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FRIDAY	22 December	8.30am – 4.30pm
SATURDAY	23 December	CLOSED
SUNDAY	24 December	CLOSED
MONDAY	25 December	CLOSED
TUESDAY	26 December	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	27 December	CLOSED
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THURSDAY	4 January	CLOSED
FRIDAY	5 January	CLOSED
SATURDAY	6 January	CLOSED
SUNDAY	7 January	CLOSED
MONDAY	8 January	8.30am – 4.30pm

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Kalamia Cane Grower's team wishes our valued members of KCGO a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.



MEMBERS INFORMATION

NOTICE BOARD

Christmas Period - Office Closure Times

KCGO office is closed from: 4.30pm - Friday - 22nd December 2017
And will re-open: 8.30am - Monday, 8th January 2018

Kalagro Fuel Customers

Ordering during Christmas break office closure

A reminder to all Kalagro Fuel Customers - Fuel pre - orders are required before the end of business on Friday, 22nd December 2017 to ensure your fuel needs are covered throughout the Kalamia office Christmas break if required.

Puma delivery days over Christmas / New Year Period

Delivery Dates Available while Kalamia Office is closed:

Wednesday, 27th December 2017	Friday, 29th December 2017
Wednesday, 3rd January 2017	Friday, 5th January 2017

Reminder to KCGO Members - Changes to Occur in the Future - Member Information

November / December - You may have noticed only one Email is currently sent to member's each day to minimise the overload of emails previously received on a daily basis. The Wilmar loadings (crushing period), sugar price and fuel price, QSL updates, 'What a Sweet Life' monthly magazine and all other industry related events, are easily obtained via the KCGO website that was re-created in 2016.

We are looking at making further enhancements to the webpage and will advise you early in the New Year.

Grouping applications for 2018

Grouping application forms for the 2018 crush season are now available at the Kalamia office. Please refer to the Wilmar updates in this magazine for further information.

Kalamia Sweet Notes

The last of Wilmar's Burdekin mills finally crushed out today bringing to a close the 2017 season with a final crop of 8.12 million tonnes. Another milestone is that I have made it through my first season and what a baptism it has been. My reflection of the past 9 months:

- » Finalisation of OSA and CSA only weeks out from season commencement and the sudden rush in assisting our members in executing the necessary document/s.
- » Loss of income that growers have had to endure in order to have the right to choose the marketer of their GEI sugar.
- » Delayed start and finish to the season as a result of inclement weather conditions.
- » Trialling of casual auditor to scrutinise "edit lab" reports for anomalies. This has resulted in 5 instances where KCGOL has

been able to have CCS results positively overturned/adjusted.

- » The attempt by NSW Senator Leyonhjelm to repeal the federal "Sugar Industry Code of Conduct" and its subsequent defeat due in large to delegations despatched to Canberra, which a number of your board directors were a party to.
- » The continued focus by the Qld government in improving the water quality of GBR catchment areas and regulations imposed on the agricultural sector, in particular the sugar cane and grazing industry.

As they say "things can only get better", however I am not totally convinced as there are still considerable challenges facing the sugar industry and possibly our next, will be the issue of "sugar tax".



Anyway getting away from business, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of directors, myself and staff to wish all KCGOL members a Merry and relaxing Christmas with your families. Here's also to a happy and healthy 2018 for all. Cheers until 2018.

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Wilmar Sugar Update



Friday, 8 December 2017

THE BURDEKIN REGION HAS NOW COMPLETED THE 2017 CRUSH.

The four Burdekin mills crushed a total of 8.12 million tonnes of cane with an average CCS of 14.0 for the region.

Invicta Mill was the first in the region to crush out, finishing the season last Wednesday (29 November).

Kalamia Mill finished last Friday (1 December), Inkerman finished on Sunday (3 December) and Pioneer crushed out on Tuesday this week.

The individual mill totals were:

- » Invicta - 3.037 million tonnes
- » Kalamia - 1.600 million tonnes
- » Inkerman - 1.723 million tonnes
- » Pioneer - 1.759 million tonnes

With the Proserpine and Plane Creek mills also finished for the year, only the Herbert mills are still operating.

Boggy field conditions continue to hamper harvesting operations in the Herbert region and there are still gaps in cane supply. However daily supply is gradually improving with the drier weather.

The Herbert mills have now crushed 4.71 million tonnes of cane or 95 per cent of the total crop. Average weekly CCS is tracking just below 11 units.

We are consulting with growers and grower representatives on how much cane is left to harvest in the district so we can determine a season finish date. However, we envisage the season may run beyond 16 December.

Best regards

PAUL GIORDANI General Manager – Cane Supply and Grower Relations

FORMATION OF GROUPS FOR HARVESTING

Harvesting groups consist of one or more growers who group together to harvest their cane in an economical and efficient manner.

Harvesting groups should be formed, where possible, on the basis of general proximity to each other within each line or scheduled delivery runs.

To permit Wilmar and growers time to plan harvest and transport operations in an orderly and efficient manner, proposals by growers to change grouping arrangements must be submitted, in writing, to Wilmar by the end of February each year.

Harvesting Groups will be taken to be the same as the previous season except where an application to vary grouping has been agreed to by Wilmar.

Some of the issues that Wilmar will consider in regard to a grouping proposal are included in the table below. These issues should be discussed with the relevant Wilmar Logistics team prior to lodging a grouping application.

Grower Representatives should be involved at all stages of the grouping process to ensure the best outcome.

