



COTTON
AUSTRALIA



MEMBERS MEMO

GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2023



DELIVERING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Our vision for 2028, is a thriving Australian Cotton Industry, trusted and in demand, with a strong reputation for reliability and quality. Growers and their industry partners will have confidence to continue investing for future returns, while meeting global sustainability standards for every bale of cotton produced.

This is how we are delivering against this vision.

KEY INITIATIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE PAST SIX MONTHS



ADVOCACY

Champion the industry's advocacy, positively influencing outcomes

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1.1 PROGRESS POLICY AGENDA

- Strong advocacy on Murray-Darling Basin Plan, including [submissions](#) and appearance at the [Senate Inquiry \(and considerable advocacy with independent Senators\)](#).
- Continued advocacy in Coal Seam Gas space in particular in the area of managing the risk of subsidence.

1.2 PARTNER FOR IMPACT

- Working closely with National Farmers Federation, National Irrigators Council and NSW Irrigators' Council and other groups in advocating on the Basin Plan amendments
- A group of cotton sustainability certifications established to provide a united voice on common issues and challenges, met in London in October. The group includes Better Cotton, the US Trust Protocol, Fairtrade, Organic Cotton Accelerator, Cotton Connect, Supima and myBMP.
- Queensland government dinner to promote advocacy to key cabinet members

1.3 ENGAGE POLICY MAKERS

- Advocating to Government policy makers CA's members current and future energy needs, plus the importance of protecting high value agricultural land in the following policy forums:
 - NSW Energy Infrastructure Roadmap Consumer Reference Group –access to affordable energy, being part of the energy solution and protecting high value agricultural land in the Renewable Energy Zones
 - NSW Hydrogen Map implementation team, making connections and introducing them to Uni of Southern Queensland's Centre for Agricultural Engineering.
 - Gasfields Commission Qld regarding CSG in the Surat Basin and sustainable coexistence of landholders; attending Community Leaders Forum and membership of Stakeholders Forum

1.4 DRIVE DEMAND

- A ten-fold increase in the number of [products carrying the Australian cotton mark](#) compared to 2022.
- \$1.7 million in ATMAC funding secured to drive demand for Australian cotton with brands and retailers.
- \$200,000 traceability grant secured from Qld Government to investigate and test options.

1.5 INFLUENCE GLOBAL LANDSCAPE

- [Export Market Development trip to Turkey](#) (with ACSA), and [attendance at Textile Exchange Conference in London](#) to advocate for Australian cotton and farmers (ATMAC funded).



TRUST

Credibly enhance the industry's reputation among all stakeholders

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2.1 CAPTURE RELEVANT DATA

- Data Dashboard tested and ready to launch with relevant industry data

2.3 SHOWCASE RESPONSIBILITY

- EKKA: Nine days of building awareness and trust with the public and officials who attended one of the best attended EKKA's ever.

2.5 PURSUE "HERE FOR GOOD" PROJECTS

- The Landcare Australia and Country Road [Biodiversity Project](#) reached the three year mark and announced an extension for a further three years project funding..
- Launched Australia-India Cotton Collaboration webinars and dialogue.



SUSTAINABILITY

Enable 100% of Australia's cotton farms to be sustainability-certified

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3.1 UNDERSTAND BARRIERS AND ENABLERS TO ADOPTING CERTIFIED PRACTICES

- 4th Environmental Assessment Report received from GHD and whole-of industry-response drafted for review by Cotton Australia and CRDC Boards.

3.2 RESTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

- Consulting with the 11 CGAs in traditional cotton growing areas about a draft approach to the Biodiversity indicator of the sustainability framework PLANET. PEOPLE. Paddock and tabling the feedback from 96 growers at the November General meeting.

