

Notes for website – Broadwater CSMC 21/04/23	
Deteriorated Cane	<p>Agreement was reached with Richmond cane growers to review the allocations of missed samples in paddocks that were identified as deteriorated (flooded cane) and NIR results were deemed invalid.</p> <p>At Broadwater this involved 20,096 T. This process is almost complete, and it showed that 14 farms were underpaid (5,123 T). The calculated payments are not large and totalled about \$4,600 and a one-off payment will be made to these growers. 35 farms were overpaid by about \$9,600 – this would not be reversed.</p> <p>This exercise has reinforced that the traditional allocation method of highest of previous or subsequent is generally the best outcome.</p>
Cane Analysis	<p>Review Committee agreed that the Cane Analysis Manual changes as proposed be accepted with the following amendment to section 5.2.3: If there is a consistent difference between the lab and NIR results for a paddock, then NIR pol and brix results from the paddock will be deemed invalid and results from the primary laboratory method for pol & brix will be used along with the NIR fibre result to calculate CCS for the whole paddock <u>provided that greater than 10% of tonnes from that paddock have valid lab analysis.</u></p> <p>SAM machine will not be ready for the 2023 season so will have to operate the same as for 2022 i.e. 2 shifts doing manual analysis.</p> <p>Growers with deteriorated cane encouraged to do small mill tests prior to harvest.</p>
Crop Estimate	<p>Grower estimate came in at 353kT at an average yield of 94T/Ha. Satellite estimate 408kT @ 107T/Ha.</p> <p>Harwood crop expected to be lower than forecast.</p> <p>Transfer from Harwood not going ahead. Total crop to be crushed at Broadwater 353kT.</p>
Mill Maintenance	Progressing well. Major focus is mills, vessels and feeding station VSD.
Flood Recovery	Demolition of flood damaged buildings and tanks almost completed. New buildings ordered and will start arriving in May. Will run lab and molasses as in 2022.
Staffing	Critical shortage of trades and operators. Recruitment has been successful for operators but does mean that will have very high training needs during the crush. Relying on contractors for trades. Have appointed a recruitment agency to assist with recruitment.
2023 Crush Plan	Proposed start is 3 rd July and run 5-day operations for whole season (21 weeks). Details to be worked out.
1. Transport	12 trucks and 117 bins. Restrictions on Tatham bridge will impact trip times for cane to the North. Plan being developed
2. Harvesting	FEDC will work between Broadwater and Condong. Bin allocations as follows: FEDC 15, Kintail 29, WHC 31, LRRHC 53, BE 26, BC 33.
3. Pads	Program of work has been put together for the non-crush period. Spraying of pads underway.
4. PAE	1,213 ha of PAE to be cancelled. 35% fallow.
5. EOI Harvesting of Corporate Farming Cane	Some growers concerned at EOI being issued. Under standard T&Cs, growers have the right to determine who harvests their cane. Growers in other mill areas have exercised that right.