Weekly production figures

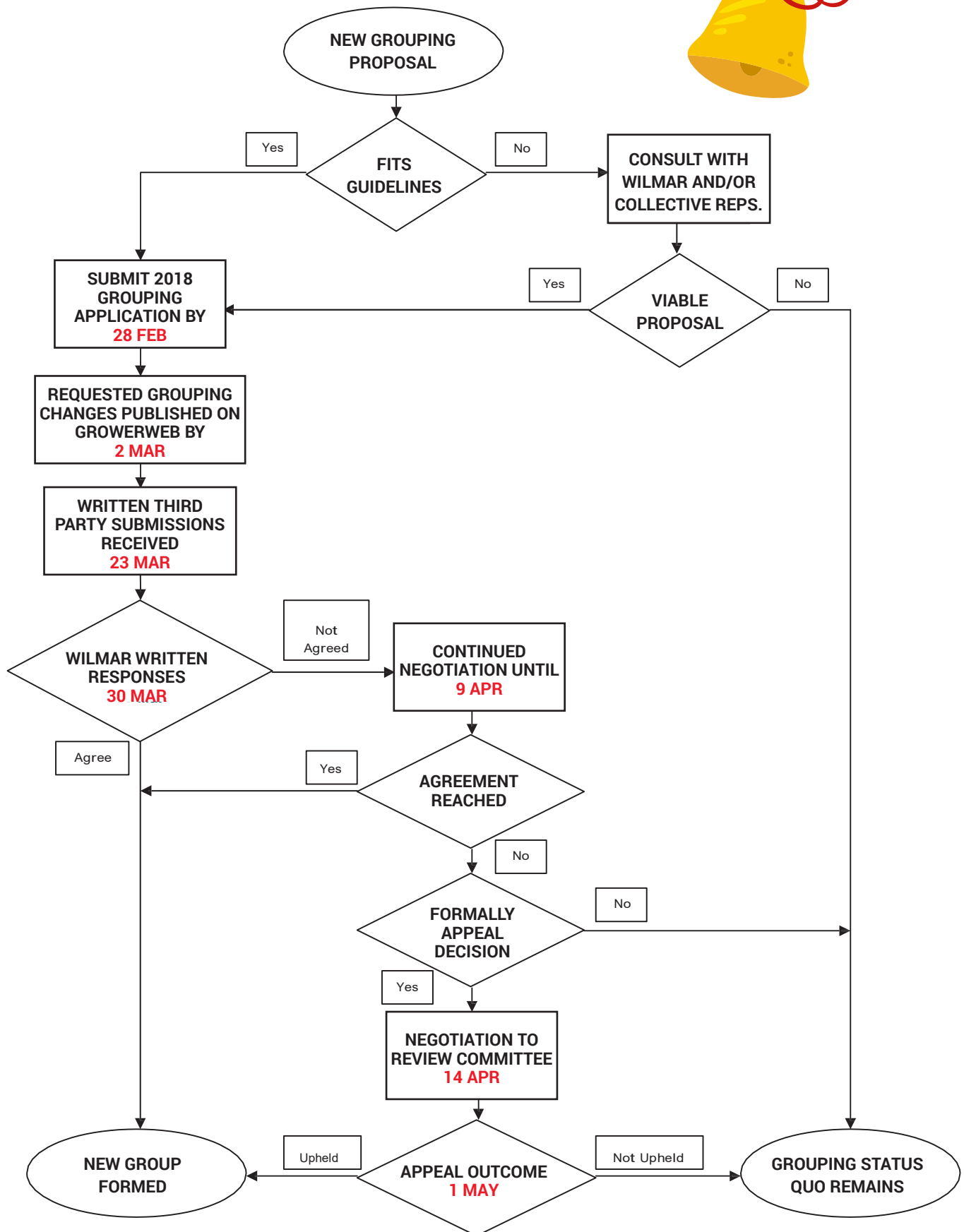
Burdekin Region mills					
Week 26, ending 9 December 2017					
Cane crushed		This week		Season to date	
Invicta				3,037,182	
Pioneer		21,858		1,759,538	
Kalamia				1,600,685	
Inkerman				1,723,445	
Burdekin		21,858		8,120,850	
CCS					
Invicta				14.30	
Pioneer		12.82		14.20	
Kalamia				13.60	
Inkerman				13.65	
Burdekin		12.82		14.00	
Weekly variety performance for region					
Variety	%	CCS	Variety	%	CCS
Q183	63	12.75	KQ228	4	13.46
Q247	16	12.21	Q252	2	11.68
Q208	14	14.30	Q253	1	10.79

Issue	Wilmar will actually agree if...	Wilmar may agree if...
Grouping of growers across mill areas.	There is no intermill grouping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » It can be demonstrated that a harvester moving from one mill area to another will not impact on allotments for other harvesting groups at either mill, eg a strict mechanism to utilize an existing group's allotment at the each mill. » AND Wilmar does not incur extra transport costs.
Grouping of growers on different lines or loco runs.	Grouping contained within loco run.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » It can be demonstrated that proposal does not impact on delivery size or times for other groups » AND Wilmar does not incur extra transport costs.
Siding capacity and design.	Current siding capacities and design match proposed group size, roster & mode of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Agreement can be reached regarding sharing of cost of modifications » AND suitable time has been allowed for planning, design, easements, regulatory approvals and construction – 2 years is recommended.
Siding sharing.	No sharing of siding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » It can be demonstrated and agreed that the siding has enough days available each year for all harvesting groups that wish to use it. » AND a shared siding agreement can be negotiated for the siding. » AND the proposed group has a designated home siding.