3.3 ACHIEVE GLOBALLY RECOGNISED IMPACT

- [2022 Sustainability Report Annual Update released](#)

3.4 ACCELERATE GROWER UPTAKE

- Cotton Australia received funding from Better Cotton (Growth and Innovation Fund) to employ Mel Swift as myBMP implementation officer to drive uptake of the myBMP accreditation.

3.5 BE A SUSTAINABILITY THOUGHT LEADER

- Cotton industry represented in the Australian Agriculture Sustainability Framework (AASF) Community of Practice and invited as an industry leader to showcase Natural and Social Capital reporting concept and share with CSIRO myBMP's data tracking



LEADERSHIP

Foster Industry Capacity, Collaboration and Resilience

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4.1 GUIDE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Cotton Australian General Meeting (in November) provided direct feedback from growers and CGA to CRDC on research priorities.

4.2 CELEBRATE INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Cotton Industry Award winners announced at the Cotton Collective event in Toowoomba. The 2023 Bayer Cotton Growers of the year are Johannes and Scarlett Roellgen from Tyunga Farms, Brookstead on the Darling Downs with Daniel Skerman, representing Skerman Farms at Dalby, taking out the AgriRisk High Achiever award.

4.3 FOSTER INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP & GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION

- Applications open for Future Cotton Leaders 2024 program.
- Nominations received for the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) and Nuffield Fellowships.

4.4 DEVELOP WORKFORCE EDUCATION & TRAINING

- NSW Dept. Of Education STEM Conference: With over 600 STEM teachers in attendance, this was a perfect forum to showcase cotton as the context of STEM projects in the classroom.
- [AgCAREERSTART](#): Very successful second year of the ag gap year program with 12 placements on farm and we are calling on growers to apply for 2024.
- Through Cotton Australia's position on the QLD Workforce Strategy Round-table, we have been integral in developing the TAFE QLD Micro credentials which will deliver specific agricultural workforce training under the pillars of
 - Work Skills e.g. tractor operation and maintenance
 - Digital Skills - Digital technologies in agriculture
 - Technology Skills – Work safely fundamentals
- Cotton Australia has secured [\\$168 K to deliver Cotton Picker Operation Essentials](#) under the QLD governments micro credential program



GOVERNANCE

Structure, govern and fund Cotton Australia effectively

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5.1 OPTIMISE LEVY PAYMENTS

- Over 80% of growers paid the Cotton Australia Levy last season, equating to over 70% of bales produced. The Cotton Australia Board thanks the full levy paying growers.

5.2 BUILD FUNDING RESILIENCE

- Cotton Australia has secured \$3 Million to deliver SmartAg QLD. This industry-led workforce training proposal was developed utilising the positive outcomes of AgSkilled.
- Farm Safety Education Fund – Improving Farm Safety on Cotton Farms (Federal Funding of \$156,510) to be delivered by Housepaddock Training and Consulting.
- Farm Business Resilience Programme funding \$225,000 of Federal/State Funding (Sub-contract with QFF) –
- Qld Govt Funding for Cotton Jobs Australia of \$30,000
- Qld Cotton Picker Training Workshops (Qld Funding) - \$168,000 to deliver 10 Cotton Picker Essentials workshops across Qld.
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES FOR QUEENSLAND FARMS AND BUSINESSES. A QFF project we are supporting.
- Cotton Australia (in conjunction with and the Australian Cotton Shippers Association) Agricultural Trade and Market Access Cooperation (ATMAC) grant of \$1.7M

5.3 STRUCTURE TO ADD VALUE

- Two new Board members elected at the Cotton Australia AGM

5.4 ALIGN RESOURCES

- Launch of the Strategic Plan 2023-2028 aims to advance the Australian cotton industry, identify opportunities for improvement that drive progress and create value for all stakeholders, prioritise those and appropriately resource them to realise the opportunities.

