

# BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR INDUSTRY-OWNED COMPANY

***AS A SUGARCANE LEVY PAYER,  
YOU ARE ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP OF  
SUGAR RESEARCH AUSTRALIA LIMITED.***

We encourage you to become a member and play an active role in determining the future of your organisation. Your opinion matters to us and it is important that the whole-of-industry can come together to influence the future direction of SRA. Only members are eligible to vote, which is why we encourage you to become a member of your industry-owned company.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- ▶ You can vote at SRA's general meetings, including election of SRA's Directors at the AGM
- ▶ You can nominate for election to the Director Selection Committee
- ▶ You will receive notification of activity conducted by SRA
- ▶ You will receive Member Updates
- ▶ You will receive SRA publications and manuals
- ▶ You will receive the quarterly SRA magazine CaneConnection

SRA is an Industry-Owned Company that invests in and manages a portfolio of Research, Development and Adoption (RD&A) projects that drive productivity, profitability and sustainability for the Australian sugarcane industry.

As the declared Industry Services Body for the Australian sugarcane industry under the Sugar Research and Development Services Act 2013 (Cth), SRA is responsible for the direct provision of RD&A activities as well as the ongoing management and investment of funds received from industry levy payers and government, for the benefit of the sugarcane industry and for the wider public good.

SRA is funded by a levy of 70 cents per tonne in cane, paid equally by growers (35c) and millers (35c). Co-investment is also provided by the Commonwealth Government and the Queensland Government.

## HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER

Simply complete the enclosed Membership Application Form and return it in the envelope supplied. The Membership Application Form is also available to download from our website at [www.sugarresearch.com.au](http://www.sugarresearch.com.au) and may be emailed to [sra@sugarresearch.com.au](mailto:sra@sugarresearch.com.au) or faxed to (07) 3871 0383. If you have any questions regarding SRA Membership, you can call (07) 3331 3333.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What's the difference between a Member and a Member Representative?

A Member is a company or individual that holds an ABN and pays a Sugarcane Levy. Where the Member is a company or other organisation, an individual must be appointed to represent the organisation and exercise its rights. That person is known as the Member Representative. Where the Member is an individual, that person will automatically also be the Member Representative.

### Will I be a Group G Member or a Group M Member?

If you are a grower, you will be a Group G Member. If you are a miller, you will be a Group M Member.

### As a Member or Member Representative, am I obligated to attend any meetings or events?

It is not mandatory to attend any meetings or events. Only Member Representatives may attend meetings and vote, which is why we encourage you to become a Member.

### Once I become a Member or Member Representative, do I need to renew my Membership each year?

You do not need to renew your Membership each year. However, we may send you an annual return in order to confirm your ongoing eligibility for Membership and to determine your voting entitlement.

### Do I need to complete the Membership Application Form by a certain date?

No. You may become a Member at any time. However, we encourage you to become a Member as soon as possible so that you may begin to participate in SRA decision making.

### Will you notify me when I have been registered as a Member?

Yes.

### How are voting rights calculated?

Each Group G Member has 1 vote, on a show of hands or on a poll. Each Group M Member has 1 vote on a show of hands. On a poll, each Group M Member has 1 vote plus 1 vote per whole tonne of Sugarcane delivered to the Member's mill(s) in the prior calendar year.