Wilmar Sugar Update



2018 Grouping Process Flowchart



A MAKE OR BREAK YEAR COMES TO AN END

By QSL CEO and Managing Director Greg Beashel

When Queensland's Marketing Choice legislation came into place last year, we knew that 2017 would be a make or break year for our company. But as the end of the state harvest comes around, I think it's safe to say that we passed this challenge with flying colours.

Thanks to the fantastic support of growers throughout Queensland and our milling partners, we remained the largest marketer of Queensland sugar in the 2017 Season. We contracted over 1100 Wilmar Growers through new Grower Pricing Agreements and successfully implemented the QSL Direct online grower portal to capture these Growers' pool nominations and pricing orders, and detail their GEI tonnage information and sugar payments. Despite the limited information provided by Wilmar making the payment process more complex than we would like, since kicking off in June we've already made 21,000 direct payments to Wilmar Growers and their nominated third parties, and filled over 1000 grower pricing orders.

Although the QSL Direct portal has been a success, we appreciate that nothing replaces a face-to-face chat, and so we also opened regional offices throughout the state, staffed by a Grower Services Team focused on making sure all growers using our services have easy access to a helping hand when they need it.

And we did all of this while also delivering strong pool results in a tough market, once again proving that not-for-profit does not mean uncompetitive.

THE SEASON TO COME

As we head towards the new season, I'm pleased to announce that our 2018-Season GEI sugar tonnage is already shaping up to surpass our 2017-Season results, with increases in both our Wilmar and Tully Sugar GEI sugar tonnages and the number of growers using our marketing and pricing services next season. While the 2018-Season marketing nomination process for MSF Sugar Growers is still open until the 29th of this month, we remain optimistic that we will maintain our title as the

premier marketer of Queensland raw sugar. We appreciate there's plenty more work to do and we already have a number of improvements underway that we'll roll out in the new year, including new pricing products, extended nomination windows, and an expanded range of features for growers using QSL Direct.

As the QSL team prepares to take a brief break over the Christmas and New Year period, we'd like to wish you and your families a safe festive season and we look forward to working hard for you again in the new year.



Wishing you and your family a safe and happy Holiday Season and a prosperous 2018.

All QSL offices will be closed for the Christmas break from 5pm Thursday 21 December 2017 until 9am Monday 8 January 2018.

The QSL Direct Helpline (1800 870 756) will remain open from 9am to 5pm for all working days during the festive season.

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2017 SUGAR MARKET OVERVIEW

By Mark Hampson, QSL Executive Manager Marketing and Risk
Current as of 12 December 2017

THE ICE #11

The global sugar market is known for its volatility and 2017 was no exception, with considerable price variance and historical high prices all occurring during the past 12 months.

A global sugar deficit initially helped to boost the 2016-Season prices for growers, with hedge funds and speculators buying record amounts of sugar, exaggerating the deficit and pushing prices above US21c/lb. Dry weather throughout Asia added fuel to the price increase and coincided with a relatively weak Australian Dollar, allowing Growers to price sugar above \$600 per tonne for a short period of time.

However, the market eventually began to reflect the generally regarded market structure of two seasons of deficit followed by three to four seasons of surplus. As the year progressed import requirements for the Asian region did not materialise and the speculators dramatically sold their position, taking prices below US13c/lb and moving into a net-short position. The sugar market was now focused on the surplus, with recoveries experienced in all producing regions. This, in conjunction with a strengthening US Dollar, culminated in lower prices for a number of commodity markets, with sugar being the hardest hit.

Towards the later part of the year a weaker Brazilian Real, a new gasoline pricing policy and lower prices closed the gap on ethanol parity and the Brazilian harvest focused on producing sugar, all of which added to the forecast surplus. This was further exacerbated by varying levels of official support for domestic prices in many large sugar-producing nations, such as the EU, which ignored the signals of falling world prices and continued to produce large crops.

As we head into Christmas, the market fundamentals are generally encouraging a bearish outlook for 2018, and the QSL pricing team is hoping Santa brings some opportunities to price into near-term rallies.

CURRENCY

The Australian dollar (AUD) proved to be relatively stable during the year, trading in a 0.72-0.81 US cents range. This contradicted

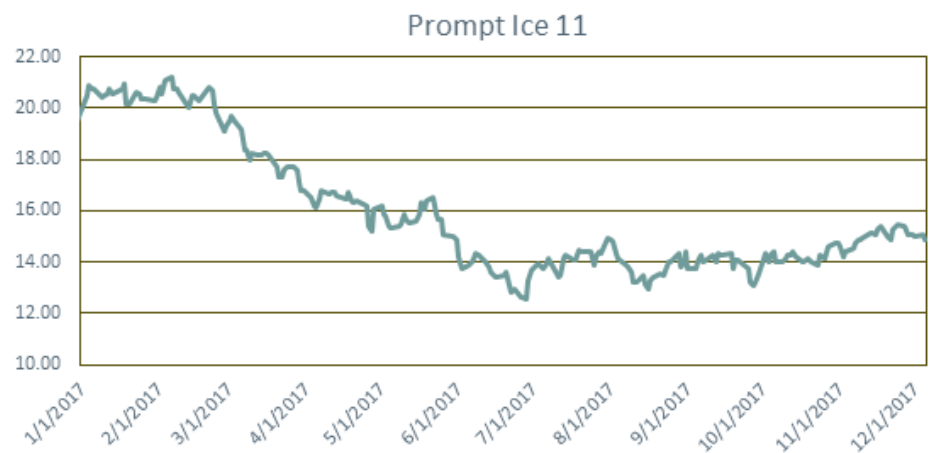
most analysts' predictions in early 2017, as they were expecting it to push towards 0.70 US cents. In the early part of the year the AUD/USD (US Dollar) exchange rate was supported by relatively strong commodity prices as well as the general weakness of the USD and concerns about the US economic recovery under the new Trump administration. While Trump has delivered on a few of his 'make America great again' policy platforms, as we head into 2018 the US economy is finding its feet and the outlook remains positive for USD strength.

