

HCPSL Services and Activities

Who is HCPSL?

HCPSL is a not-for-profit independent company that is funded by voluntary membership or through externally funded projects that services the Herbert Cane Industry.

What is HCPSL's role in industry?

The HCPSL Board sees its role to lead, partner, make strategic investments and support its members through the its 5 Key Target Areas under **Program Rise Above** .

What is Program Rise Above?

Program Rise Above is a HCPSL initiative to drive industry productivity, profitability and sustainability across all Herbert sugarcane industry sectors.



What are the Key Target Areas (KTA) that will be addressed under Program Rise Above ?

Clean seed and variety development Agronomic and industry services Sustainability and environmental stewardship Industry capacity building, knowledge, extension and adoption Strategic Alliances and Partnerships

What services does the HCPSL service fee cover?

- General extension advice and training
- Hot water treatment of cane
- Cane variety development and management advice
- Basic crop agronomy advice
- Basic crop harvesting advice
- Crop pest and disease advice
- Weed management advice
- Crop nutrition advice
- Environmental monitoring specific to cane production
- Farm drainage design advice
- Farming systems advice and adoption activities
- Basic irrigation advice
- Machinery inspections for biosecurity purposes
- Access to the HCPSL GPS basestation network
- Fallow cover crop management and advice
- Specific soil health advice and adoption activities



What services does HCPSL provide that are not covered by the service fee?

The following services are not covered by the HCPSL service fee:

- Purchasing and cutting of Approved (clean) seed cane from HCPSL plots
- Purchasing of cane tissue cultured cane for Approved (clean) seed production on farm
- Hiring of a tissue cultured cane planter
- Nutrient management planning
- Soil and leaf nutrient testing service
- Irrigation water testing service
- Soil pathogen testing service
- Hiring of specific farming systems equipment
- Fertiliser, and pesticide product assessment and development
- Crop biological and ameliorant product assessment and development
- Flood and fire insurance assessments
- Precision Agricultural Services associated with drone imagery and Dualem soil mapping.

Outcomes for industry from the Program Rise Above.

- Increase sugarcane yield and CCS.
- Recover more cane and sugar from the crop harvested.
- Maximise profits through effective growing, harvesting, transport and milling systems.
- Empower and challenge industry to move to a productive, profitable and sustainable business models.

