

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Vehicle crashes into car, then cane train**

Two international tourists were lucky to escape injury after their car was hit from behind as they stopped to give way to a passing cane train on the Bruce Highway near Sarina on Sunday night.

After hitting the stationary car, the 4WD collided with flashing warning lights at the intersection and then struck the back of the cane train's brake van.

The impact of the collision caused the 28-tonne brake van to derail briefly, before it corrected itself.

The incident occurred near the Tramway Motel, north of Sarina, about 7.15pm.

Plane Creek Cane Supply Manager Tony Marino said the crossing's red flashing warning lights were active as the outbound Karloo locomotive passed through.

"The northbound car containing the two tourists was already stopped at the intersection, giving way to the cane train," Mr Marino said.

"It appears the driver of the second vehicle attempted to take evasive action but could not avoid hitting the first car.

"Fortunately, the force of the collision did not push the first car into the cane train.

"We were very lucky no one was seriously hurt."

Emergency services crews attended and the highway was closed while the scene was cleared.

Mr Marino said a crane was used to lift the flashing lights back into position. They were damaged but still operational.

“This was an incident which could very easily have had tragic consequences,” Mr Marino said.

“There is almost three months of the 2014 crushing season left to go.

“We urge motorists to always give way to oncoming cane trains and to obey all signs and signals.”

The incident had no impact on crushing operations at Plane Creek Mill.

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