Looking ahead, it appears likely that economic conditions will favour the devaluing of Australian dollar. With the US economy continuing to recover, their interest rates are set to increase and we expect to see a broadly stronger USD. The RBA has continued to keep rates on hold and looks to do so for the foreseeable future, citing on-trend

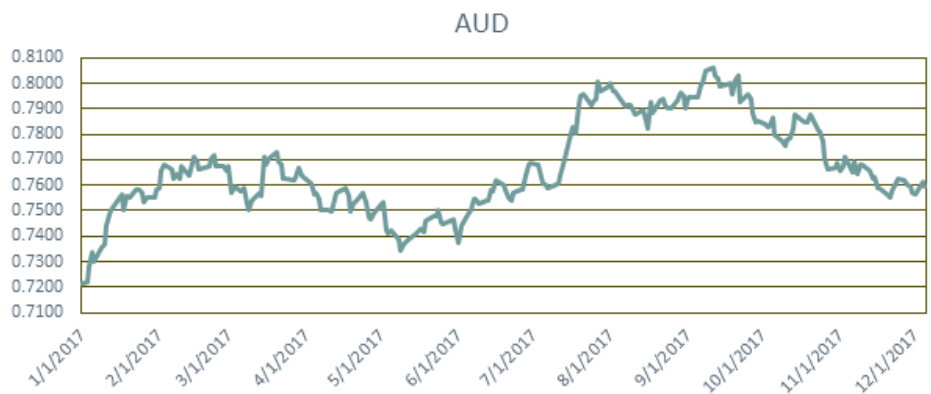


growth, a cooling off of metropolitan housing prices and benign wage growth.

While not offsetting the full effects of the global surplus, the currency move has provided some relief to Australian commodity exporters. QSL considers levels under US74 cents likely in 2018, as the Australian economy continues to struggle against the stronger USD.



