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Pioneer Mill Production Superintendent Tyrone Small and Administration Assistant Kelsey Shand (right) are among those from Wilmar who have assisted Adele Zubrzycka and the team undertaking the archaeological dig at Pioneer. Right: One of the clay tobacco pipe stems that the dig team has uncovered.

Digging up the past

Artefacts possibly dating back to the 19th century have been uncovered during an archaeological dig currently under way on the Pioneer Mill estate.

It is hoped that the items, including stems of clay tobacco pipes and part of a pipe bowl featuring a man's face, are just the start of what lies beneath the grassed area near Pioneer's housing estate.

The dig, which will continue for most of April, is being undertaken to search for artefacts belonging to South Sea Islanders who lived and worked at Pioneer Mill up until the early 20th century.

It is part of the *Archaeology, collections and Australian South Sea Islanders lived identities* project – a collaboration between several Australian South Sea Islander organisations

in Queensland, and researchers from the Queensland Museum, University of Sydney, The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, and Federation University.

University of Queensland PhD Candidate Adele Zubrzycka, who is helping to coordinate the dig, said the team hoped to uncover remnants of huts that South Sea Islanders lived in while working at Pioneer.

Adele and her team approached Wilmar Sugar last year seeking permission to undertake a shallow excavation of several sites of interest at Pioneer, based off historical maps of the estate.

The team commenced work at Pioneer on 4 April.

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Generous giving

Wilmar Sugar ANZ's Australian employees generously donated almost \$20,000 to charities through the company's Workplace Giving Program in 2021.

The pre-tax giving, processed through Wilmar's Payroll team, included \$3,300 for the Cancer Council, about \$3,000 for disability services provider Cootharinga North Queensland, and almost \$2,500 for the Salvation Army.

Of the total donations, almost \$3,000 came from Sugar Australia employees, with the remainder contributed from Wilmar Sugar Australia employees from Ingham in the north to Melbourne in the south.

Community Relations Manager Kylie Newman said support for the Workplace

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Adele said Ground Penetrating Radar investigations, led by Kelsey Lowe from the University of Queensland, were used to help hone in on the excavation area, with several test trenches then dug.

She said the discovery of the personal artefacts was encouraging but it was hoped more significant treasures and building features would



Artefacts uncovered during the dig may date back to the 19th century.

be uncovered as the dig progressed.

"We don't expect to have to excavate more than 20cm," Adele said.

"The clay pipe ends were found at about 10-15cm."

Members of the Burdekin's Australian South Sea Islander community were invited to join Wilmar employees and their families at a Community Day held at the dig site on 9 April to see the dig in progress and find out more about the lived identities project. The Community Day was led and co-ordinated by Imelda Miller and Geraldine Mate from the Queensland Museum.



Archaeologist Shona Lindsay is among those participating in the archaeological dig near Pioneer's housing estate.

"We had more than 20 people attend. It went really well; everyone was very engaged," Adele said.

Any artefacts uncovered during the dig will be examined for their historical significance and recorded but will remain the property of Wilmar.

Burdekin Regional Operations Manager Paul Turnbull, who has overseen the excavation, said Wilmar would consult with local ASSI representatives about how any artefacts would be best preserved.

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Workplace Giving PROGRAM



Giving Program had steadily increased since it was launched early in 2020.

"Employees are increasingly taking the opportunity to make a pre-tax donation to one or more of the 12 charities included in the Workplace Giving Program," Kylie said.

"Under our previous Matched Giving Program – a legacy from our CSR ownership - giving had dropped to less than \$3,000 a quarter; it is now averaging nearly \$5,000 a quarter.

"It shows the generosity of our people and their willingness to financially support organisations that are working to help improve the lives of Australians in many different ways.

"Some of our long-serving employees have been supporting these charities through payroll deductions for decades."

That includes Inkerman Mill Rigger and Scaffolder Arthur Zemek (pictured), who has supported charities such as the National Heart Foundation for more than 20 years.



Arthur, who has worked at Inkerman for 45 years, said he started supporting the Heart Foundation after his brother had heart issues. Since then, Arthur himself and a number of other family members have benefitted from the charity's work.

"I've had open heart surgery," he said. "The way I see it, I got some of what I've given back.

"Workplace giving is a great way to support charities but it's also a good way to help yourself.

