff with interruptible supply.	Usage	16.471	c/kWh
33	Small customer flat-rate secondary tariff with interruptible supply.	Usage	17.395	c/kWh
34	Small business flat-rate primary tariff with interruptible.	Usage Daily supply charge	23.862 160.673	c/kWh c/day

Large Customer Tariff

Tariff	Description	Charge Type	Rate	Unit
43	Large business inclining-block primary tariff. Only available for standard meters.	Usage Up to 97,000 kWh per year All remaining usage Daily supply charge	21.065 18.902 5673.172	c/kWh c/kWh c/day
44A	Large business monthly demand primary tariff. Demand threshold 35 kVA	Chargeable demand Usage Daily supply charge	23.06 19.207 5673.172	\$/kVA C/kWh C/day
49	Large business time-of-use primary tariff	Usage: Peak (5pm-8pm weekdays) Day (11am-1pm) Night (all other times) Daily supply charge	41.569 17.179 36.691 27189.16	c/kWh c/kWh c/kWh c/day
50B	Large business time-of-use monthly demand primary tariff.	Demand: Peak (5pm-8pm weekdays) Day (11am-1pm) Night all other times); or Peak (5pm-8pm weekdays) Day (11am-1pm) Night (all other times) Usage: Peak (5pm-8pm weekdays) Day (11am-1pm) Night (all other times) Daily surcharge	23.06 0 8.532 25.622 0 9.48 17.179 17.179 19.769 5201.456	\$/kVA \$/kVA \$/kVA \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW c/kWh c/kWh c/kWh c/day
60A	Large business flat-rate primary tariff with interruptible supply.	Usage Daily supply charge	22.042 5245.772	c/kWh c/day
60B	Large business flat-rate secondary tariff with interruptible supply.	Usage	22.042	c/kWh

Obsolete Tariffs

Tariff	Description	Charge Type	Rate	Unit
22B	Obsolete small business time-of-use inclining-band primary tariff. Scheduled phase-out date: 30 June 2026	Usage: Peak (4pm-9pm weekdays) Day (9am-4pm) Night (all other times) Daily supply charge: Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 Band 5	44.496 26.085 38.128 168.569 200.006 231.443 263.084 294.621	c/kWh c/kWh c/kWh c/day c/day c/day c/day c/day
22C	Obsolete small business time-of-use inclining-band primary tariff. Scheduled phase-out date: 30 June 2026	Usage: Peak (4pm-9pm weekdays) Day (9am-4pm) Night (all other times) Daily supply charge: Band 1 Band 2 Band 3 Band 4 Band 5	56.515 12.125 37.942 168.569 200.06 231.443 263.084 294.621	c/kWh c/kWh c/kWh c/day c/day c/day c/day c/day
24A	Obsolete small business time-of-use monthly demand primary tariff. Scheduled phase-out date: 30 June 2026	Demand: Peak (pm-9pm weekdays) All other times Usage Daily supply charge	6.123 0 28.882 168.569	\$/kW \$/kW c/kWh c/day
44	Obsolete large business monthly demand primary tariff. Demand threshold 30 kW / 35 kVA. Scheduled phase-out date: 30 June 2026	Chargeable demand; or Chargeable demand Usage Daily supply charge	29.473 26.524 19.093 4730.57	\$/kW \$/kVA c/kWh c/day

Training Opportunities



The SmartAg Queensland project continues to go from strength to strength having delivered training to more than 1000 farmers across Queensland since June 2024. QFF, alongside peak body members and delivery partners Cotton Australia, CANEGROWERS and Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers, have delivered priority training to the cotton, cane and horticulture sectors across Queensland. ■

Course	Date	Subsidy
Forklift Training (Strategix)	15-17 July 22-24 July	50%
Forklift Training (ASTA-Formal Course Work)	17 July 20 August 26 September	50%
Pilot/Escort Training	TBA	50%
Chemical Safety Training	22 July	50%
Truck Training and Licensing	Contact Bundaberg CANEGROWERS	75% off MR, HR, HC 50% off MC
Remote Pilot License Training	Contact Bundaberg CANEGROWERS	50%

If you or your employees are interested in undertaking any of the training listed above, please contact the office on 4151 2555 or by email to bdb_office@bdbcanegrowers.com.au with participant details including full name, address, date of birth, phone number, email address and invoicing details. These details will be passed on to the relevant training organisation to ensure you receive the subsidy upon enrolment. ■

Women In Sugar Update - June 2025

It's been a busy and rewarding few months for Women in Sugar as we've celebrated local achievements, gained valuable industry knowledge, and continued to support and connect women in the sugar industry.

March: Sugar Cane Awards Evening

In March, we proudly held our annual Sugar Cane Awards Evening, a special event dedicated to celebrating the hard work and achievements of our local farmers. It was a fantastic night of recognition, reflection, and appreciation for the dedication and effort that goes into every season. Congratulations to all the award recipients – your commitment to excellence keeps our industry strong and thriving.

Women in Sugar Annual Conference – Mackay 2025

Shortly after, Dianne and I had the pleasure of attending this year's Women in Sugar Annual Conference in Mackay, accompanied by two of our newest members, Alicia and Nell. The event brought together inspiring women from across the industry and beyond, offering a dynamic mix of motivational stories, industry updates, and meaningful networking.

Inspiring Speakers

We were fortunate to hear from a line-up of incredible women:

- Suzie from QSL – Suzie, the company's lawyer and a bronze medalist in water polo from the Beijing Olympics, shared her journey and spoke about legal aspects within

the sugar industry. Her story was a powerful reminder of perseverance and excellence.

