

# 2024 Grower Membership Benefits



\$ **110**  
Pro-rated

## Join up, join up....

Are you keen to be part of the Custard Apples Australia community, which is a not-for-profit, member-owned organisation? Acquiring a grower membership with Custard Apples Australia provides funds to invest in our industry and programs, including government liaison.

This grower membership has become more critical as we provide grower representation in the areas of labour, water, biosecurity, market access, agrichemicals, infrastructure, energy, research and development, and climate.

## Eligibility and requirements

Under the Constitution of Custard Apples Australia:

- All statutory levy paying custard apple growers shall be eligible for ordinary membership (termed Grower Membership on the website).
- In the case of leaseholders, the lessee only and not the lessor, shall be eligible for membership and in the case of partnerships, where the partners are owners, part owners, tenants or share farmers, those persons who are working partners shall be eligible for one membership per partnership. Each member is entitled to one vote.
- If you grow custard apples in Australia and pay statutory levies, you are **not** eligible to apply for Associate Membership, only Grower Membership.
- Grower Membership is applied for online and is \$110 for the 2024 calendar year. Grower Membership renewals will fall due on 1 January. For new growers joining throughout the year, the membership fee is pro-rated monthly.
- It is the growers' responsibility to log-on to 'Members Area' of the website, if any personal membership information requires updating. Simply go to the 'My Profile' section to make any changes.
- To support our non-profit organisation, we need you to update the number of producing trees on your farms each year and pay your membership fees on time. If you're more than 2 months late, the Management Committee will consider if your membership shall be terminated.
- Becoming a member not only means we will support you as much as possible, but that we expect the same in return, and that you will act in a manner that furthers the objectives of Custard Apples Australia.
- If you conduct yourself in a way which is unbecoming of a Custard Apples Australia member, or which is injurious to the character of the Custard Apple Association, your membership may be terminated. First, we will give you written notice and give a full and fair opportunity to present your case, after which a decision will be made by the Management Committee.
- If you would like to read the full Constitution to understand your rights as a Custard Apples Australia member, you can download the document on the website.

## Connect with Custard Apples Australia

- Share your ideas and concerns with Custard Apples Australia for matters to be raised for discussion.
- Reach out with interesting and innovative stories and technologies on-farm, for Custard Apples Australia to communicate with industry in the e-newsletter.
- Access to local area representatives who offer support, connections, and advice.
- Connect with local growers through Custard Apples Australia social media private messaging group.
- Receive updates from the Management Committee on critical matters affecting industry such labour issues, or chemical information.

## Unlock the Members Area of Custard Apples Australia website

- Obtain the 'members only' newsletter *The Custard Apple* for current government updates, information from industry partners, grants, courses, offers and other exclusive content.
- Receive industry alerts and calls to action on topical and current matters.
- Receive your annual invitation to the Annual General Meeting, field days, workshops, and guest speakers.
- Access 'member only' documents on topics that matter to you, such as orchard management, pruning and pest management.
- Get notifications on chemical updates.
- Automatically gain access to custard apple R & D project information, manuals and or books developed through statutory levies, without the need to apply through Levy Registration. Evidentiary proof of levy payment may be requested before acceptance of grower membership.

## Join the custard apple marketing group

- Be afforded the opportunity to be part of the Jadefruit Custard Apple Marketing Association (J-CAM)

## Nominate to represent your fellow growers on the Management Committee

- Attend 1-2 management committee meetings per year to discuss priorities for your committee and assist in strategic planning.
- Act as a conduit between Custard Apples Australia and growers.
- Be a strong voice and a leader in your industry by meeting with government representatives, attending networking events, and building connections within industry.