"You never know when you, or someone you know, might need the help of these charities."

Arthur said he gave each charity he supported \$5 a week.

"I don't even notice it out of my weekly pay and it's pre-tax. It's the best way to do it," he said.

"You don't have to give a lot of money each pay for it to add up to a significant amount over time."

More information about the Workplace Giving Program, as well as the [Charity Deduction Authority Form](#) to start donations, is available on Sweetspot or through your HR or Payroll representative.

New Zealand Sugar employees can donate to thousands of approved charities through the Government's Payroll Giving program. Employees receive their 33.3% donation rebate immediately via payroll. The list of approved organisations is published on the [Inland Revenue website](#).



Tickled pink

The distinctive Chelsea pink that features throughout the Chelsea Bay Visitor Centre can now also be found on its front lawn.

Five new bright pink picnic tables have been installed to give café customers and centre visitors the chance to enjoy the outdoors and beautiful view of Auckland's Waitemata Harbour.

Chelsea Bay Manager Ginny Brocklehurst said the tables, which each feature a large red umbrella for shade, were proving popular as a COVID-safe option for patrons.

Ginny and New Zealand Sugar Sales & Marketing Manager Sean Nattress (pictured) recently took the opportunity to try out the tables and sample the Sugar Café's delicious hot cross buns.

Investment reinforces commitment to milling regions



Proserpine Mill's Loco 12 has undergone a complete upgrade.



The major components of Kalamia Mill's new evaporator have all been installed.

The Cane Products team is busy finalising work programs across its milling and cane transport assets, in readiness for the 2022 crushing season.

Wilmar is investing almost \$200 million in capital and maintenance across the milling business this year.

Operations General Manager Mike McLeod said the re-investment in assets demonstrated Wilmar's long-term commitment to regional communities.

"Our teams have worked to address a number of reliability issues from the 2021 crush season, and implemented major capital replacement projects," Mike said.

Those include a new Pan 5 at Macknade Mill (\$5M), a new evaporator for Kalamia

Mill (\$6M), a new No.3 boiler air heater for Proserpine Mill (\$4.7M), upgrade of Plane Creek Mill's bagasse transfer tower (\$1.2M), and rebuilds of three Mackay region locomotives (\$1.8M each).

"Our capital works program is currently on track. However, we have faced additional challenges with supply chain and labour force issues this year due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 and very tight labour market," Mike said.

Pre-season commissioning programs are expected to kick off in early May.

Current season start dates are:

- Burdekin mills 7 June
- Herbert mills 7 June
- Proserpine Mill 21 June
- Plane Creek Mill 7 June

An expert economic analysis report released by the Australian Sugar Milling Council last month highlights the importance of sugar mills to regional communities.

The report shows that the Queensland sugar manufacturing industry contributed \$3.8 billion to the Queensland economy in 2020/21 and supported almost 20,000 direct and indirect jobs.

The economic contribution included \$1 billion in the Northern region, encompassing the Hinchinbrook, Townsville, Charters Towers and Burdekin local government areas, and more than \$900 million in the Mackay region, encompassing the Whitsunday, Mackay and Isaac shires.



Peter Simpson (right) at Chelsea's 125th birthday celebrations with current Chelsea Operations Manager Russell Fisher and former Logistics and Procurement Manager Kathy Gilroy.

In 2015, Peter received the Sugar Industry Technologists' Crystal Award – a global award recognising Achievement in Sugar Technology.

Peter to cap off career *with a first*

After half a century in sugar refineries, Peter Simpson will experience a career first in the coming weeks.

Peter, Wilmar International's Group Technical Head for refining, will travel to Yanbu, in Saudi Arabia, to help commission Wilmar's newly constructed Durrah Refinery.

Having spent much of his career in the Yarraville and Chelsea refineries, which boast a combined total of more than 280 years of operation, the opportunity to be involved with the design and commissioning of a brand new factory is exciting; so much so, Peter has deferred retirement in order to be part of it.

"I always intended to see the new refinery commissioned before I retired," he said.

"There have been significant delays with the commissioning timeline, largely due to COVID-19, so I have had to wait longer than I originally anticipated.

"Fortunately, preparations for performance testing are now progressing and I expect to fly over there in the near future.

"I've worked on a number of big projects in my career but have never been involved with the commissioning of a new factory so it's very exciting."

