



Welcome to your weekly overview of key QSL news and information.

Mackay Growers - QSL offices open tomorrow

Mackay growers only have until 5 March to finalise their marketing nominations for the coming season. To help answer your questions and assist you with your paperwork, our offices in Mackay and Walkerston will be open from 8am to 5pm tomorrow (Saturday). Our office locations are:

- **MACKAY OFFICE:** Level 2, Canegrowers Building, 120 Wood Street, Mackay
- **WALKERSTON OFFICE:** 5 Dutton Street (next to the bakery), Walkerston

FARM VISITS & LOCAL POP-UP SHOPS

Can't get to town? We can come to you.

Tee-up a **farm visit** by calling **4967 4618**. Or visit one of our **pop-up shops** at a location near you to chat with a QSL rep or submit your paperwork:

- MONDAY 25 FEB: **Gargett Hotel** - 10am to 5pm
- TUESDAY 26 FEB: **The Leap Tea Rooms** - 9am to 3pm
- WEDNESDAY 27 FEB: **Melba House** - 9am to 3pm
- THURSDAY 28 FEB: **The General Gordon Hotel** - 10am to 3pm
- FRIDAY 1 MARCH: **St Helen's Bowls Club** - 9am to 3pm

A CASUAL COLDIE

Busy during the day or just up for a social chat? Come meet your QSL team over a cold beer and nibblies at your local:

- MONDAY 25 FEB: 6pm at the **Mirani Hotel**
- TUESDAY 26 FEB: 6pm at the **Calen Hotel**
- WEDNESDAY 27 FEB: 6pm at the **Eton Hotel**
- THURSDAY 28 FEB: 6pm at the **Bakers Creek Hall**
- FRIDAY 1 MARCH: 6pm at the **QSL Mackay office** (Level 2, Canegrowers Building, 120 Wood Street)

[Click here for more details about QSL Marketing Choice for Mackay-district growers.](#)

QSL Grower Study Tour - South Korea

Enjoy the delights of Seoul while also gaining an invaluable insight into one of our most important export sugar markets on the QSL Grower Study Tour to South Korea. QSL is currently seeking expressions of interest for the 8-day trip which departs Brisbane on Saturday 17 May. Costing approximately \$6000 per person, the trip includes returns economy flights to Seoul ex Brisbane, accommodation, most meals, transportation within Korea and some sightseeing activities. Like to learn more? Contact Alana Lucht on **3004 4471** or email alana.lucht@qsl.com.au.

Advances increase

The QSL Standard Advances rate this week increased to 82.5%. QSL growers in Wilmar milling districts should note that your QSL payment may include adjustments for credit cane payables redirected and third-party payments forwarded by your miller. The next Advances increase is scheduled for 21 March 2019, with a 5% increase set to take QSL's Standard Advances rate to 87.5%.

Pre-Crush Advance Payment Scheme

Need increased cash flow prior to harvest? QSL is now accepting nominations for the 2019-Season Pre-Crush Advance Payment Scheme, which pays participating

growers \$50/tonne of sugar IPS on 29 March for up to half of their 2019-Season QSL GEI Sugar. [Click here for details.](#)

Current indicative pool prices

To access our latest indicative 2018-Season pool prices and the Shared Pool applicable to your milling district, please click on the relevant link below:

[Bundaberg Sugar milling districts](#)

[Isis Central Sugar Mill milling districts](#)

[Mackay Sugar milling districts](#)

[MSF Sugar milling districts](#)

[Tully Sugar milling districts](#)

[Wilmar milling districts](#)

QSL Market Update

Last week was an interesting one for the raw sugar market, with 650-plus delegates from the global sugar world descending on Dubai for the annual sugar conference. Main topics of discussion centred around Indian stocks/exports and the ethanol mix for the upcoming Brazilian harvest, but by and large sentiment remained with a 12-14c/lb range-bound market and green shoots of optimism later in the year the general view. The Aussie dollar was skittish, drifting aimlessly over a 0.7050-0.7150 range while we await some sort of macro driver to 'take the wheel'.

[Click here to read our full QSL Market Update.](#)

Today's sugar prices

[Click here to read our latest Daily Market Snapshot](#)

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