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Wilmar hosts mid-crush tour for growers

Wilmar Sugar Australia threw open the doors to Victoria Mill last week (*Wednesday 4 September*) for its annual mid-season grower tour.

More than 25 people took the opportunity to tour the Herbert's largest mill in crushing mode and see where the magic happens.

Herbert Regional Operations Manager Adam Douglas said the tours were an opportunity for growers see the whole manufacturing process – from bins of cane coming into the tippler through to raw sugar travelling up the belt and into storage.

"One couple hadn't been through the factory before, and another hadn't been inside a mill for decades, so it was great for them to see the process first-hand," Mr Douglas said.

"We also showed participants the stockpiles of bagasse that are used to fuel the mill's boilers and create renewable power for the factory and the grid."

Prior to the tour, Mr Douglas provided an overview of factory performance and some upcoming capital and maintenance projects.

"We're lucky to have Wilmar here in the Herbert," he told the group.

"Since buying Sucrogen, Wilmar has invested \$334 million in its Herbert factories and it continues to invest year-in-year-out – regardless of fluctuations in world sugar prices."

After the tour, participants stayed on for a barbecue and the chance to socialise with staff from Wilmar's Operations, Asset Management, Execution, Cane Supply and Grower Marketing teams.

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PHOTOS



1. Wilmar Work Execution Superintendent Nick Di Mauro (left) gives Ben Pontifex and Stephen Accornero the opportunity to sample some raw sugar.



2. Tour participants in Victoria Mill's cogeneration room, back from left, Michael Webster, Andrew Irvin, Aidan Gileppa, Kaitlin Venables, Mark Pearce, Nat Oswin, Laurel Gollogly and Wilmar Work Execution Manager Eric Girgenti. At front, Wesley Dao, Karen Venables, Amy Aquilini.



3. Senior Grower Marketing Consultant Chris Winship (right) with Peter Hatfield (left), Phillip Trotter and Rohini Trotter.



4. Grower Marketing Consultant Franco Zaini checks out some heat-treated cane with grower Donal Bosworth at Victoria Mill.



5. Retired Victoria Mill employee Laurel Gollogly with sheetmetal worker Alan Goodfellow. The men used to work side by side during the maintenance season.



6. Wilmar Project Engineer Paul Menegon with Amanda Gosney, Sarah Rayment, Jessica Lavarini and Donal Bosworth at Victoria Mill.



7. Victoria Mill Production Superintendent Trevor Forde with long-time growers Peter and Wilma Cervellin who were visiting the mill for the first time.



8. Work Execution Manager Eric Girgenti shows Amy Aquilini and Andrew Irvin a handful of bagasse – the fuel used to create renewable power for the factory and the grid.