The trip to Saudi Arabia will be Peter's first international flight since the pandemic began early in 2020. For the past two years he has performed his global role via video calls and emails from his desk at Chelsea Refinery, with large periods spent working from home, due to lockdowns.

Peter had been in his current role for about a decade before travel was halted, which meant he already had a strong knowledge of all nine Wilmar refineries under his technical watch.

"In the early days in this role, I was spending about half of my time overseas," he said.

"I was fortunate that I had been to all the sites prior to COVID, so I know the factories intimately and most of the key people.

"COVID has taught us that we don't need to travel as much as we did. But when you're on site, you can see, feel, hear, and smell things that don't show up in reports."

Peter commenced his career with CSR fresh out of university, working as a shift supervisor at Chelsea Refinery. He brought a Masters in Chemistry to the role and found himself in well-qualified company, with two other Masters graduates employed as shift supervisors around the same time.

"CSR had a very strong focus on technical excellence and looked to employ the best-quality people," he said.

"As a milling and refining business, we have long been recognised for our technical expertise."

After about three years as shift supervisor, Peter was offered a job with CSR's Technical Group in Sydney, looking after sugar refineries. At the time, CSR owned six refineries in Australia and New Zealand.

Peter and two of his colleagues were each given two refineries to look after.

Coincidentally, Peter was given Chelsea and Yarraville – the only two of the six that remain in operation.

Later in his career, Peter was the South Australia Regional Manager when CSR decided to close the first of the other four refineries.

"Glanville Refinery, in Port Adelaide, closed in April 1991 – in its centenary year," he said.

"I was the South Australia Regional Manager for four-and-a-half years, over the period of firstly trying to save the refinery, then managing its closure, and establishment of a depot as a local hub to supply the South Australia market, mostly from Yarraville."

With a wealth of technical and operational experience under his belt, Peter's current role is responsible for benchmarking Wilmar's global refineries and identifying opportunities for improvement. He does this alongside Australia-based colleague Rob Stobie, who will step into Peter's role after he retires.

"Part of my focus is on achieving better standardisation around the way performance is measured and what that data means," he said.

Peter also provides technical support to his manager, Group Technical Co-ordinator Mark Moriarty, around opportunities for Wilmar to build new factories or acquire existing ones.

Those opportunities include the new Durrah Refinery, the commissioning of which will cap off a diverse and rewarding career in sugar refineries.

The heart of customer service

Having joined Sugar Australia just before COVID-19 arrived in the country, Michele McCardle had an unconventional start to her job as Customer Service Manager.

Looking back, Michele says starting the new role was probably one of the biggest working challenges of her career.

Although she had years of customer service management under her belt, she was faced with the challenges of moving buildings shortly after arriving in the business, and then the team working remotely during the pandemic. This meant she was isolated from a business she was trying to learn about.

Michele was not actively looking for a new role when she noticed the customer service position advertised on LinkedIn just over two years ago. By chance, shortly after, a recruiter reached out about a role she would

be perfect for - the same one she had seen on LinkedIn. It seemed she was destined to join the Sugar Australia team.

Fast forward two years, and Michele is proud of the seven customer service representatives she leads, and the culture she has helped forge.

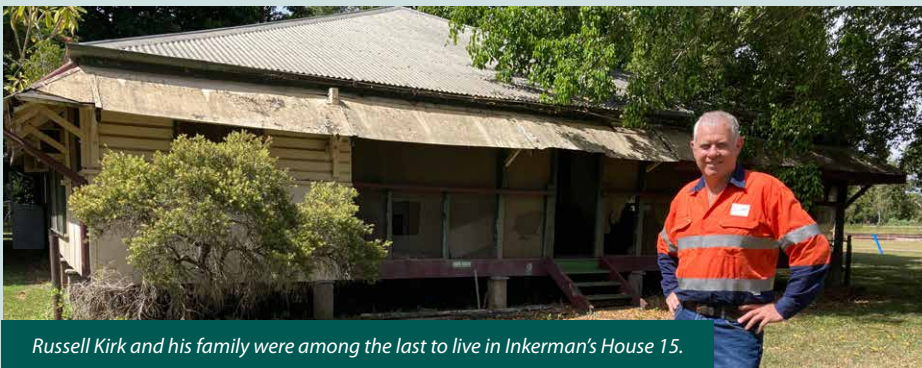
"The team is focused on achieving results and getting the job done, but can probably also win the prize for being the loudest team in the Yarraville office," she said.

