

QSL Update week ending 3.10.14

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CAIRNS BST CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

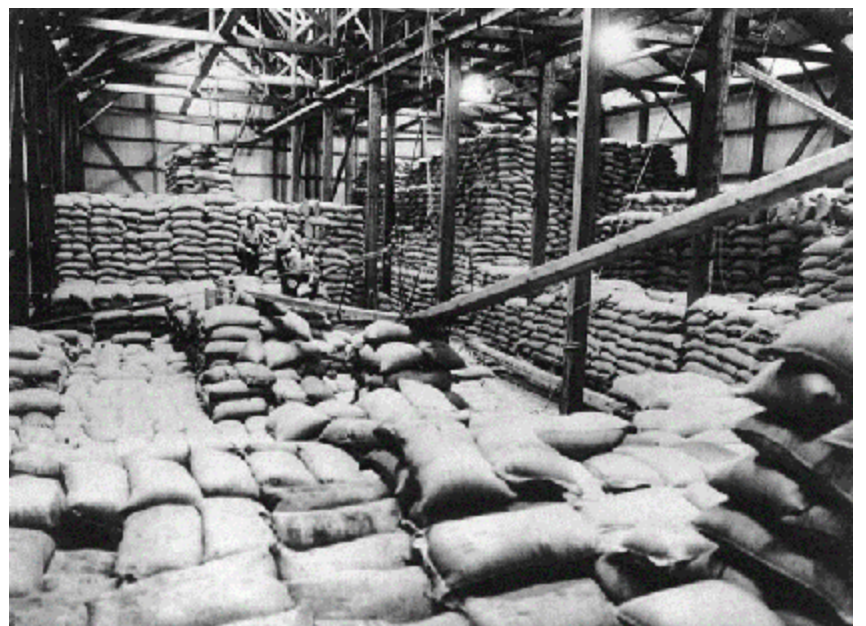
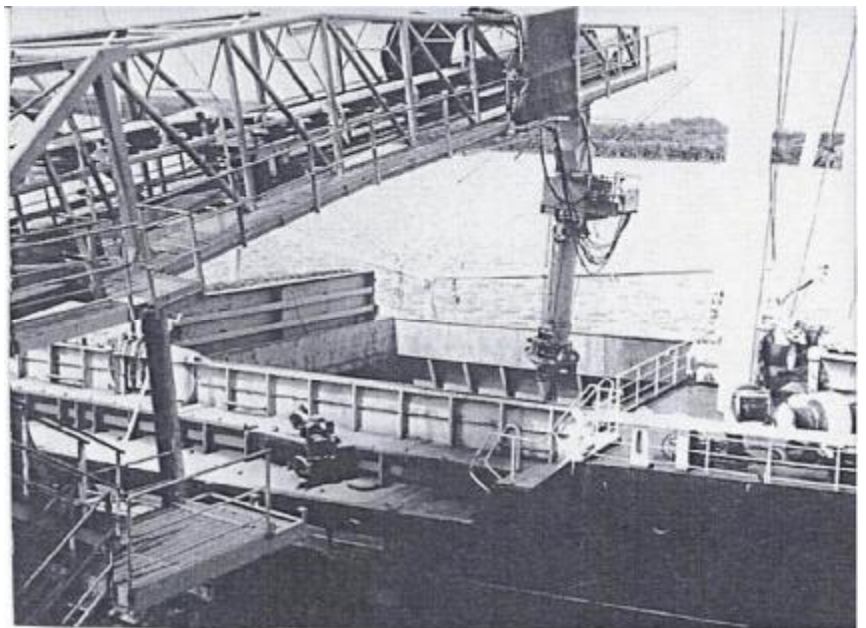
The Far North Queensland sugar industry will mark a significant milestone this Friday, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Cairns Bulk Sugar Terminal (BST).

The terminal was officially opened by the Queensland Premier Sir Francis Nicklin on Saturday 3 October, 1964, with its first bulk sugar cargo despatched to Japan aboard the *Sally Stove*, pictured right.

Costing £3.23 million to construct, the new bulk sugar facility featured a wharf, transfer station, ancillary buildings and a storage shed boasting a capacity of 100,000 tonnes of raw sugar.

It replaced White's Shed, pictured right, which handled bagged sugar and had a storage capacity of about 7500 tonnes.

Today the Cairns BST features two storage sheds with a combined capacity of 252,000 tonnes of raw sugar which is delivered to site by road from the Mossman and Mulgrave sugar mills.



QSL's Cairns team will celebrate the anniversary with an informal morning tea on Friday.



Latest information from the Sugar Research Advisory Service

The latest issue of the Sugar Research Advisory Service (SRAS) quarterly newsletter, Sweet bites, is now available at www.srasanz.org/sweet-bites. This issue discusses the artificial distinction between sugars and starch, and whether the sugar in sports drinks is really needed. Also included is a snapshot of the results from the latest Australian Health survey.

The SRAS aims to encourage a balanced viewpoint on sugar by providing scientific information on sugars and how they fit into a healthy balanced diet and active lifestyle, based on the most recent research available. To sign up to receive their e-News, please visit www.srasanz.org.

QSL Annual General Meeting

Growers are reminded that they are welcome to attend the QSL Annual General Meeting, scheduled to be held at the Christie Conference Centre at 320 Adelaide Street, Brisbane, from 2pm on Monday 20 October. QSL's 2013/2014 Annual Report has also been released and is available from our website at www.qsl.com.au or from your local grower representative body.

2014 QSL Pool Performance

All prices quoted below are indicative only and do not include an allocation from the QSL Shared Pool. Growers should always consult their mill for information about their individual cane payments.

QSL Pool - as at 26 September 2014	Gross \$A per mt IPS
QSL Harvest Pool	\$409
QSL Discretionary Pool	\$427
QSL Actively Managed Pool	\$430
QSL Guaranteed Floor Pool	\$425
QSL Growth Pool	\$428
QSL Forward Season Pool (2014)	\$421
QSL US Quota Pool	\$598



Market Update

Ginette Barrett, QSL Liquidity Manager
Current as of 29 September 2014

Sugar

The Raw Sugar market has done a complete 360 over the last week. The October 14 contract traded to a low on Monday of 13.36 US cents before bouncing nearly 200 points to 15.50c, closing the week on a high of 15.41c/lb. March and May followed a similar pattern, increasing nearly 100 points in both contracts before closing at 16.56c/lb and 16.79c/lb respectively.

In the lead up to the October expiry the October/March spread has come in 150 points after blowing out to nearly 300 points, which seems to indicate the market may have resolved some of its Thai surplus issues.

UNICA figures for the first half of September point to an early end for the Brazilian crop, with sugar production numbers closer to 32 million tonnes. Producers are finally swinging towards making ethanol as Brazil sees some rain, but not enough to reverse the effects of the drought.

Stronger futures prices have seen some good value come back to the sugar industry.

Currency

The Australian dollar has had another positive fortnight falling nearly another 400 points and finally breaking the 87 US cent barrier. This is great news for Australian exporters. US data continues to go from strength to strength, with the Greenback stronger against most currencies. The focus has turned towards the expected rate increase in the US, fuelling the momentum forward for the US dollar.

The Australian dollar continues to correct. We are now trading back at levels not seen since January 2014. The next barrier level lower is US 86.60 cents, which we could get close to over the next few days. The US recovery is giving immediate relief to the Australian exporters after a difficult few months.

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