



## Distillery's record month

Sarina Distillery recorded its best-ever production month in August, smashing its previous record by 500,000 litres.

Group Manager Operations (Ethanol and Plane Creek) Pieter Van Vuren said the distillery produced 6.7 million litres of ethanol for the month and was on track to have one of its best production years in more than a decade.

"Our previous monthly record was 6.2 million litres, which was achieved in August 2017, so we really smashed it," he said. [Read more](#)

## What really happens in the sugarcane honeymoon suite?



Under the canopy of the honeymoon suite, a new breed of sugarcane is created.

Just like humans, new cane varieties are created from a male and female parent. They are placed together and left alone in a honeymoon suite, where new varieties of sugarcane are conceived.

Manager Technical Field Department Terry Morgan is a matchmaker for the parent canes and said genomic technologies could be used to measure how distantly the parents were related. [Read more](#)

## New stockfeed supplement launched

Wilmar AgServices has launched a new stockfeed supplement to meet market demand for a product that's very high in phosphorus.

SuplaFlo®+Max Phos has been formulated to boost livestock health and production in green pastures or phosphorus-deficient country.

Stockfeed Product Manager Liana Lifford said the new product was a high-phosphorus version of SuplaFlo+Phos, which was launched three years ago to target phosphorus deficiency – the largest mineral deficiency in Queensland cattle.

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## Yarraville Refinery celebrates 150 years

Sugar Australia's Yarraville Refinery turned 150 in August, marking the special milestone with a plaque-unveiling ceremony and morning tea.

The unveiling duties were given to four of the site's longest-serving team members: George Azar, Ray Clarke, Martin Speers and Frank Kuczynski.

The ceremony was attended by State Member for Footscray Katie Hall MP, Mayor of Maribyrnong City Council Cr Sarah Carter, and author Carmel Taig, who detailed the rich social history of the Yarraville Refinery in her 2014 book, *The Giant by the River*.

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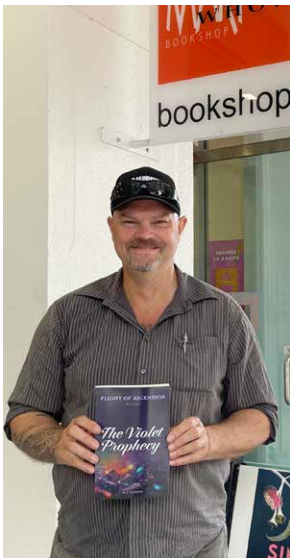


## Chelsea Bay Cake-a-thon

A cake-decorating frenzy at Chelsea Bay saw all 106 cakes in The Australian Women's Weekly Children's Birthday Cake Book created over two days.

Auckland's breakfast radio team Jono and Ben, from The Hits, set the Cake-a-thon challenge for themselves, which they completed with the assistance of fellow radio station staff and a few members of the public.

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## A cane rail track to new worlds

Wilmar Sugar and Renewables Locomotive Driver Mathew Hudson's first novel, *The Violet Prophecy*, was more than 14 maintenance seasons in the making.

"I wrote the original story, shelved it, got on with life and then scrapped it and started again about 10 years later, around the time my daughter was born," Mathew said.

Mathew, who publishes under the name MD Hudson, said one of the benefits of seasonal work was that he could drive trains for Victoria Mill for six months and then concentrate on other interests – like tapping out a debut novel – in the off-season.

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## Engaging the next generation of engineers

James Cook University engineering students were pitched the many positives of a career in the sugar industry at the Engineering Undergraduate Society's two Industry Nights this year.

The Wilmar Sugar and Renewables team took the opportunity to promote the business' new \$10,000 Undergraduate Scholarship, as well as its graduate program and vocational work opportunities for university students.

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## Take 5 with Matt Donn

Matt Donn has recently joined New Zealand Sugar as General Manager.

We asked him to "Take 5" so we could learn more about him, including his plans for NZ Sugar and his childhood dream to become a professional footballer. [Read more](#)



## Team building activity helps families in need



Yarraville-based Wilmar ANZ IT team members gave a much-needed helping hand to vulnerable Victorians when they volunteered at Foodbank.

The team packed the equivalent of 13,080 meals during a team-building activity at Foodbank's warehouse, just down the road from Sugar Australia's Yarraville Refinery.

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## In the Mix

Check out our gallery of pics of people from across our business. [See more](#)



Katlyn Radunz and Tayla Hickey at the Townsville Office's Daffodil Day morning tea, which raised more than \$1,100 for the Cancer Council.



Vivian Wong and Aloune Vilayphone at Sugar Australia's RU OK? Day event at Yarraville last month.

## Our Service Award recipients

Four Wilmar ANZ employees who each achieved 50 years of service are among our Service Award recipients for the year, to date.

Gary Swan and Allan Whyte achieved the half-century milestone in January, with Inez Larsen following in May, and Tony Grant in October.

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