"On a daily basis the customer service team can be dealing with a broad range of requests, anything from managing the supply of bulk sugar to key customers such as Mondelez, Nestle, Coke and Asahi, to working with beekeepers who need sugar to feed their bees.



"I am extremely proud of the team that we have built over this time and their ability to tackle any challenge they are faced with on a daily basis, as well as their commitment to ensuring our customers are happy with our service and have their silos full with sugar," Michele said.

Final farewell for House 15



Russell Kirk and his family were among the last to live in Inkerman's House 15.

After more than 100 years at the Inkerman Mill estate, a historic Queenslander affectionately known as House 15, has been sold for relocation and a fresh start in Townsville.

The timber and corrugated iron house has accommodated dozens of mill employees and their families over the past century but has not been used as a home for many years.

In the spirit of reusing and repurposing, it was decided that, rather than demolish the piece of rich milling history, it, and three other vacant Queenslanders on the estate, would be offered for sale to the public.

Technical Services Manager Russell Kirk and his family were among the last to call House 15 home. After moving to the Burdekin, the Kirk family was in need of temporary accommodation while the house they owned in Ayr was undergoing renovations.

This was expected to last only a couple of months.

Russell said the mill house was not in good condition when he first visited it, and he spent several weekends tidying it up before the family moved in.

"The old house had a few holes and some bouncing beams under the floor but it was a large and surprisingly comfortable old house," he said.

"In that first couple of weeks while getting the house cleaned up, I had a little incident where I came face to face with a big black snake which had been curled up on the window sill right behind my neck.

"Now, my wife makes no secret of the fact that she is petrified of snakes, so I wasn't about to tell her there was one in the house she was about to move into. That would have to remain my little secret if we were to

have somewhere to live."

The renovations on the Kirks' Ayr home took longer than expected, so the family ended up calling House 15 home for almost three years. Russell said that, in that time, the family enjoyed living on the Inkerman estate, and formed friendships that endured today.

"After a few years we finally packed up and moved ourselves to Ayr and left the old house to gather dust and snakes," he said.

"We have dropped in occasionally to take a look at the old place, and it is sad to see it deteriorating, so it's great to know it will get a new chance at life."

Self-proclaimed "Queenslander Crusader" Jo Veneman, from Townsville-based Renewable Homes, was thrilled to strike a deal with Wilmar to secure the four houses for sale and removal.

"It was an effort to preserve history, and save the houses from further deterioration," Jo said.

"Removing and selling them saves Wilmar from demolition costs, and will give the houses a renewed life."

House 15 is expected to be removed in August. It will be split into three sections to make the journey across the Burdekin Bridge, then transported to the Townsville suburb of Stuart, where it will be renovated and utilised as an extension to another Queenslander.

Take five with ...



Kerrie Payne

Position: OH&S Coordinator

Length of service:

I started in the lab at Inkerman Mill in 1986. Spent eight crushing seasons there and four maintenance seasons as an offsider to the electricians. Spending time with these departments certainly enabled me

to learn about different areas of the mill. In 1993, I started my move into the safety area, as a secretary to the Inkerman Mill Safety Officer. In 1999, I was appointed the site Workplace Health and Safety Officer for Inkerman and then moved into a Cane Products role of Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator in 2014.

What is your role responsible for?

I am part of Cane Products' EHS team and mainly look after anything to do with health or occupational hygiene - from ensuring our medical providers are following Wilmar procedures, to monitoring the blood lead results of our lab employees.

What does a typical day look like for you?

Most days start and finish with reviewing health assessments. When I am not reviewing those, I am working through the documentation for managing processes like lead, asbestos, drug and alcohol testing, flu vaccinations etc.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I like the people part of my role. I like that I get to interact with lots of people from

different departments in our business.

When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a nurse. Mum was a nurse for many years; she loved her work so much that I wanted to follow in her footsteps.

Who has influenced your career the most?

Mostly my family but I certainly have had the guidance of so many knowledgeable people in my career, too many to name - some have since retired and some still work for Wilmar. Also my EHS team; we all have different strengths but we work well as a team and that is really important.

