



Cotton Collective Forum
July 26-27 2017, The Yoogali Club
 647 MacKay Ave, Yoogali NSW

DAY ONE: July 26

Time	Session
8.00 – 8.40am	REGISTRATION – TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL
8.40–8.50am	Welcome: Simon Corish, Chairman of Cotton Australia
8.50–9.30am	<i>Agriculture towards 2030 – Chaired by John Durham</i> Kim Morison, Blue Sky Alternative Investments, Managing Director and Investment Director – Growth in agriculture and opportunities for investment Chris McCormack, Agripath, Agronomic Business solutions, partner Agripath Cotton Profit Focus – Benchmarking cotton performance
9.30–10.45am	<i>Technology for change – Chaired by Hamish McIntyre</i> Professor Tristan Perez, Queensland University of Technology, Professor in Robotics – Advanced weed thinking and smart commercial weed technology Dr Caitlin Cooper, CSIRO – Global opportunities for gene technologies Dr Warwick Stiller, CSIRO, Group Leader- Cotton Breeding and Phil Armitage, Cotton Seed Distributors, General Manager - Development & Communications – Cotton Breeding for Disease Management Dr Paul Grundy, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Principal Scientist – The moving target for sucking pests
10.45–11.15am	MORNING TEA
11.15 –11.30am	AWARDS FINALIST – Monsanto Grower of the Year
11.30am–12.30pm	<i>Connected agriculture for smarter farms – Chaired by Cleave Rogan</i> Nick Barton, Precision Cropping Technologies – Technology to improve farm productivity Nick Gillingham, Keytah Farms – Smart irrigation technology, the benefits and challenges Andrew Roberts, Field Solutions Group, CEO – Market available communications solutions Tom Dowling, Goanna Telemetry – Use of low power radio & wifi to capture farm based data, upcoming data solutions & technologies
12.30–1.10pm	<i>Happy workforce, productive farms – Chaired by Fleur Anderson</i> Gerard Neesham, Clontarf Foundation, CEO – Clontarf Foundation: partnering with indigenous communities Rebecca Fing, Cotton Australia, Workforce and Training Coordinator – Current industry workforce and training opportunities
1.10–2.00pm	LUNCH

	AWARDS FINALIST – Cotton Seed Distributors Researcher of the Year and ADAMA Chris Lehmann Trust Young Achiever of the Year WinCott AGM
2.00–2.40pm	<i>The great march south – Chaired by Peter Tuohey</i> Harvey Gaynor, Auscott, CEO – How and why Auscott chose to invest in the south? Rob Houghton, local cotton grower – Reflections of a new grower
2.40–2.55pm	AWARDS FINALIST – AgriRisk High Achiever of the Year
2.55–3.40pm	<i>Australian Cotton in a Global Market – Chaired by Cliff White</i> Brooke Summers, Cotton Australia, Cotton to Market Lead – What drives our brand customers? Susan Caldwell, Hanes Brands (Bonds) – Our journey with Australian cotton
3.40–4.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4.00–5.00pm	<i>Challenges for agricultural chemistries – Chaired by Nicola Cottee</i> Alastair James, CropLife, Director Agricultural Chemical Policy – Agricultural Chemical Stewardship Jon Welsh, CottonInfo, Energy and Climate Technical Specialist – Predicting temperature inversions John Hemminghaus, Global Foliar Product Advancement Lead, Monsanto and James Neilsen, Technology Development Lead, Monsanto – The Xtend Flex Crop System in Australia
5.00–5.30pm	Cotton Australia AGM

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8.30–9am	REGISTRATION TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL
<i>New products and technologies: Chair Michael Murray</i>	
9.00–9.15am	Agri economic update Phin Ziebell, NAB
9.15–9.30am	Hitachi process intelligence for agriculture and livestock Derrick Thompson, Hitachi
9.30–9.45am	Maximising soil productivity and soil health Anton Barton, BioAg
9.45–9.55am	Biochemical fertiliser technologies Dale Clark, Loveland Agri Products
9.55–10.05am	Solar pumping made simple Ben Lee, ReAqua
10.05–10.20am	Hybrid solar pumping systems for irrigation Steve Harding, Solar Pumping Solutions
10.20–10.30am	Communicating plant needs Steve Lucas, Phytech
10.30–11.00am	MORNING TEA
<i>New products and technologies (continued): Chair Nicola Cottee</i>	
11.00–11.15am	Assessment of the Australian cotton industry's need for 2,4-D tolerant cotton via ENLIST™ technology Bryce Sturgess, Dow AgroSciences
11.15–11.25am	Phantom Drive - Weedit Luke Schelosky and David Hamilton, Croplands Equipment
11.25–11.35am	An in furrow look at your farm David McGavin, Precision Seeding Solutions

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11.35–11.45am	SeroX - a new pollinator safe, active constituent and registered bio-pesticide for cotton and other industries Nick Watts, Growth Agriculture & Innovate Ag
11.45–11.55am	Australia's cotton supermarket: the new marketplace for Australian raw cotton, giving the grower more control of the supply chain Peter Horton, Tim Whan and Ian Grellman, Raw Cotton Australia
11.55am–12.05pm	Unlocking the potential of drones in agriculture Ashley Cox, UVAIR
12.05–12.15pm	'Forsythes Training' – your AgSkilled Training Provider Julie Carroll, Forsythes Training
12.15–12.25pm	Advances in cotton petiole (SAP) analysis Darren Hicks, AgVita Analytical
12.25–12.30pm	Closing remarks
12.30–1.30pm	LUNCH
<i>Cotton 101</i>	
1.30–2.30pm	Introduction , Kieran O'Keefe, CottonInfo Acres of opportunity and 10 step plan for new growers , Jorian Millyard, CSD and Q&A session with current growers
2.30–2.45pm	Insurance options Deidre McCallam, Agririsk
2.45–4.00pm	Small group discussions Quality and how ginning works, Rene Vandersluijs and gins Managing how the plant grows, Steve Buster and Eric Koetz, NSW DPI and advisors Selling your cotton and seed, merchants
4.00–4.30pm	Summary and Q&A session , Kieran O'Keefe, CottonInfo