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## **BENEFITS OF CANEGROWERS MEMBERSHIP**

In addition to the handy resources found in the CANEGROWERS website 'member resources' section, such as our Marketing Information Service, Cost of Production Tool and road access guides, did you know that your membership number can also unlock a range of discounts?



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Go to [queenslandcountry.health/portal](http://queenslandcountry.health/portal) and log in with Username: CANEGROWERS Password: CGR2020. Contact Kim Anderson on 0417 622 856 or email [kanderson@queenslandcountry.health](mailto:kanderson@queenslandcountry.health).



CANEGROWERS legal adviser, Chris Cooper, provides legal services to individual growers. Members can access prompt, free initial legal advice over the phone by calling 07 3864 6441. To read articles Chris has written for Australian Canegrower magazine on a range of issues, [click here.](#)

### **The Qantas Club**

your existing Qantas Club membership.

Qantas offers CANEGROWERS members access to their corporate rate for [Qantas Club](#) Membership. Through CANEGROWERS *corporate membership – individually managed scheme*, discounted rates apply to new memberships or renewal of membership.

By quoting the CANEGROWERS scheme number, based on current rates, you may save \$97 on a one-year subscription, or \$176 on a two-year subscription. The CANEGROWERS Scheme number is 0000825424. Call Qantas on 13 11 31 (select menu option 2 for the Qantas Frequent Flyer Service Centre) and quote our scheme number. *Please note these savings may change when Qantas makes changes to its membership rates.*



Through CANEGROWERS' membership of the Queensland Farmers' Federation, all grower members are eligible for an extra range of services and support offered by QFF. This includes companies such as Mitsubishi Motors, Mobil & Telstra. To find out more and register as a CANEGROWERS member, [click here.](#)

If you don't know your membership number, please phone the CANEGROWERS Proserpine office on 4945 1844 or email us at [prp@canegrowers.com.au](mailto:prp@canegrowers.com.au) and we can provide it to you. Your membership number can also be found on the address cover page of the Australian Canegrower Magazine (number starting with 1-300-).



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Connected Farms' Starlink on the Move and system integration is a unique, portable connectivity solution using the Starlink LEO Satellite Network. It allows farmers to connect anywhere, anytime, across their entire farm by mounting the Starlink on the Move equipment on their vehicle, tractor, or machinery. This solution enables voice, mobile, and data connectivity, dataintensive robotics, automation, and intensive precision farming functions, while the machine is operational and moving.

## **HOW IT WORKS**

The Starlink Satellite Antenna is fixed to the top of your vehicle, either permanently mounted or by mag mounts. The baseband modem unit sits in the cab and is integrated into the machine's internal systems to ensure high-speed internet access. Your local agricultural machinery dealer performs the integration of the service. Once connected, the device also enables Wi-Fi in and around the machine, ensuring you are always connected.

Connected Farms' SOTM is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Starlink Business grade solution which comprises of:

- Connectivity anywhere
- Very high down and upload speeds
- Unlimited data
- Low latency
- A true agribusiness grade solution
- Can output to Wi-Fi or Ethernet
- High performance antenna
- Dedicated Agriculture monthly plan



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## **Chlorotic Streak in SRA26**

SRA26 is a Northern variety that was first released in 2019 and released to growers in the Central region in 2022.

Recently in Mackay, MAPS observed chlorotic streak symptoms in SRA26 in an observation plot. The plot was planted in a block with a low-lying section where water runoff occurs during rainfall events. No streak symptoms were seen in SRA26 at the elevated end of the block. The source material used to plant the block was inspected and found to be free of chlorotic streak symptoms. The affected block of SRA26 was subsequently inspected by MAPS Senior Advisor Andrew Dougan and SRA Variety Officer Chris Tom.

Chlorotic streak is spread by diseased planting material and via floodwater spread of inoculum. Growers are advised not to source their SRA26 planting material from, or to plant SRA26 in, low lying or poorly drained blocks.

SRA has recently approved a new research project to develop an effective and reliable chlorotic streak resistance screening test to identify highly susceptible varieties prior to their release.

For further information on chlorotic streak or SRA26 please contact

Stacey 0488777657 or Frank 0419679427.



