



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Crop Consultants Australia (CCA) is the professional network for those that provide agronomic advice to Australia's cotton, grain, pulse and oilseed producers.

Professionalism and technical knowledge of crop consultants is essential to supporting a progressive and responsive cropping industry. CCA supports professionals and industry representatives working across dryland and irrigated systems to maintain a high level of technical skills and knowledge in spray management, product selection, crop nutrition and soils, irrigation practices, variety selection, crop and fallow management and insect, disease and weed management. The Association also places importance on business and communication skills.

### Membership benefits and opportunities

#### Professional Development

Annual Cropping Solutions Seminars and workshops in Queensland and New South Wales.

Events feature specialist presentations on agronomic and research updates, product developments and business management.

#### Networking Opportunities

Exclusive events with leading researchers, industry organisations and corporate reps.

Members include young agronomists to the most experienced and respected consultants.

#### On-Line Resources

Receive research papers and presentations from seminars, plus other reports direct to your inbox.

Special custom reports for members and useful resources available in the Members Portal.

#### Industry Events and Activities

Members are invited to participate in a variety of research projects, provide feedback on industry initiatives and attend special industry events.

#### Professional Recognition

CCA is recognised as a key valued stakeholder in the cotton and grains industry.

'Professional' logo available to eligible members for business stationery and uniforms to promote and recognise your commitment to up-skilling.

#### Profile Building

Members Directory distributed to members, researchers and key industry stakeholders.

CCA features regularly in media and industry publications.

Members are nominated for industry awards.

#### Special Discounts

CCA members receive great discounts to attend Cropping Solutions Seminars.

Members may also have access to workshops and other training programs for no charge or at a subsidised rate.

#### News and Information

The fortnightly Consultants Catchup E-newsletter delivers the latest industry news, events, research and product information direct to members.

**Crop Consultants Australia aims to promote and enhance crop consulting as a profession.**



## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

CCA membership is open to agronomists and crop consultants, including those people with a shared interest in agronomy and broadacre agriculture.

	Annual Membership Fee	Career	Qualifications Experience	Employment	Upskilling
<b>Professional Members</b> Professional Consultant <sup>#</sup>	\$325	Established crop consulting career	Relevant tertiary qualification* and 10+ years' experience OR 20+ years of direct consulting experience ~	Self-employed or work for an independent consultant or a farming enterprise or agribusiness (reseller)	Demonstrate 30 upskilling hours/year Recognition for professionalism
Young Professional Consultant <sup>#</sup>	\$325	Starting a crop consulting or agronomy career	Relevant tertiary qualification* and less than 10 years of direct consulting experience ~	Spend more than 30 hours per working week (on average) providing agronomic advice	Demonstrate 50 upskilling hours/year Recognition for professionalism
<b>Industry Member</b>	\$325	Staying up to date with industry information	Employed by an industry organisation, research body, government department or product manufacturer/distributor. OR a practicing consultant or agronomist that opts to not submit an annual upskilling record.		N/A
<b>First Year Graduate Member ~</b>	\$99	Taking the first step from Uni to full time work	A member who joins within their first year of graduation from an agronomy or related field of study and is either looking for work or entered the workforce.		N/A ~
<b>Student Member ~</b>	Nil	Learning about the industry and career opportunities	Studying agronomy or a related field on a full-time basis and not employed on a permanent basis (may be a casual worker)		N/A ~
<b>Life Member<sup>^</sup></b>	Nil	Current member who had demonstrated significant, sustained and high-quality leadership and support, which has enhanced the reputation and the future of the Association			

Fees are GST inclusive

<sup>#</sup> Definition of 'consultant': A person who has a significant percentage of their time (averaging a minimum of 30 hours per working week for the year) dedicated to providing agronomic advice.

Should an individual have more than 25 years consulting experience and be averaging less than 30 hours per working week, the CCA Board will consider continuing their professional membership, if they maintain the up-skilling requirements.

\*A person applying for a 'professional' category of membership that does not have relevant tertiary qualifications would require special approval by the CCA Board. The Cotton and/or Grain Production Course is regarded as a tertiary qualification.

~A person who is in permanent full time or part time employment whilst undertaking their final year of tertiary study, or who qualifies for the discounted first year graduate rate may be eligible for Young Professional Membership if they fulfill the other category requirements.

<sup>^</sup>The 'Life Membership' category is the highest level of recognition offered by the organisation. Nominations are considered by the CCA Board annually and must be received at the CCA Office by 28 February.

NOTE: All membership categories receive the same level of membership benefits, except students and members who are under the age of 18 years who are not entitled to vote. No membership fee refunds are provided to members, or their employer, that leave a business or company partway through the year.