5.5 PROACTIVELY MANAGE RISKS

- Established renewed Industry-wide Trust and Risk Management Strategies.
- Appointment of Simone Cameron, Senior Policy Adviser to manage emerging risk in Northern Australia



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COTTONINFO CONSULTATION

JO EADY

The partners of the CottonInfo joint venture (CA, CRDC, CSD) have appointed Jo Eady, as an Independent Facilitator, to conduct a review of the program which is over a decade old. She will be seeking feedback from growers on :

- what Cottoninfo should continue doing
- what Cottoninfo could start doing
- the changes needed to support growers and the industry into the future.

To provide feedback contact Jo Eady 0419 912 879.

COTTON CONFERENCE 2024

LIZ STOTT

Cotton Conference committee is coming together to plan the 2024 conference which will be held in August. Liz Stott, Deputy Chair of Cotton Australia will be the Conference Chair for 2024. She is currently seeking people to be involved with the conference committee and input about the format, speakers and topics for the event.

Suggestions/ideas:

- The Olympics will be on at the same time - could this be the basis of the event theme 'going for gold'
- Skylink was suggested as a topic/speaker
- A Grower called for more grower sessions on dryland production
- Irrigation efficiency was suggested as a topic
- An engineering firm in Toowoomba produces really good planters and machinery'. A grower suggested they talk about local innovation
- Time could be made to allow CGA's to facilitate grower consultants sessions
- Industrial relations and staff management were suggested as essential topics
- Overseas markets, market access and changing market demands

COTTON CONFERENCE 2024 LIZ STOTT (CONTINUED)

- A speaker with a global perspective like Sunny Verghese was suggested
- A focus on financial benchmarking – looking at machinery prices and inputs. What should growers be aiming for going forward?
- A grower session to facilitate peer-to-peer discussion. Growers get five minutes each – sit around and exchange ideas and thoughts dealing with the opportunities and challenges in different valleys –
- Senator Jacinta Price nominated as a guest speaker
- Kurt Fearnley nominated as a guest speaker.

Any feedback on the event or to join the conference committee contact Liz Stott. The conference organising committee (made up of a cross-section of growers and industry participants) is planning a virtual meeting in December (TBA) with meetings planned in 2024 to ensure a fantastic program for the event.

CA UPDATES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

ADAM KAY, CEO

Cotton Australia is advocating for more tariff free quota under the India free trade agreement, currently have 50,000 tonnes but aiming to get 100,000 tonnes tariff free.

Cotton Australia had its annual tripartite meeting with the federal Agriculture Department and the CRDC around ensuring the organisations are meeting grower needs.

Biosecurity is an issue CA is seeking feedback on – should training be conducted in key areas, consultants employed or can we better empower CGA members who are passionate about biosecurity to get more involved. Feedback suggests biosecurity training in Sydney and Brisbane for interested growers and industry participants was the best option.

CA is delivering tools and a campaign to combat spraydrift. Growers are encouraged to use Satacrop, Adam to investigate a possible glitch where mapped fields were not saved in the system.

A new app to be launched to make it easy for growers to report spraydrift and to assist in indentifying spraydrift hotspots.

Growers identified the need for resellers to be educated about spraydrift and WAND towers. Adam highlighted the need for better stewardship from resellers and how to engage with them to achieve this.

REFLECTIONS ON THE ATMAC FUNDED VISITS

NIGEL BURNETT, LIZ
STOTT AND FLEUR AN-
DERSON CA BOARD; MI-
CHAEL MURRAY CA AND
BROOKE SUMMERS,
COTTON2MARKET LEAD

TURKEY VISIT

CA joined ACSA on their export market development (EMD) visit to Turkey (funded by the Australian Government ATMAC grant).

Huge stocks of cotton are sitting at spinning mill as cones of yarn – not usually this much unused product.

A visit to a cotton gin showed how the co-mingling of cotton from various farms of origin prior to ginning is common in Turkey. This practice demonstrates how Australia has an enormous opportunity to successfully implement a traceability system.