**Chlorotic streak symptoms (arrow) in SRA26**



## CANEGROWERS INSURANCE | STOLEN & DAMAGED PROPERTY and PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

### Something you may not think about....

When it comes to stolen or damaged property claims, a **safeguard that insurance companies use to protect themselves from fraud** is called **proof of ownership**. This means that the claimant needs to **prove** that they actually owned the stolen or damaged property before the insurance company can reimburse the claimant.



It's worth noting that while your insurer may require a police report for your claim, this document is not seen as proof of ownership.

Proof of ownership can come in many forms, some examples are below:

- Receipts
- Credit Card/Bank Statements
- Boxes the item came in
- Photos/Videos- if you have a smart phone why not walk around your property and take photos of valuable items.
- Old Store Receipts (sometimes the store may have a copy)
- Warranty certificates
- Manuals

If you cannot provide proof that the item/items are owned by you, it makes it very difficult when it comes to claim time and your insurer may decide to decline your claim.

Proserpine Insurance Admin, Jess Harrison is in the office Monday to Thursday, 8.45am to 2.45pm. She's contactable by phone (4945 1844) or email: [jess\\_harrison@canegrowers.com.au](mailto:jess_harrison@canegrowers.com.au).



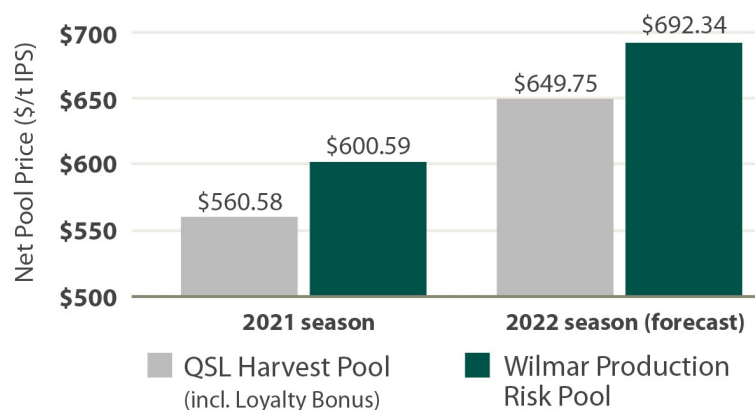
## What is the Loyalty Bonus costing you?

*There's still time to change*

Nominations for the 2024 season close **31 October 2023**.

### Wilmar Production Risk Pool and QSL Harvest Pool

(Forecast as at 30 June 2023)



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## 2023/24 PAYROLL INFORMATION

As we enter the 2023/24 FY, changes regarding paying employees have come into effect, as follows:

As of 1st July 2023, **minimum wage rates have increased**. Printed copies of our wages information sheet can be collected from the Proserpine office, or can be emailed at your request. If you employ or are considering employing someone aged 19 years or younger and need help calculating the relevant pay rate, please contact our office.

The ATO's preference for receiving Tax File Number Declaration forms is now by employees completing the process through their online (myGov) portal. Forms can still be submitted in the previous paper format and the Proserpine office has a small quantity of forms on hand, for any member that requires them.

**Superannuation Guarantee for all payments made from 1st July onwards increases from 10.5% to 11%.** Superannuation is paid to all employees, regardless of their employment status (i.e. permanent, casual, SCHR) and is calculated on their OTE (Ordinary Time Earnings). There is no longer a threshold for employees to earn before superannuation is paid.

Lastly, a reminder of the importance of using the CANEGROWERS employment template. Implementing contracts for all employees is the best way to ensure all parties have the same understanding of an individual's employment.

Contracts clearly state the agreed pay rate, classification of employment and other agreed upon areas, potentially eliminating any 'grey areas' that may cause disruption during the season or at termination. CANEGROWERS provides an updated employment contract each year, and the file can be accessed by contacting the Proserpine office. ***Please note: no responsibility is taken for an employer who varies/amends the standard wording provided in the template. The only wording that can be removed is that which has a note to insert the required information or strikeout unnecessary information.***



We'd love to share how our members are filling their days, new technologies or methods being used, photos of our beautiful area and any feel good or funny situations that you find yourselves in, but we need your help!