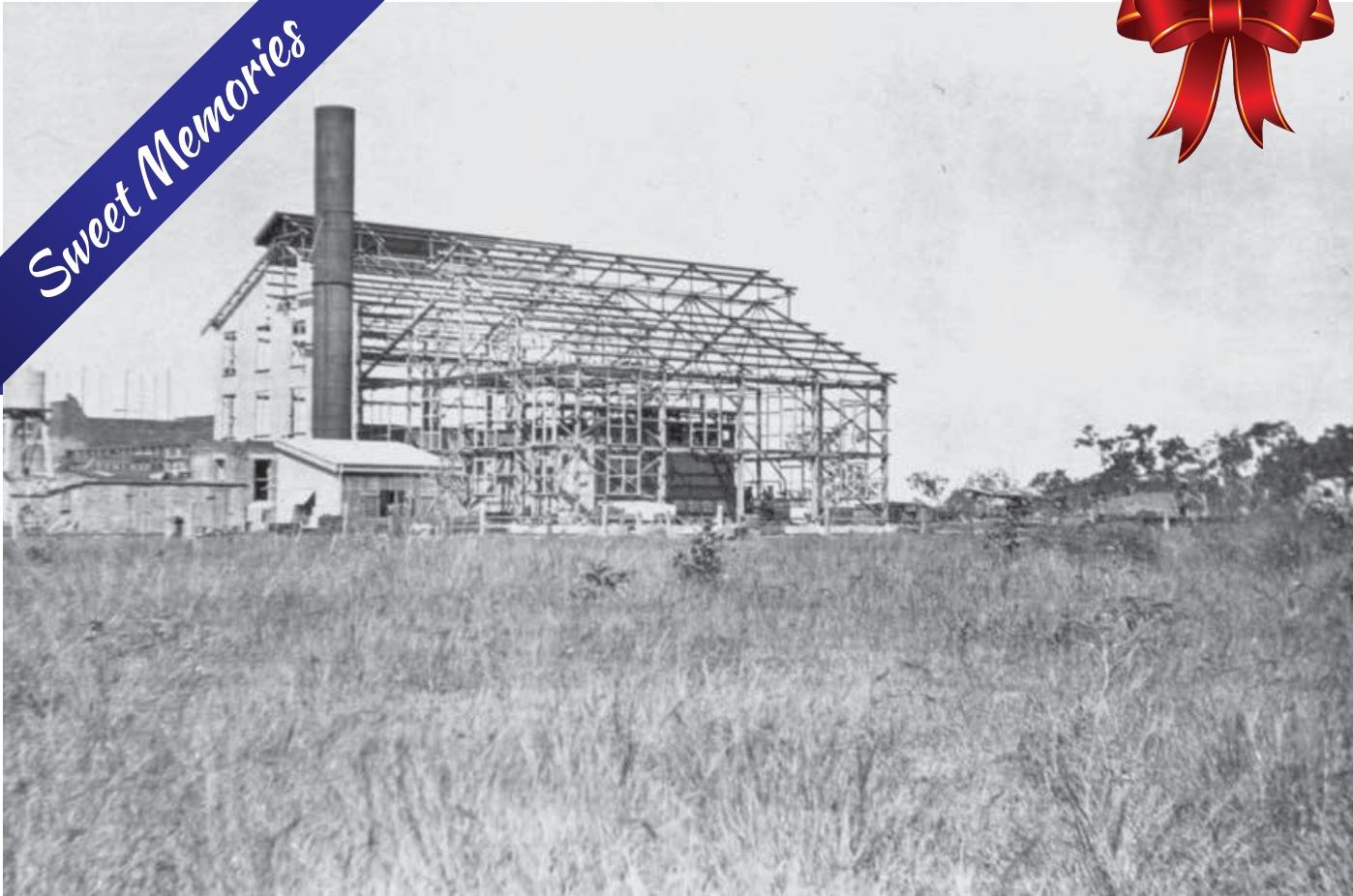
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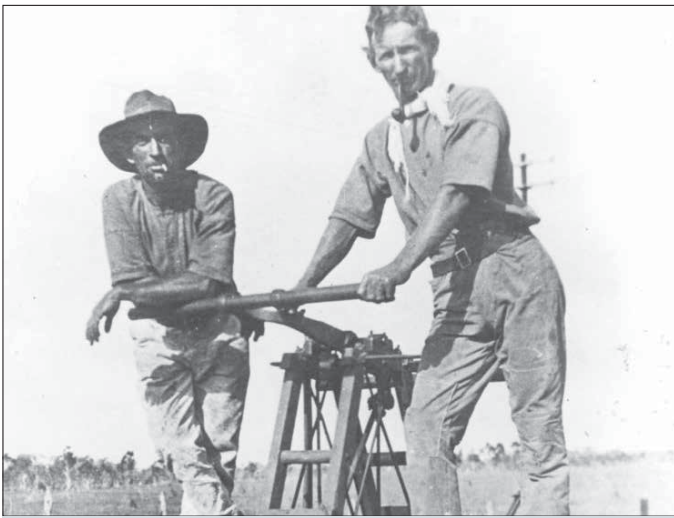
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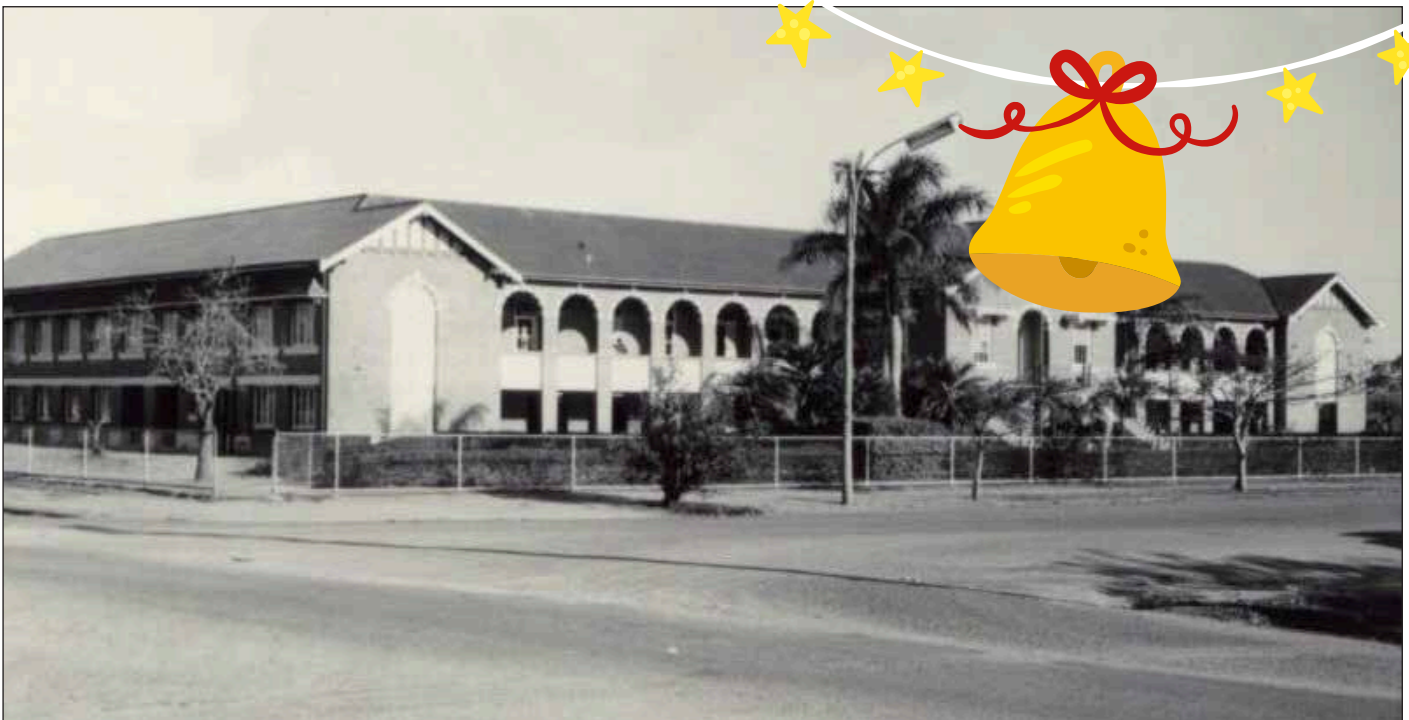
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FARMERS AND BANKS CAN BENEFIT FROM BANKING ROYAL COMMISSION 'TUNE-UP'

By Fiona Simson – www.abc.net.au/rural



Photo: The relationship farmers have with their tractors is like the one they have with banks. (ABC Rural: Brett Worthington)

The relationship farmers have with their bank is much like the one they have with their tractor.