Turkey earthquake damage was devastating. The spinning sector lost staff and loss of housing in the area has had a flow on effect and many workers have left the area. The capacity of spinning mills is currently only at about 50%.

Nigel noted he experienced a Fibretrace demonstration by a mill in Turkey.

Feedback was Turkish mills love Australian cotton due to its high quality but it is too expensive. During the past few years the Turkey market has increased from 2% market share to 5% but the cost of freight to Turkey makes it difficult to compete with the US and Brasil.

LONDON BRAND LUNCH

A lunch was held with a number of high-profile UK brands to establish new relationships and tell the Australian Cotton story. The lunch and costs associated with the trip to London were covered by the Australian Government ATMAC grant at no cost to our growers.

Liz outlined the event, highlighting how it was a great opportunity to get in front of brands – especially those who are not already using Australian Cotton. Sustainability, water use, technology and mechanization were all of interest to brands who were blown away by how sophisticated we



REFLECTIONS ON THE ATMAC FUNDED VISITS (CONTINUED)

are. High level questions about how our industry supports rural and regional communities.

Liz was pleased to hear how brands knew about the quality reputation of Australia Cotton.

TEXTILE EXCHANGE CONFERENCE

The conference was a whole supply chain event. Fleur Anderson sat on a grower panel. The trip to London to attend the conference was also funded by the Australian Government ATMAC grant at no cost to our growers.

Liz thought consumers were driving environmental/sustainability demand but it is actually the brands. Consumers don't want to pay a premium but EU legislation is coming and traceability/accreditation will be critical.

Currently non-accredited Australian cotton is classed as 'conventional cotton' and considered 'the worst' in sustainability ranking, myBMP cotton ranks more positively. On the Textile Exchange 'preferred fibre matrix' AU Cotton not currently performing well on this tool. Cotton Australia is working to demonstrate the sustainability credentials to change this status as brands want a simple tool to help them with sourcing decisions.

While it was pointed out the Textile Exchange was originally called the Organic Exchange Fleur said the question in her session seemed to be less focused on organic, even though she was the only non-organic producer on the panel. Now seems to be a focus on regeneration and anti-deforestation – the buzz words keep changing.

AUSTRALIAN COTTON STRATEGIC ROADMAP

BROOKE SUMMERS,
COTTON2MARKET LEAD

Brooke outlined progress on the proposed Roadmap which is due to be finalised and approved by CA, CRDC and ACSA Boards in the coming months.

Growers and industry will be informed and consulted as the roadmap is made available and operationalised in 2024.

Question – human rights goes beyond the farm gate – we need to ensure ginners and merchants participate because it is a whole of industry risk that we need to protect ourselves against

The strategic roadmap shows we've got what brands at the Textile Exchange want – we need to get behind the roadmap and resource it, put it into action.

SPRAYDRIFT SEASON PREPAREDNESS

ADAM KAY, CEO

Last year was particularly bad for spraydrift, so a few useful new things to note:

- Satacrop – map your crops
- 100 WAND towers inversion detection towers, log in and use the system, its easy
- CA is funding radio advertising campaigns to raise awareness. Radio ads will be placed at key times.
- Education training and awareness continues through Agskilled in NSW and SmartAg in Qld. Training for growers and producers focused on a best practice approach.
- CA is working with Stop Off-Target Spraying groups (SOS NSW), Grain Producers Australia and Graingrowers on the drift issue
- An new app is about to be launched to report spraydrift – make it easy to report and then we can raise with relevant authorities. Help to identify hotspots will be as simple as ‘Snap, Send, Solve’
- CA is trying to encourage the EPA and DPI Qld to be active on the ground having a presence in the regions around enforcement
- Also advocating for APVMA to make ‘Neighbour notification needed’ mandatory on select pesticide labels
- National working party to pesticide application. Companies that manufacture and resellers – need duty of care around education and stewardship
- CA and CRDC are also engaged through the National Working Party on Pesticide Application (NWPPA)

CA is taking a multi-pronged approach to try to curb this insidious problem

UPDATES FROM LOWER NAMOI, MACQUARIE & NORTHERN CGA

LOWER NAMOI, ROB EVERLEIGH

Planting Status:

- 35K hectares irrigated planted; no dryland planted yet.
- Potential for a record dryland crop if rain occurs in the next few weeks.
- Up to 20% replanting
- Hot days and cool nights have caused concern for the crop.