What's the best advice you've been given?

Greet everyone with a smile.

What do you like to do outside of work?

Anything to do with spending time with family and friends. My husband and I are very fortunate to have a small cattle property that family and friends love to visit.



Jacob Snyman, Talbot Cox, Terry Morato, Glauco Defendi.

Lisa and Denis Pozzebon, John Pierotti, Glauco Defendi, Paul and Fiona Villis.

AgServices brings back the Season Launch

The team from AgServices bravely brought back their fertiliser Season Launch events this year, after a two-year pause due to COVID-19.

The series of grower engagement events were planned for a two-week window, starting on 22 March and covering the Mackay, Proserpine and Burdekin regions.

For the most part, the lunch and dinner presentations ran smoothly and were well attended, although a local COVID outbreak did force the team to postpone the Sarina meeting by several weeks.

AgServices Business Manager George Russell said the Season Launch meetings

were an important opportunity to provide farmers with the latest information on crop nutrition and fertiliser management.

This year's presentations focused on the benefits of Bio Dunder's high organic carbon content, and why Bio Dunder is safe for the environment.

"We've collated some important research on nutrient pathways and explained why Bio Dunder® liquid fertilisers are reef compliant," he said.

"Our agronomists also explained why organic carbon is king when it comes to soil health and productivity."



Larry and Matthew Muller, Jacob Snyman.

Cadets take on drafting

Three new cadets have joined the ranks at Pioneer Mill, in a business initiative to provide employees the ability to study while they work.

Burdekin residents Grace Bach and CJ Nolan, along with Mackay local Joshua Dogao, have started working as cadet draftspeople, while studying an associate degree of engineering, mechanical, at the University of Southern Queensland.

Design Engineer Richard Fallon said this was the first time Wilmar had recruited three cadets in a single intake to support the businesses' growing drafting requirements.

"We've had such great success with the cadets we've employed over the years that we decided to bring on a group to fill our growing drafting positions, and provide them the opportunity to study while they work."

Grace, who is working in the Process team, learned about Wilmar's cadetships while still in high school, and jumped at the opportunity to pursue her passion for design.

"When Wilmar did the demonstration at my high school, they explained all of the programs they use and I thought it was really cool. I've always been good at graphics and design and it just seemed like the perfect opportunity straight out of school," she said.

CJ, who has also joined the Process team, had done similar studies in his engineering classes in high school, so for him, the drafting cadetship was the next step.

"The cadetship was something new to try, and I have done similar projects before in school, so I thought I'd give it a shot. It's a great



New drafting cadets Joshua Dogao, Grace Bach and CJ Nolan.

starting point, there are so many places that it can lead, so I'm excited to see what happens," CJ said

Joshua, who is working in the Mobile Services department, did a year of a bachelor's degree in engineering at CQU, but found it couldn't offer him the same knowledge or experience as a cadetship could.

"I didn't like being in a classroom. I love learning on the go and earning an income while I'm doing it. Being out and about and getting to meet different people outside of the theory based environment has been great.

"Plus, I love the social side of working at a mill. I'm already playing soccer with the guys that I'm working with, so it's a really great sense of community," Joshua said.

Allan boils out on refinery career

Racecourse Refinery farewelled one of its original operators in March, with Allan Paskins signing off on almost 44 years of service in the sugar industry.

Allan transferred to Racecourse in 1993 from Mackay Sugar's Pleystowe Mill, where he had been employed as a pan operator.

He was on hand for the commissioning of the new refinery in 1994, and soon found himself once again operating the pan station.

While he later trained to be a multi-skilled operator, qualifying him to work across the fugal and decolourisation stations as well, sugar boiling remained his love.

"Boiling is still my favourite aspect of my job," Allan told *The Mix* days out from his retirement.

"It's now a lot more high-tech. We used to have an indicator to know when the product was ready for a different feed, and rely on eyesight, but now it is all computerised."



Allan Paskins, pictured with Racecourse Operations Manager Shane Legood, achieved 40 years of service in 2018.

Allan served in the Australian Navy as a radio operator for 10 years before scoring his job with Pleystowe Mill in July 1978, during a

trip home to visit his family in Mackay.

"I went around to every mill in the region to ask if they were needing workers. The timing was perfect as the crush was about to start," he said.