A bank, like a tractor, is needed to plant the seeds to grow. It will also pull you out of a bind.

Both will let you down from time to time and the resulting consequences can range from a minor irritation to a major catastrophe.

For farmers, the royal commission into the banking sector represents a maintenance check to keep this mutually dependent relationship powering.

As the peak body representing Australia's farmers, the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) had not marked a respective royal commission as a top-line priority for our industry.

Farmers do not look in the rear-view mirror often. We are future-focused — always looking to be more productive, more profitable and more sustainable.

We need to be if we are going to feed a growing global population. The current world population of 7.6 billion is expected to reach 8.6 billion in 2030 and 9.8 billion by 2050.

Now that it is here, we hope the royal commission will be of benefit.

The latest national accounts figures have agriculture as the nation's fastest growing industry and the leading contributor to gross domestic product growth.

In 2016-2017, agricultural production



Fiona Simson hopes the royal commission will be of benefit to farmers. (Supplied: National Farmers Federation)

tipped a record \$60 billion. The NFF believes an annual production value of \$100 billion by 2030 is entirely within our reach.

Sweet Industry News



The Prime Minister has spent the past 18 months stridently opposing calls for a royal commission into the banks, but in the end resistance was futile, writes political correspondent Louise Yaxley.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND AUTOMATION

To get here, we need the banks on our side. We need lenders to adapt with us to achieve continued growth.

THE INQUIRY TURNBULL HAD TO HAVE

The application of digital technology — think big data, artificial intelligence and automation — presents the opportunity to take productivity growth to the next level. It also means the need for new investment.

Farmers are calling on banks to ride the technology wave with us, to be informed and able to assess and quantify the potential of these new operating tools, all in an effort to enable investment where appropriate.

Farmers are looking outside the box when it comes to capital sources.

Between now and 2025 Australian agriculture faces the prospect of a \$110 billion shortfall in required capital.

As an industry, we know our capital woes will not be solved entirely by our banks. But they remain our most reliable lending source.

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Farmers are frontline environmentalists. Australian farmers manage and care for 48 per cent of Australia's land mass.

Australian primary industries have led the nation in reducing greenhouse gas emissions — a massive 63 per cent reduction between 1996-2016.

Australian water consumption decreased in 2014-15 by 7 per cent from 2013-14. The largest decrease in water consumption was in the agriculture industry.

We are seeking that our record and role in natural resource management be realised and valued by our banking partners.

HOW BAD ARE OUR BANKS?

There is no doubt there have been instances of alleged bank misconduct that have impacted our farmers.

Through the royal commission, these need to be examined and where appropriate, recourse taken. We welcome this.

Like every enduring relationship, we believe farmers and banks can benefit from this regal 'tune-up'.

We hope in the long term, the royal commission will be more like a pit stop than an expensive, unproductive overhaul.



The calls for a full banking inquiry have been relentless for years, from a broad section of the community — farmers, small business and households. So just how bad are the banks?

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BIOFUEL FROM CROP WASTE LANDS FUNDING BOOST FOR NEWLY-PROVEN SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY

ABC Upper Hunter – www.abc.net.au/rural
By Cecilia Connell

An Australian-first biofuel demonstration facility in the New South Wales Hunter Valley has been touted as a game-changer in the food versus fuel debate that has overshadowed the production of ethanol for some time.

The Federal Government through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) has announced \$11.9 million in funding for Australian biofuel company Ethtec to assist in the development of its ground-breaking process.

The facility produces ethanol from a range of waste plant matter left over from crop harvesting and forestry.

As part of a \$48 million dollar project, Ethtec plans to construct a \$30 million purpose-built pilot facility in the Hunter Valley town of Muswellbrook, expected to produce 270,000 litres of biofuel per annum with the aim of making the technology available to the commercial market in five years' time.

REDUCED EMISSIONS FOR TRANSPORT SECTOR

The four phase project is seeking to make advanced biofuels a viable option to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the transport industry, with the potential to unlock future export avenues. ARENA's Matt Walden said the initiative came at a time when demand for ethanol was dramatically increasing.

"From a whole of market perspective, the transport sector contributes up to about 16 per cent of Australia's total emissions," he said.

"In 2015, the global market for biofuels or ethanol was in the region of about 97 billion litres, the majority of that produced from first generation sources such as corn and sugar.

"Australian capacity is around about 100,000 litres per annum, which is again mainly sourced from first generation sources, but by 2050 the International Energy Agency estimates that demand will increase to in excess of 900 billion litres. "So technology like this has the opportunity to be a key player in that market."



The project turns agricultural waste into biofuels and could lead to another source of income for farmers. (ABC Rural: Jennifer Ingall)

NEW INCOME STREAM FOR FARMERS

The process is tipped to revolutionise agribusiness, enabling farmers to sell the valuable food portion of their crops while creating a secondary market for the leftover waste stream.

Ethtec's chief scientist and managing director Dr Russell Reeves said the new method solved several problems.

"Ethanol production, what we refer to as first generation, is based on using starch from wheat or corn crops or sugar juice from sugarcane crops," he said.

"There are a number of issues with that

that's competitive with products derived from crude oil without subsidy – has to be based on what's termed lignocellulosic or woody fibrous materials."

Ethtec senior research biotechnologist, Dr Geoff Doherty said as well as overcoming barriers to the widespread use of ethanol as fuel, other products could also be created.

"We can liberate the sugars from any sort of plant biomass and once we get those sugars into solution, we can then either ferment them to ethanol or we can also take them to other higher value green chemicals such as renewable plastic precursors, industrial lubricants and even potentially pharmaceuticals," he said.