Cost Challenges:

- Rising costs, particularly in diesel and electricity, impacting input expenses.

Upcoming AGM:

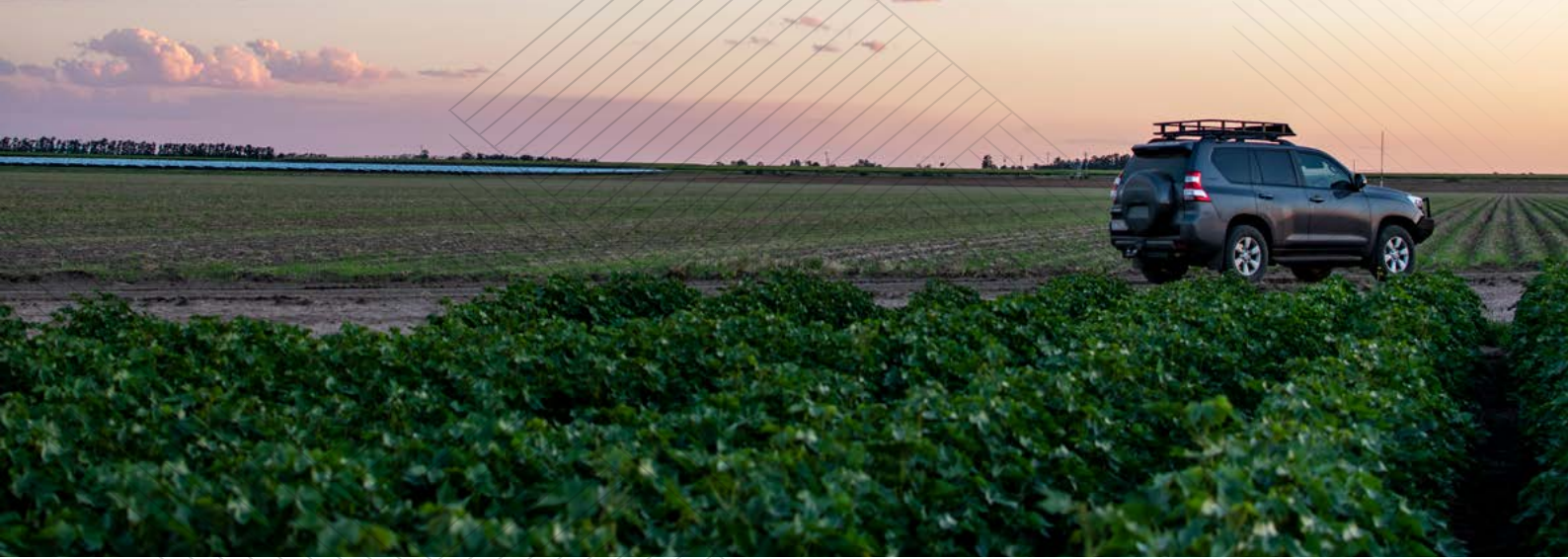
- AGM next month; anticipation of generational change within the organization.

Community Engagement:

- Involvement in a fishing club, collaborating with local clubs for fish release/restocking.
- Sponsorship of local woman studying agronomy at UNE, with plans to continue support in the future.

Educational Initiatives:

- Positive response to "Teach the Teacher" event.
- Camp Cotton 2023 event contributing positively to brands, retailers, and the Cotton Growers Association (CGA).