"In the 70s to look for work, you went to the mill and they would write down your name, number and any previous experience; there were no resumes back then.

"By the end of the day, Pleystowe Mill asked me to come back, and I virtually started at the mill that very night.

"It was only meant to be temporary until I found something better but I never got around to finding anything else."

With his sugar boiling days now behind him, Allan has plans for lots of fishing in his retirement.

"I also hope to do the Kokoda Track some day," he said.

Taking comfort in food

By Nutrition Manager Dr Mary Harrington

Food takes on an important role to help us feel better in hard times.

The phrase 'comfort food' first appeared in the US in 1977 to describe foods that satiate emotional as well as physical needs.

Americans go for chicken noodle soup, the Dutch go for chocolate, and Singaporeans find noodles comforting.

While there is no research into what Australians and New Zealanders consider comfort foods, Wikipedia suggests hot chips, sausage and mash, a roast, bread and butter pudding, lamingtons and pikelets.

We associate comfort foods with primary relationship attachments. Because we have repeatedly eaten these foods in the presence of people emotionally close to us, we associate these foods with them and gain psychological comfort by eating them, or even thinking about eating them.

Are carbs good mood foods?

Many comfort foods such as chocolate, cake, ice cream and potato chips contain carbohydrates (and a generous amount of fat). Is there a biochemical basis for carbohydrates being comforting? Research suggests there is.

The mood-boost of carbohydrates is thought to be due to the increase in insulin, which in turn increases serotonin. Research shows high carbohydrate diets and foods can reduce feelings of helplessness and depression, and improve mood and cognitive performance during stress. About 25-30g of carbohydrate is needed to boost serotonin but consuming protein at the same time may block this.

Food can be a comfort in troubled times, both in physiological and psychological ways. Perhaps the coronavirus crisis, floods and war can offer a shift in perspective to view food through an emotional lens and invites us to consider a gentler and less judgmental stance toward food.

With that in mind, don't be too hard on yourself for indulging a little at times this year.

Rising star of the Herbert

It was only five years ago that Harrison Slogrove joined Wilmar Sugar as a graduate engineer, fresh out of university.

Now he's heading into his second crushing season as Production Superintendent at Macknade Mill.



Harrison Slogrove is believed to be the youngest person in charge of a sugar mill in the Australian industry.

He's believed to be the youngest person in charge of a sugar mill in the industry, and Macknade just so happens to be the oldest operating sugar mill in Queensland.

Harrison was 25 when he was appointed Production Superintendent last year. Macknade Mill is 148 years old.

It's a responsibility Harrison doesn't take lightly.

"Obviously it's an honour to be put in charge of a sugar mill. And then there's the added responsibility of being in charge of the oldest sugar mill in continuous operation. I'm very conscious of Macknade's history and its importance in the industry," he said.

Harrison has risen quickly through Wilmar Sugar's ranks since graduating from James Cook University with a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Honours) and the University Medal for Chemical Engineering.

He joined Wilmar Sugar's graduate program in June 2017, working in the cogeneration team under Cogeneration Energy Manager Paul Trayner.

He then worked as Technical Assistant at Invicta Mill and Assistant Production Superintendent at Victoria Mill before being appointed Production Superintendent at Macknade Mill in February 2021.

Harrison said he loved the challenges of sugar milling, and the ability to work alongside some of the best in the industry.

"Wilmar has a lot of really experienced operators, coordinators and engineers, many of whom have helped and mentored me along the way," he said.

"I have to acknowledge in particular, Paul Trayner, Brian Edwards (retired Senior Technologist) and James Wallace (Invicta Mill Production Superintendent)."

Field Day fun

Wilmar Sugar Australia's Liquid Stockfeed and Sugar Marketing teams combined under one marquee this month to attend the Rotary NQ Field Days in Townsville.

The two-day event, held for the first time since 2014, drew more than 5,000 people from throughout north and western Queensland across 7 and 8 April.

Stockfeed Customer Relationship Manager Tony Donnelly said it was a great way for Wilmar representatives to meet graziers and growers in a semi-social setting.

"It was well worth attending," Tony said. "We were the only stockfeed supplier at the field day, so it was a great way to promote our sustainable liquid stockfeed products, and a great way to generate new business."



Grower Marketing Consultant Franco Zaini and Stockfeed Customer Relationship Manager Tony Donnelly.