"Our technology will still allow farmers to sell their crops into the existing food market and then also sell that fibre into an industry that we create, which is biofuels and green chemicals.

"We believe that within five years we will have all of the engineering data from our research at Muswellbrook to be able to build a commercial-scale plant – we can see a biofuels industry, based on our technology, within the decade."

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JOBS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Muswellbrook mayor Martin Rush said the pilot facility, which is to be located on council-owned land, would be pivotal for the region.

"A \$48 million investment, 20 research jobs along with it, but all of that pales in comparison to the opportunity both on the input side and the supply side in terms of the longer term benefits to the Upper Hunter," he said.

"On the product side it's creating diesel – the Upper Hunter is one of the largest users of diesel in NSW as a result of the coal industry.

"So this is just a win-win research project which is putting this plant in the heart of a community that can benefit from the diversification of its intensive agriculture and help build resilience in its economy, but also feed into the local thermal coal industry in lowering the cost, including the carbon cost, of one of its major inputs.

"A bio-refinery in the Upper Hunter would employ many hundreds of people if it proceeded to commercial scale."

Ethtec has invested more than \$18.6 million



Photo: Ethtec's project aims to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the transport industry. (ABC)

in the project to date, with the ARENA funding of \$11.9 million matched by industry partner, Jiangsu Jintonggling Fluid Machinery Technology Company Limited,

as well as partnering with Apace Research Limited, the University of Newcastle, and Muswellbrook Shire Council.



CHOC-COCONUT CHRISTMAS BALLS

INGREDIENTS

- » 250g packet plain sweet biscuits
- » 180g block dark chocolate, chopped
- » 395g can sweetened condensed milk
- » 1 1/2 cups desiccated coconut
- » 100g packet red glace cherries, chopped



STEP 1

Line a large tray with baking paper. Process biscuits until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Transfer to a bowl.

STEP 2

Place chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on medium-high (75%) for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring with a metal spoon every 30 seconds, or until smooth.

STEP 3

Add chocolate, condensed milk, 1/2 cup coconut and cherries to biscuit. Mix to combine. Place remaining coconut in a bowl. Using damp hands, roll 1 level tablespoon mixture into a ball. Toss in coconut to coat. Place on prepared tray. Repeat with remaining mixture and coconut. Serve.

Sweet Christmas

CHEAT'S MINI CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS



INGREDIENTS

- » 500g store-bought Christmas cake, crumbled
- » 1/2 cup (125ml) milk
- » 4 eggs
- » 1/3 cup (85g) fruit mince
- » 1/4 cup (60ml) Pedro Ximenez sherry (see note)
- » Custard, to serve
- » Glacé cherries, to serve

METHOD

STEP 1

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease four 1 cup (250ml) dariole moulds or ramekins.

STEP 2

Place cake, milk, eggs, fruit mince and Pedro Ximenez in a food processor and pulse a few times to combine. Divide the mixture among the moulds and cover with foil. Place in a deep baking dish and pour enough boiling water into the dish to come halfway up the sides of the moulds. Bake for 45 minutes or until firm. Remove the puddings from the baking dish and rest for 10 minutes.

STEP 3

To serve, invert the puddings onto plates and top with custard and glacé cherries.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

- Q: What kind a bike does Santa Claus ride?
A: A Holly Davidson
- Q: Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?
A: So he can Ho – Ho – Ho
- Q: Who is Santa's favourite singer?
A: Elf-is Presley

DID YOU KNOW...?

- » Did you know a hard boiled egg spins (uncooked or soft boiled don't)
- » Did you know Bill Gates began programming computers at the of age 13
- » Did you know Hawaii was originally called the Sandwich Islands
- » Did you know Christmas trees originated from Germany

WORD OF THE MONTH

pennyworth

noun [pen-ee-wurth]

a bargain.



He who gives money gives much.
He who gives time gives more.
He who gives himself gives all.



A round cake, possibly a fruit cake or a similar traditional dessert, is shown. It is topped with a layer of sliced almonds. A single slice has been removed from the cake, revealing its dark, moist interior which appears to contain fruit or other ingredients. To the left of the cake, there is a glass filled with a dark red liquid, likely red wine. The entire scene is set against a plain, light-colored background.

- » 1/2 cup brandy
- » 250g butter, chopped
- » 375g packet dried mixed fruit
- » 1 cup raisins, chopped
- » 1 cup dried apricots, chopped
- » 1/2 cup mixed peel
- » 1/4 cup finely chopped glacé ginger
- » 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- » 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- » 1 tablespoon finely grated orange rind
- » 1/3 cup orange juice
- » 1/3 cup sweet orange marmalade
- » 1/2 cup maple syrup, plus extra to serve
- » 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- » 3 cups plain flour
- » 2 teaspoons mixed spice
- » 1/4 cup flaked almonds

Place 1/3 cup brandy, butter, dried fruits, peel, ginger, sugar and 1/2 cup water in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until butter is melted. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in bicarbonate of soda. Cool.

Preheat oven to 150C/130C fan-forced. Grease a 6cm-deep, 20cm round cake pan. Line base and side with 3 layers of baking paper, extending paper 4cm above edge of pan.

Add rind, juice, marmalade, syrup and egg to fruit mixture. Mix well. Stir in flour and mixed spice, in 2 batches. Pour mixture into pan. Level top. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake for 3 hours or until a small knife inserted into centre of cake comes out clean. Drizzle with remaining brandy. Stand for 5 minutes. Turn pan, upside down, onto a board lined with baking paper. Cool cake in pan overnight.