- Kerrie from Cluster Cures – Kerrie's emotional and inspiring presentation told of her difficult upbringing and how she overcame immense challenges to find success. Her courage and determination were deeply moving.
- Sara, Boudoir Photographer – Sara encouraged us all to embrace self-love and body positivity. Her message highlighted the importance of confidence, personal growth, and celebrating who we are as women.

Industry Insights

Alongside the inspiring stories, the conference delivered practical and timely information. Presentations included updates on land values, legal considerations for selling farms, and other relevant industry matters. This kind of knowledge is essential for empowering women to make informed decisions and confidently manage their roles in agriculture.

Social & Networking

A standout moment was the evening dinner – a chance to enjoy great food, fantastic company, a little dancing, and lots of laughter. Events like these help strengthen the bonds between members and remind us of the vibrant and supportive community we're a part of.

Weather Challenges & Detours

Unfortunately, due to severe weather and flooded roads, our planned visit to Tom's Machinery Museum had to be cancelled.



We made our way home as soon as possible, detouring around several road closures. Of course, we couldn't resist a cheeky stop at the Sarina Sugar Shed for a little rum tasting before continuing the journey!

Key Takeaway

The heart of the conference's message was clear: Women are strong, capable, and deserving of recognition. We should continue to support each other, be proud of our achievements, and never forget the value of community and resilience.

Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker

We were also pleased to welcome Matt Leighton from CANEGROWERS to one of our recent monthly meetings. Matt provided valuable guidance around the requirements for reef regulations, helping our members better understand their obligations and how to stay compliant. His input was informative and appreciated by all.

If you're curious about what Women in Sugar is all about, we invite you to reach out via email or Facebook. We're always keen to welcome new members and encourage more women to get involved in our meetings and events. Together, we grow stronger.

Annie Attard - President- Women in Sugar. ■





Bundaberg CANEGROWERS Ltd

Representation on Your Behalf

The Chairman, Elected Members and Staff of Bundaberg CANEGROWERS represented cane growers on a number of occasions. Executive members also attended many Branch meetings and other engagements in their own time.

DATE	MEETING	PURPOSE	FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
27.05.25	Queensland Primary Industries Blueprint	To receive update	Tanya Howard
30.05.25	2025 Bundaberg NIR Mill Juice Sampling - SRA	To review logistics	Tanya Howard Courtney Moar
04.06.25	Southern Region SRA Update	To receive update	Tanya Howard
04.06.25	Bundaberg Regional Ratepayers Association	To receive update	Tanya Howard
05.06.25	Mark Hampson, CEO, QSL	To provide update	Directors Tanya Howard
09.06.25	QCGO Monthly District Manager Meeting	To represent members	Tanya Howard
10.06.25	Tyre Stewardship Australia	To discuss pilot program	Mark Pressler Dean Cayley Anna Attard Tanya Howard
16.06.25	Regional Business HQ Board Meeting	To represent members	Tanya Howard
18.06.25	QCGO Farm Performance & Productivity Committee	To represent members	Tanya Howard
19.06.25	Coastal Burnett Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee	To represent members	Tanya Howard
20.06.25	QCGO Industry Performance & Evolution Committee	To represent members	Tanya Howard

CLASSIFIED & JOB ADVERTISEMENTS

As a free service to financial members, small suitable classified & employment advertisements of up to thirty (30) words only will be printed.

Advertisements will be accepted from non-members, charged at \$11 per seven (7) word line or part thereof.

Contact

Bundaberg CANEGROWERS Office on telephone no. 4151 2555 or email bdb_office@bdbcanegrowers.com.au.

CLASSIFIEDS

Property for sale

Cane farm for sale, located in Bundaberg/Yandaran.
Area - 113.7HA
CPA - 40HA + Powered shed + 3 dams.
Ph: 0428416040

JOBS BOARD

Looking for haul out work

David Hayward, very experienced Haulout driver looking for work this season, experienced in elevator bins, side tippers, 4 x4 and artics.
Email: dhayward350@gmail.com
Ph: 0487051874

Looking for full time haulage work

Dean Gretton, looking for a career change. Qualifications: Holds a HR licence, Car license, boilermaker trade and diesel fitter trade. Previous employment at LJ engineering, Carbine machinery hire, previously helped plant cane in Gin Gin area. Available anytime, lives in Emu Park but willing to move.
Ph: 0419 103 221
Email: daygretton75@outlook.com

Groundwater Announced Allocations

2025/26 Start of Water Year Announced Entitlements

Growers who utilise groundwater for irrigation and are either in Area A or Area B should have received their Announced Allocations for 2025/26 water year.

Due to the large number of zones within these areas it is hard to comment specifically however on average many growers would have received a similar starting allocation in 2025 as they did in 2024. For the allocations to increase we need a wet season that provides runoff and opportunities to recharge the aquifer. ■

AE	Unit 1 Elliot Formation		Unit 2 Fairymead Beds	
	Area A Water Allocations	Area B Water Allocations	Area A Water Allocation	Area B Water Allocations
55%	037			
60%	025,026			
65%				
70%				
75%	015, 016	074		
80%			080, 081, 082	
85%	002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036	021, 070		
90%	001, 063, 064, 065			
95%	009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 017, 018, 019, 020, 027, 028, 029	022,023,024, 061		
100%	038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 052, 053, 054, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 060, 066, 067, 068	062, 069, 071, 073, 075, 076, 077, 078	084, 085, 086, 087, 088, 089, 090, 091, 092, 094, 095	097, 099, 100

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