



## 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

Discounted registration to annual Cropping Solutions Seminars, regional workshops in Queensland and New South Wales or webinars.

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 professionals to the most experienced and respected consultants.

#### 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.

100% refund for members who need to cancel event registration even on the day of the event.

#### Professional Recognition

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

CCA logo available to eligible members for business stationery and uniforms to promote and recognise your commitment to up-skilling. Membership certification is also available on request.

#### 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.

#### 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.

*For over 40 years the Association has provided a forum for information exchange, networking, professional development and technical training in agronomy-related professions.*

# 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>1</sup>	\$400	Established crop consulting career	Relevant tertiary qualification <sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>
Young Professional Consultant <sup>1</sup>	\$400	Starting a crop consulting or agronomy career	Relevant tertiary qualification <sup>2</sup> 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>	\$400	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. <sup>3</sup>		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 has entered the workforce.		N/A
<b>Postgraduate Student Member</b>	\$99	Enhancing skills and knowledge specialisation	A member who has completed an undergraduate degree and is undertaking additional study.		N/A
<b>Student Member (Undergraduate)</b>	Nil	Learning about the industry and career opportunities	A member studying agronomy or a related field either part time or full time with the intention of becoming an agricultural professional upon graduation.		N/A
<b>Life Member<sup>4</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

1 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.

2 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.

3. Should an individual have more than 25 years consulting experience, the requirement for upskilling will be waived. Members with more than 25 years of consulting experience may also retain their professional membership status if they are averaging less than 30 hours per working week.

4. 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 any 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.