Sugar Australia's Michele McCardle, Daisy Goundar, Jason Trimble and Julie O'Brien with the loaded truck for Foodbank Australia.



The first delivery of sugar being loaded.

A sweet donation for Foodbank

Sugar Australia will donate 120 tonnes of 1kg CSR white sugar packets to Foodbank Australia this year – supplying about a quarter of the charity's annual sugar requirements.

The donation, valued at about \$130,000, continues Sugar Australia's long-standing support for Foodbank and the great work it does to help people in need across Australia.

While previous donations have generally been ad hoc, Sugar Australia National Account Manager Lyn Newberry said the business wanted to take a more structured approach to community giving.

This year's donation has been made under the umbrella of Sugar Australia's

sustainability program, supporting the business' commitment to corporate social responsibility.

Lyn said that, with sugar a staple in pantries, the donation would go a long way to help the diverse range of everyday households experiencing food insecurity.

Each month Foodbank provides food relief to more than a million people through its network of 2,950 frontline charity partners.

"Foodbank believes that, in the past year, one in six adults didn't have enough to eat, and 1.2 million children have gone hungry," Lyn said.

"People will be hit even harder in the coming months with rising fuel prices impacting the

supply chain.

"Foodbank is doing an amazing job of helping people.

"Getting the food to those who need it doesn't just happen by itself; it takes a community, and Sugar Australia is proud to lend a helping hand."

The first deliveries of 1kg CSR Sugar, packed at Sugar Australia's Glebe plant, have already landed at Foodbank NSW/ACT and Foodbank VIC, and are now on their way to Queensland, South Australia, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania, for distribution to both metropolitan and regional communities in need.

Cameras to roll at Proserpine

Proserpine Mill will provide the backdrop for a new Stan Original drama series being filmed in North Queensland later this year.

The six-part series, *Black Snow*, will be filmed in various locations around the Mackay/Whitsundays region, including on the Proserpine Mill estate.

Members of Wilmar Sugar's Corporate Relations team and Mackay Region Work Execution Manager Sebastian Foti recently met with *Black Snow* Location Manager Tony Clarke to work through details of the filming that will happen on the mill site.

A total of up to three days of filming will take place on the estate between June and mid-August.

Other filming locations will include the Proserpine Hospital, local beaches, and some farms belonging to cane growers who supply Proserpine Mill.

Black Snow is being billed as a coming-of-age drama with a classic whodunit, set in the fictional small town of Ashford. The storyline will also delve into the history of the Australian South Sea Islander community in Queensland.



Wilmar Media Manager Leanne Oliveri and Mackay Region Work Execution Manager Sebastian Foti with *Black Snow* Location Manager Tony Clarke.

It is estimated that the production will bring \$10 million into the Queensland economy and create about 550 jobs.

In the Mix



Two Wilmar teams from the Herbert mills supported the Fun Charity Golf Day, raising funds for Missionaries of the Poor Philippines. Pictured from left are: Travis Roy, Colin Noble, Kevin Beatts, Michael Kauppila, Scott Costabeber, Adam Douglas, Gordon Scott, and Sam Scuderi.



Wilmar Sugar ANZ employs people from a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds. During Harmony Week, held in March each year, Pioneer Mill employees Richard Fallon (Ireland), Mark Carter (South Africa), Ruth Smethurst (South Sea Islands) and Vivek Khandagave (India) came together to represent just some of the different nationalities within Wilmar's workforce.



Amanda Crowther (left) and Olivia Sinardi represented Wilmar at the Australian Sugar Milling Council's International Women's Day event in Brisbane.



Yarraville Refinery's Richard Whiting (left) and Kevin O'Loan working on the new refined pan project.



Dianne Cannon, Cassie Lewis and Anita Borg completed FFD testing training in the Townsville office.



Pioneer Mill Work Coordinator Alan Chatfield was interviewed for an Australian Sugar Milling Council video about Wilmar's contribution to local economies.



Proserpine Mill Production Superintendent Damien Kelly presents the Douglas Debney Memorial Bursary to Proserpine State High School's 2021 male Dux Mesabzu Bird.



First-year apprentice Lachlan Dobe (left) learning the ropes from Mechanical Trades Coordinator Brett Wilshire.

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