



Tuesday 16 June - Thursday 18 June 2026

SUGAR CANE SCHEDULE – SECTION 28



NOMINATION DETAILS

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Committee:	John Borg, Lachlan McLennan, Sam Ferlazzo and Josh Ferlazzo
Judges:	Brendan Ray - Mackay Area Productivity Services (MAPS) and Chris Tom – Sugar Research Australia (SRA)
Drop Off Times for All Entries:	Cane must be delivered to P4 (Sugar Pavilion) by 6 pm Monday 15th June Or Drop off at these selected Schools – to be advised **Please register with Show Office 4957 3916 before drop off
Mackay Show Association:	PO Box 1014 Mackay Mail Centre QLD 4741 24 Milton Street, MACKAY QLD 4740 P: 4957 3916 F: 4953 4524 E: reception@mackayshow.com.au W: www.mackayshow.com.au

RULES (T&Cs)

1. All cane varieties must appear on the current Approved Varieties List for all Central District Mills.
2. All exhibits must be annual plant cane unless specified in the schedule (*current season*).
3. The Judges' decision will be final.
4. The growers' names must be displayed ONLY after the completion of judging.
5. All entries must be properly presented and stripped; NOT polished (*see page 4*).
6. Stick entries must be cut level with the ground, with NO roots.
7. Tops must be left on.
8. Sacking around stools for presentation is recommended.

All cane for exhibition may be entered at the cane exhibit area up to 6.00 pm on Monday 15 June prior to the opening of the show (Tuesday 9 am). The cane drop off point is at Sugar Court located just inside the Milton Street gates, on the left, at Pavilion 4 (P4).

9. In CLASS 28004 (CCS) only Ratoon cane is eligible for entry (bundle of 2 & 4)
10. In CLASS 28004 (CCS) entries must be at least 1.5 metres in length (bundle of 2 & 4)
11. The Judge may withhold first place where he/she considers that entries are not worthy of the award.
12. In all classes where a monetary prize is listed, this will be presented by cheque (**except for the children's class**).
13. The Show Cane Committee reserves the right to reject unsuitable exhibits. The final arbiter is the Chief Steward.
14. Cane entries must have all the required details on the ticket accompanying their entries. This includes NAME, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL (where you have an email), CLASS, VARIETY and school nominated (see following page).



PRESENTATION OF ENTRIES

All entrants are reminded that presentation is a part of the judging criteria which judges use when selecting the winning sugarcane.

Please note this presentation takes into account damage caused by seasonal weather or events.

The sugarcane entry should be:

1. Clean and stripped (but not polished)
2. No roots
3. Neat and tidy
4. Tops left on
5. Cut neatly.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TICKET DETAILS

Entrants are reminded that filling in the relevant information on the tickets provided to accompany entries provides the Chief Steward and judges with all the required information to host an equitable and efficient competition.

Your entry ticket will need to be completed with:

1. Your full name
2. Your email address (if you have one)
3. Your phone number
4. Class you are entering
5. The variety/varieties of your entry
6. And your nominated school (for points accrual to benefit our regional schools in the school's competition).



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MACKAY SHOW SUGAR

CLASSES

Note: A school preference should be nominated with all entries as points will go towards this school's points for the schools' classes.

28001-1. BEST SIX STICKS OF Q240

1st Place \$300 – Sponsored by: Hodge Industries

2nd Place \$200 – Sponsored by: Hodge Industries

3rd Place \$150 – Sponsored by: Mackay Sugar

28001-2. BEST SIX STICKS OF SRA9

1st Place \$300 – Sponsored by: Nutrien Ag Solutions

2nd Place \$200 – Sponsored by: Nutrien Ag Solutions

3rd Place \$150 – Sponsored by: Chelona Industries

28001-3. BEST SIX STICKS OF ANY OTHER APPROVED VARIETY

1st Place \$300 – Sponsored by:

2nd Place \$200 – Sponsored by: QSL

3rd Place \$150 – sponsored by:

