

# 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?

HCPSL sees its role to lead, partner, make strategic investments and support its members through the 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.

