

# 2021 Grower Membership Application Form

*Own it, grow it, benefit*



## Membership Benefits

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### Nominate to represent your fellow growers on the Citrus Australia Board:

- Govern the strategic direction of the company and guide policy development
- Monitor organisational performance, approve appointments, and liaise with stakeholders
- Monitor financial position of the company and approve budgets

### Nominate to represent your fellow growers on one of Citrus Australia's eleven committees:

- Attend 2-4 meetings per year to discuss priorities for your committee and assist in strategic planning of the company
- Be the conduit between Citrus Australia and growers
- Be a strong voice and a leader in your industry by attending networking events and building connections within industry

### Own a piece of Citrus Australia:

- Share your ideas and concerns with Citrus Australia committees to be raised for discussion
- Have input into Citrus Australia's [advocacy to government](#) by providing evidence for our inquiry submissions and ministerial meetings regarding important matters such as industry fees, water regulation, and exports
- Vote for Citrus Australia Board members
- Reach out with interesting and innovative stories, including new technology, from your farm, for Citrus Australia to communicate with industry in the magazine or e-news
- Provide feedback and suggestions to Citrus Australia on how to improve your experience

### Be the first to hear of new data and information that impacts your growing decisions:

- Receive letters from our CEO on critical matters affecting industry
- Get notifications on chemical updates, and changes to export MRLs
- Access weekly shipping reports on exports\*, and six-weekly ABS reports
- Request national data on varieties, produce export, pest and disease, and prices
- Get your hands on a printed copy of the annual Australian Citrus Tree Census at the national forum
- Have the Citrus Australia [annual report](#) emailed to you each year
- Take 10% off your purchase of the [Safe Ag Systems](#) WHS digital safety management program and app

### Access citrus industry communications to keep you in the know-how, both on paper and online:

- See email announcements on important matters that Citrus Australia encourages you to note, such as grants, biosecurity alerts or changes to legislation
- Pick up the quarterly magazine [Australian Citrus News](#) in your mailbox
- Receive fortnightly e-newsletters in your inbox, on hot topics in citrus
- Like us on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#), to immerse yourself in the citrus space

### Get your special invitation to Citrus Australia meetings and events:

- Receive your annual invitation to the AGM, and member-only event with guest speaker
- Access discounted member tickets to our [national forum](#)
- Get email invitations to our free regional forums
- Hear about price saving opportunities within our industry networks

### Unlock the members section of the Citrus Australia website:

- Find archive copies of the quarterly [Australian Citrus News](#) in the exclusive 'members only' section of the Citrus Australia website
- See member only prepared documents on topics that matter to you, such as our Guide to Farm Labour, and our Guide to COVID-19 in the Orchard and Packing Shed
- Access detailed reports on export MRLs
- Access copies of Citrus Australia submissions to government

\* Conditions apply

### Citrus Australia is a not-for-profit, member-owned organisation.

Taking a membership with Citrus Australia provides funds to invest in our team and programs, including government liaison, which will become more critical as we provide grower representation in the areas of labour, water, biosecurity, market access, agrichemicals, infrastructure, energy, research and development.

## Grower Details

Name of entity:

Nominated representative:

ABN/ACN:

Postal address:

Town:

State:

Postcode:

Physical address:

Town:

State:

Postcode:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Accounts contact email:

Please tick which growing region/s you have citrus orchards in:

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WA             | <input type="checkbox"/> NT          | <input type="checkbox"/> SA                      | <input type="checkbox"/> FNQ         | <input type="checkbox"/> QLD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverina (NSW) | <input type="checkbox"/> NSW - Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Murray Valley (NSW/VIC) | <input type="checkbox"/> VIC - Other |                              |

## Eligibility & Requirements

Under the Citrus Australia Constitution:

- You are eligible to become a **Grower Member**, if you own, lease or both occupy and manage a farm. A farm is defined as a single parcel of land of at least 1 hectare, upon which at least 450 citrus trees (bearing fruit) are planted in order to harvest the fruit for commercial sale.
- If you have purchased land and plan to plant citrus, you are eligible to become a Grower Member for the minimum annual fee (\$284.48).
- Only 1 person from your business can apply to be a Grower Member and vote (but we can add other staff to our database and mailing list so you can all stay up to date with the latest). 1 hectare equals 1 vote.
- If you are not a grower, but work closely with the citrus industry, such as packing sheds, marketers, distributors, retailers, processors, or suppliers of good and services to the citrus industry, you can become an **Affiliate Member**.
- You are not eligible to apply for an Affiliate Membership if you grow citrus in Australia.**
- You must fill in an application form to apply for membership, however you do not become a member until the Board approves your application. They may ask you for more information about yourself and your business during this process. This will be done no later than the next Board Meeting (every 6-8 weeks).
- As a Grower Member, your membership fee will be calculated pro-rata based on how many days are left in the year, and this must accompany your application. If your application is denied, we will refund your payment within the month.
- If any of your contact information changes, it is your responsibility to inform us.
- To support our non-profit organisation, we need you to update the number of producing hectares on your farms each year, and pay your membership fees on time. If you're more than 90 days late, your membership will be cancelled and you will revert back to a (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 Citrus Australia.
- If you conduct yourself in a way which is unbecoming of a Citrus Australia member, or which is prejudicial or adverse to the interests of us or the Australian citrus industry generally, your membership will be revoked. First, we will give you 30 days written notice and an opportunity to defend your motives, after which a vote will be made by the Board.

## Applicant Declaration

By submitting this application form, I declare that:

1. I am applying for a grower membership with Citrus Australia Limited for 2021.
2. I own, lease, or both occupy and manage, a farm or farms comprising of \_\_\_\_\_ ha of bearing citrus trees, and **agree to update this figure annually with Citrus Australia as trees come into production.**
3. No other person is a member of Citrus Australia in respect of the aforementioned farm or farms.
4. I agree to be bound by the [Constitution of Citrus Australia](#) (as amended from time to time, and available on the Citrus Australia website) and as summarised above under 'Eligibility & Requirements'.
5. I agree to pay membership fees each financial year, or to provide written notification if I wish to cancel my annual membership.
6. I undertake to contribute to Citrus Australia's property, if the company is wound-up, to a maximum amount of \$10, pursuant to the Constitution.
7. I warrant that all information contained in this application form is complete and accurate.
8. I acknowledge that the Citrus Australia Board has the discretion to accept or reject this application.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Fee and Payment

I understand that the membership fee (including GST) for the period until 31 December 2021 is the greater option of:

\$22.78 x \_\_\_\_\_ ha (item 2 under Applicant Declaration) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

minimum fee \$284.48

*For Citrus Australia only:*

The calculated pro-rata amount is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ based on \_\_\_\_\_ months left in the year

### I would like to make payment of my membership fee:

- by credit card over the phone
- by cheque, made payable to "Citrus Australia Ltd"
- by Electronic Funds Transfer to the following account:

Citrus Australia Ltd

BSB: 063 520

ACC: 1062 8415

Reference: invoice number (please submit remittance advice with payment)

**Citrus Australia will create an invoice and contact you to arrange payment via your preferred method.**

### Please return this application to:

**Kerry Thompson**

Membership & Policy Officer, Citrus Australia

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