



Custard Apples
Australia^{INC.}

2022

Grower Membership Benefits



\$ 110

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 Memberships are for one (1) calendar year. New Grower Memberships are also for one (1) year, but the 12 months membership commences at the time of payment. Grower Membership is applied for online.
- If any personal membership information requires updating, it is the growers' responsibility to advise the Association.
- 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. If this is the case, you will revert to the (free) Levy Payer registration.
- 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 as labour issues, COVID-19 updates.

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 Jadedfruit 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.



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Associate Membership Benefits



\$ 82

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

Eligibility and requirements

Under Custard Apples Australia Constitution:

- An associate member is a person that is not a statutory levy paying grower, but has interests in the custard apple industry. An associate member has no voting rights. So, if you grow custard apples and pay levies, you shall be eligible for ordinary membership (termed Grower Membership on the website), not Associate Membership.
- Ongoing Associate Memberships are for one (1) calendar year. New Associate Memberships are also for one (1) year, but the 12 months membership commences at the time of payment. Membership is applied for online.
- If any personal membership information requires updating, it is the associates' responsibility to advise the Association.
- 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.

Keep in touch with everything Custard Apple with our associate membership

- 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.
- Get notifications on chemical updates.



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Corporate Membership Benefits



\$ **330**

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 corporate membership with Custard Apples Australia provides funds to invest in our industry and programs, including government liaison.

Eligibility and requirements

Under Custard Apples Australia Constitution:

- A Corporate member is a business that has an interest in the custard apple industry, which could include businesses such as packing sheds, marketers, distributors, retailers, processors, or suppliers of good and services. A Corporate Member has no voting rights.
- Corporate Memberships are for one (1) year, with the 12 months membership commencing at the time of payment. Corporate Membership is applied for on-line. If any corporate membership information requires updating, it is the businesses responsibility to advise the Association.
- Becoming a member not only means we will support your business as much as possible, but that we expect the same in return, and that you or your representatives will act in a manner that furthers the objectives of Custard Apples Australia.
- If you or your representatives 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.

Keep in touch with everything Custard Apple with our corporate membership

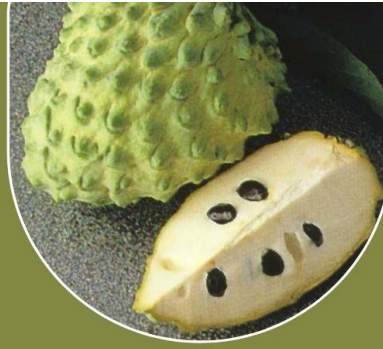
- Promote your business to growers and industry. Have your business listed as Corporate Member on the Custard Apples Australia website, with a link to your company website.
- Receive one (1) complimentary advertisement in *The Custard Apple* e-newsletter.
- Receive your invitation to our Annual General Meeting, and member-only event with guest speakers and take up the invitation to attend and exhibit at our field days/workshops.
- Obtain the 'members only' newsletter *The Custard Apple* for current government updates, information from industry partners, industry alerts, calls to action on topical and current matters and other exclusive content.
- Unlock the Members Area of the Custard Apple Australia website and learn first of new data and information impacting industry.
- Provide input into Custard Apple Australia's advocacy to government by providing evidence on important matters as requested from time to time.



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Lifetime Membership Benefits



\$ 0

For a lifetime...

Custard Apples Australia has termed a Lifetime member as a person who has made an exceptional contribution to the industry. A Lifetime member is nominated by the Management Committee and has voting rights.



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Honorary Membership Benefits



\$ 0

It is an honour...

Custard Apples Australia as termed an Honorary member as a person who whilst not fulfilling the qualification for ordinary membership, has a current sufficient involvement in the industry. An Honorary member is nominated by the Management Committee but has no voting rights.

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Levy Payer Registration

Benefits



\$ 0

Understanding Your Levy

The custard apples levy and charge were first introduced 1 January 1995. Custard apples produced in Australia and sold by the producer or that are exported, will attract a levy or charge. Hort Innovation is responsible for the expenditure of the custard apples levy and charge.

Custard apples means a fruit of the species *Annona cherimola*, *Annona muricata*, *Annona reticulata*, *Annona squamosa* or a hybrid between, or within, any of these species.

A producer of custard apples, that is the person who owns the custard apples immediately after harvest, is liable to pay the levy. If a grower of custard apples, sells their fruit through an intermediary, including a first purchaser, buying agent, selling agent, or exporting agent, the amount of levy they pay on behalf of the grower is recovered from the grower.

For example, when a grower receives a grower/remittance advice, outlining the prices received, the levy amount (as per the rates below) is deducted from the final payment. Detailed information on the custard apple levy and charge is available at the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE).

Levy Breakdowns

Custard Apples	Marketing Levy	Research & Development Levy	TOTAL
Packaged – standard box 10 kilograms	13 cents per box	27 cents per box	40 cents per box
Packaged – standard tray 7 kilograms	13 cents per tray	27 cents per tray	40 cents per tray
Bulk	\$16 per tonne	\$34 per tonne	\$50 per tonne

Investment in research and development (R&D) and innovation is vital for ongoing growth and improvement in the productivity, profitability, competitiveness, and sustainability of Australia's custard apple industry.

Custard Apples Australia supports policy that:

- Ensures efficient use of the grower levy
- Invests in the Custard Apple Strategic Plan
- Improves security of tenure for core skills
- Develops a field of applied scientists motivated by industry outcomes
- Centralises co-ordination of R&D for efficient delivery
- Encourages collaboration with international researchers for efficiency
- Is industry driven

Levy payers have free access to custard apple R&D project information, which can be unlocked through the **Levy Payer Registration**. Evidentiary proof of levy payment may be requested before acceptance of registration.

All other information, such as newsletters, field day/workshops, including access to guest speakers and communications from the industry association (Custard Apples Australia) is accessible through **Grower Membership**.