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Final days of Proserpine crushing

Proserpine Mill is on track to become Australia's first sugar mill to finalise its 2015 crushing season.

The last cane of the season is expected to be harvested on Saturday, with crushing likely to wrap up early on Sunday.

As at 8am on Monday, the mill had crushed 1.59 million tonnes of cane – leaving only about 80,000 tonnes of cane left to process.

The final crop is expected to be about 1.67 million tonnes.

Site Manager Danny Van der Berg said the mill continued to perform well, with an average weekly throughput of more than 95,000 tonnes recorded in the past month.

Unfortunately, the factory was forced to halt crushing on Sunday afternoon after problems were experienced with its sugar freight service, leaving the mill with a full sugar bin.

“Crushing resumed on Monday morning following resumption of the sugar freight service and assistance from Plane Creek Mill with road transport,” Mr Van der Berg said.

“Hopefully, there will be no more disruptions for the balance of the week.”

Although crushing operations will be finalised at the weekend, members of the public are reminded cane trains will continue to operate for up to a week after the season is completed.

That means motorists should continue to approach cane railway crossings with caution and obey all signs and signals.

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