If you have something to share on the CANEGROWERS Proserpine facebook page – Proserpine Director, Bessie Orr, wants to hear from you!

Need a little help taking some photos to share or putting together your story – no trouble – we'd love to help.



Email your stories, photos etc to Bessie at: [proscgmedia@gmail.com](mailto:proscgmedia@gmail.com) or phone Bessie: 0437 538 044.

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# PROSERPINE QSL UPDATE



## **QSL finalist in Export Awards**

QSL has been named as a finalist in the Premier of Queensland's Export Awards in both the Agribusiness, Food and Beverages, and Professional Services categories.

The Awards, now in its 33rd year, recognises Queensland businesses for innovation, resilience and determination, as they strive to grow and expand their global footprints. Winners will be announced on 18 October and will go on to represent Queensland at the national titles in November.



## **PIN access for the QSL App**

To enhance account security and improve ease of access, the QSL App now requires all QSL Direct users to use a PIN (four-digit pin) or face/thumbprint recognition to access their accounts via the QSL app.

Users who do not already have this feature enabled will be prompted to do so when opening the latest version of the app. A PIN re-set function has also been added to the menu. To access these new features, please update your QSL App, available free in the Apple and Google Play stores.

For assistance with setting up your PIN or installing/updating the QSL App, please see your local QSL team.

## **QSL Grower Representative Member Election results**

The results of the 2023 QSL Grower Representative Member elections have been declared, with successful candidates commencing their new three-year tenure this week. QSL Managing Director and CEO Greg Beashel thanked those who participated in the elections, either as a candidate or voter, and congratulated those who were elected as QSL Grower Representative Members for the next term.

"The QSL Grower Representative Member role is a volunteer position, so we truly appreciate the time that they dedicate to the position, away from farm and other industry commitments, and the contribution they make to both QSL and the industry we serve," Mr Beashel said. The following growers have been appointed Grower Representative Members for the new three-year term:



Mill Area	Mills in Mill Area	Grower Representative Members (Elected holders)
Mossman	Mossman Mill	Gerard Puglisi
Tableland	Tableland Mill	Trevor Adil
Mulgrave	Mulgrave Mill	Jeffrey Day
Northern Region	South Johnstone Mill	Barry Stubbs
Tully	Tully Mill	Alf Nucifora
Herbert River	Victoria and Macknade mills	Vince Russo, (William) Robert Lyon
Burdekin	Kalamia, Invicta, Pioneer and Inkerman mills	Russell Jordan, Dean Sgroi, Roger Piva, Christian Lago
Proserpine	Proserpine Mill	Peter Quod
Mackay/Central Region	Farleigh, Marian and Racecourse mills	Francis Perna, Warwick Volker, William (Bill) MacDonald
Plane Creek	Plane Creek Mill	Kevin Borg
Southern	Millaquin Mill	Anna Attard
Isis	Isis Mill	Peter McLennan
Rocky Point	Rocky Point Mill	Greg Zipf
Note: CANEGROWERS and ACFA each occupy one Grower Representative Member positions (2)		

## QSL Daily Price updates - reminder

The QSL daily price SMS was switched off on 30 June 2023.

To continue to receive daily price updates direct to your mobile phone, simply subscribe to the Daily Prices Tracker in the QSL App. Don't have the QSL App? Simply download the QSL App and head to the 'Tools' section of the App, select 'Daily Prices Tracker' and hit the 'Subscribe' button at the bottom of the screen. Then make sure you have notifications switched on in your phone's settings. Contact your local Proserpine Grower Relationship Officer for assistance.

## Changes to your farm structure?

It's important for QSL Direct growers who are planning any changes to their farm's operating structure to inform their local QSL team as soon as possible. This includes changes to ABNs, lease or share farming arrangements and farm ownership. For further information or to advise QSL of a change, please contact your local QSL office or the QSL Direct team on 1800 870 756.

## Key Dates 2023

### 20 September 2023:

- Last day to price 2023-Season Target Price Contract tonnage before the pricing window is automatically extended and roll adjustments apply.
- Last day to achieve or roll pricing allocated to the October 2023 ICE 11 contract through the Individual Futures Contract or Self-Managed Harvest Contract.

**For more information, please contact your local representative:**

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