Turn cake upright onto a serving plate. Drizzle with extra maple syrup. Serve.

A crossword puzzle grid with 15 across and 1 down clues filled in. The grid is set against a background of yellow and orange rays and starbursts. The filled words are:

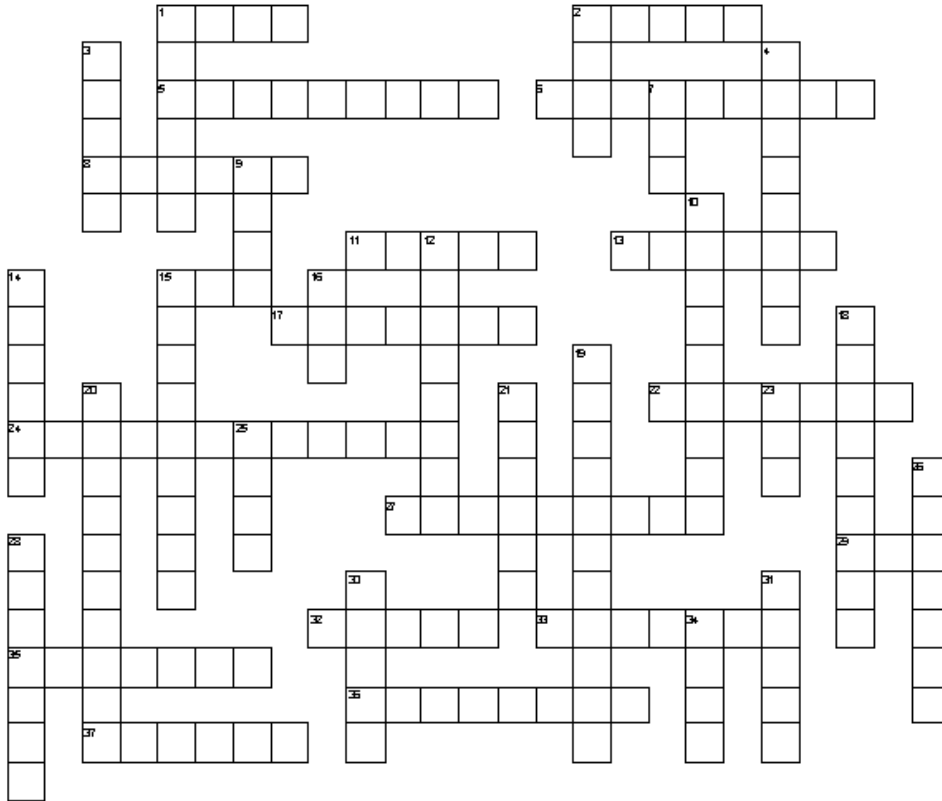
- 1 Across: MARY, NORTHPOLE, SLEIGH, CHRISTMAS, CHIMNEY, LIGHTS
- 1 Down: CARDS, CANDYCANE, FATHER, WISEMEN, RED, OLIPH, RUDOLPH, CAROL, COOKIES, NICHOLAS, SANTA, ORNAMENT, H, T, I, S, K, A, C, H, U, R, H, P, O, P, C, H, O, R, N



Sweet Christmas Activities



Merry Christmas!



ACROSS

- 1 The mother of Christ.
- 2 People often mail these to friends and acquaintances.
- 5 Santa's home and workshop are located here.
- 6 Traditional red-and-white-striped candy.
- 8 Santa's vehicle.
- 11 A Christmas song.
- 13 _____ Christmas.
- 15 If you _____ a live Christmas tree, you must throw it out after the holidays.
- 17 A treat commonly left for Santa.
- 22 They followed a star to find the Christ child.
- 24 The night before Christmas.
- 27 Decorations commonly hung on trees.
- 29 The color of Rudolph's nose.
- 32 _____ Claus.

33 Kris _____.

35 A "door" for Santa.

36 St. _____.

37 These electric decorations were introduced as a safe replacement for candles on Christmas trees.

DOWN

- 1 Baby Jesus had this for a bed.
- 2 Naughty children may find a lump of this in their stockings.
- 3 "not a creature was stirring, not even a _____."
- 4 People who go door to door singing Christmas songs.
- 7 If you _____ a live Christmas tree, you may plant it after the holidays.
- 9 Another word for present.
- 10 These should be hung by the chimney with care.
- 12 The animals that travel with Santa.
- 14 Christmas Eve services are held here.

15 "I'm dreaming of a white _____."

16 A colorful decoration often added to the top of a package.

18 Angels announced Jesus' birth to these people.

19 These spicy holiday cookies are often shaped as people.

20 This type of Christmas tree may be used year after year.

21 A round object often hung on a door.

23 A small person who helps Santa.

25 Santa's preferred beverage.

26 He guided Santa's sleigh one foggy Christmas Eve.

28 String this to decorate the Christmas tree.

30 Old _____ Nicholas.

31 _____ Christmas!

34 One of the three gifts the wise men brought to the Christ child.

Wordsearch

P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S	S	H	W	R	K	E	T	L	N	C	R	B
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1. CHRISTMAS

2. STOCKING

3. CRACKERS

4. CHRISTMAS TREE

5. NATIVITY

6. MARY

7. STABLE

8. WISE MEN

9. CAROLS

10. MINCE PIES



11. PRESENTS

12. FATHER CHRISTMAS

13. DECORATIONS

14. STAR

15. JESUS

16. JOSEPH

17. SHEPHERDS

18. BETHLEHEM

19. TURKEY

20. NEW YEAR



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