28002. BEST TWELVE STICKS OF ANY TWO DIFFERENT VARIETIES

1st Place \$300 – Sponsored by: Westpac

2nd Place \$200 – Sponsored by: Canegrowers Mackay

3rd Place \$150 – Sponsored by: Canegrowers Mackay

28003. BEST EIGHTEEN STICKS OF THREE DIFFERENT VARIETIES

1ST Place \$300 Voucher – Sponsored by: NQ Farmshed Pty Ltd

2nd Place \$200 – Sponsored by: Chelona Industries

3rd Place \$150 – Sponsored by: Reef Marine

28004. CCS COMPETITION – 6 sticks bundled (4 bundled for analysis, 2 for display)

Must be ratoon cane, at least 1.5 metres in length

1st Place \$300 – Sponsored by: Mackay Sugar

2nd Place \$200 – Sponsored by: Bloom Accounting Services

3rd Place \$150 – Sponsored by: SGIC - Southern Cross Group

28005. CHAMPION SIX STICKS OF SHOW (winner from Classes 28001-1, 28001-2, 28001-3, 28002 & 28003)

\$400 – Sponsored by: Mackay Sugar

28006. RESERVE CHAMPION SIX STICKS OF SHOW

\$300 – Sponsored by: RDO Equipment

28007. CHAMPION STOOL OF SHOW

\$400 – Sponsored by: Canegrowers Mackay

28008. RESERVE CHAMPION STOOL OF SHOW

\$300 – Sponsored by Sammut Engineering Qld Pty Ltd

28009. CHAMPION EXHIBITOR OF SHOW

(All classes eligible with the exception of the *children's* classes)

\$500 – Sponsored by: Hardy Spicer

Toby Watson Memorial Trophy - Sponsored by: Sugarcane Sub-Committee

28010. RESERVE CHAMPION EXHIBITOR OF SHOW

(All classes eligible, excepting the *children's* classes)

\$300 – Sponsored by: Walterscheid



CHILDREN'S/SCHOOLS' COMPETITION 2026

RULES:

- A) One point to be allocated to all entries in ALL CLASSES**
- B) Owners of entries must nominate a school to receive these points**
- C) Points to be awarded are: 1st = 15 pts, 2nd = 10 pts, 3rd = 5 pts
Prize money is awarded to the successful P&C/ P&F associations. Please Note: Class 18003: Only one entry per school. However, if not enough entries are received, the Chief Steward may allocate to a school of his choosing.**

18001-1. CHILDREN - BEST SIX STICKS OF Q240

- 1st Place \$75 – Sponsored by Brown & Hurley Agriculture
- 2nd Place \$50 – Sponsored by Brown & Hurley Agriculture
- 3rd Place \$25 – Sponsored by Brown & Hurley Agriculture

18001-2. CHILDREN – BEST SIX STICKS OF SRA9

- 1st Place \$75 – Sponsored by Everyday Roofing & Plumbing Mackay
- 2nd Place \$50 – Sponsored by Everyday Roofing & Plumbing Mackay
- 3rd Place \$25 – Sponsored by Everyday Roofing & Plumbing Mackay

18001-3. CHILDREN – BEST SIX STICKS OF ANY APPROVED VARIETY

- 1st Place \$75 – Sponsored by: Crop Wise
- 2nd Place \$50 – Sponsored by: Crop Wise
- 3rd Place \$25 – Sponsored by: Crop Wise

18002. CHILDREN – BEST NINE STICKS OF THREE DIFFERENT VARIETIES

- 1st Place \$75 – Sponsored by Dowdens Pumping & Water Treatment
- 2nd Place \$50 – Sponsored by Dowdens Pumping & Water Treatment
- 3rd Place \$25 – Sponsored by Dowdens Pumping & Water Treatment

18003. SWEETEST SCHOOLS - BEST TWELVE STICKS OF ANY TWO VARIETIES - Charlie McLennan Memorial Trophy PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ONLY (NOTE: Only ONE (1) entry per school)

- 1st Place \$750 – Sponsored by: Canegrowers
- 2nd Place \$500 – Sponsored by:
- 3rd Place \$300 – Sponsored by: Milne Bros

18004. SWEETEST SCHOOLS – HEAVIEST 6 STICKS PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ONLY (NOTE: Only ONE (1) entry per school)

- 1st Place \$750 – Sponsored by: Mackay Sugar
- 2nd Place \$500 – Sponsored by:
- 3rd Place \$300 – Sponsored by: Muscat Family

18005. SCHOOLS – BROWN & HURLEY AGRICULTURE SCHOOL CANE COMPETITION (pts allocated from various classes)

- 1st Place \$1,000 – Sponsored by: Brown & Hurley Agriculture
- 2nd Place \$500 – Sponsored by: Rabobank Australia Limited
- 3rd Place \$300 – Sponsored by: CE Smith & Co Mackay

MACKAY SHOW CANE AWARDS 2026

The popular Mackay Show Cane Awards to be held on FRIDAY 10th July, Upper 500 Pavilion at 6pm for 6.30pm start, Mackay Showground. This entertaining night is open to all winners, placegetters and valued sponsors.

We thank all our very valuable sponsors of the annual Sugar Cane Section competition. For our awards night we specifically thank **Canegrowers Mackay, Crop Wise, Hardy Spicer, Mackay Sugar, Racecourse Projects, SCIG - Southern Cross Industrial Group Pty Ltd, and Walterscheid, QCAR, QSL** and Our hosts for beverages on the night are long time valued sponsors, **Dowdens Pumping and Water Treatment.**

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