UPDATES FROM LOWER NAMOI, MACQUARIE & NORTHERN CGA (CONTINUED)

MACQUARIE VALLEY, ALEX DALTON

Planting Status:

- 39K hectares planted for 2024, up from 25K the previous year.
- Difficulty in determining optimal planting times.
- Challenging season, necessitating replanting efforts
- 15K bales held over for ginning due to wet weather late in the season.

Community Engagement and Environmental Support:

- Collaboration with local councils for two fish releases this year.
- Contribution to Macquarie Marshes boardwalk opening.
- Provision of mobile cool rooms for community use
- Two field days and a golf day were held, with proceeds benefiting Narromine, Trangie, and Warren clubs.

Concerns and Advocacy:

- Addressing spray drift issues, with 40% of the area impacted.
- Collaborating with relevant groups and the EPA to address concerns and act proactively.
- Proactive engagement in local water use conversations and telling the community's story.

NORTHERN CGA, BRUCE CONNOLLY

Weather:

- Rainfall 1950mm, with 1850mm considered excessive.
- Yield reduction due to adverse weather conditions.

Planting

- 10-11k hectares of cotton in vast majority dryland.
- This year, expanded to 11-13k hectares, hoping to reach the 13k mark.
- Some farmers maintaining or reducing area; one withdrawal due to El Niño concerns.

New Industry Challenges:

- Slower growth in the Northern Territory (NT) than anticipated.
- Challenges in the new area, including resistance management programs.
- Adapting to issues rather than rewriting strategies.

Public perceptions:

- Struggling with public perception in NT. Environment Centre NT aims to block cotton and get media exposure.



UPDATES FROM LOWER NAMOI, DAWSON & NORTHERN CGA (CONTINUED)

Katherine gin update:

- Started receiving modules in October.
- 20k bales in module form at the gin.

Opportunities:

- Grazing of standing stubble – No testing for residues for live export. Engaging with NT cattlemen about opportunities.
- Brooke noted grazing on stubble is seen as a regenerative practice worldwide

Grower question: Does humidity impact cotton quality and seed – especially for cotton sitting in modules in the module yard? Bruce responded that modules have been nicked to allow any excess moisture to drain, while noting the seedshed at the gin has double aeration.

WATER

MICHAEL MURRAY,
GENERAL MANAGER

- Submission made to [Senate Water Amendment \(Restoring Our Rivers\) Bill 2023](#), and [Cotton Australia appeared before the committee](#) as part an NFF delegation. The committee has reported, with a main report, a minority report as well as additional information, and numerous recommended amendments. However, the amendments do not appear to significantly change the focus of the Bill.
- CA continuing to advocate for amendments to the plan
- Working with NFF [‘Keep Farmers Farming’](#) campaign, National Irrigators and NSW Irrigators. Negotiations are ongoing, and there does appear to be some willingness by the major players to negotiate. Cotton Australia will participate in the Taste of the Basin event this Wednesday.
- Minister is confident that there is seller interest in buybacks, given she has been oversubscribed with offers for the ‘Local Water Recovery, Bridging the Gap’ Tender that closed in May.
- Productivity Commission has released its draft report into the Implementation of the Basin Plan - with some caveats it gives support for buybacks as the most efficient but social and economic risks remain.
- Cotton Australia will participate in a meeting between the irrigation sector, and the Minister and the MDBA on November 2023, with the focus on the 2026 Basin plan renewal.
- Water pricing reviews are in the early stages in NSW (IPART) and Qld (Sunwater) .
- Metering review is underway in NSW. NSW Govt seems genuinely keen to improve the system, while maintaining the integrity of metering.
- Qld Govt has announced it will fully fund telemetry in the Qld Murray-Darling Basin, with Goanna as the delivery partner. CA is seeking a meeting to learn more details.



EKKA AND BEYOND

JENNY HUGHES,
EDUCATION MANAGER

Emphasis on staying ahead of the curriculum to remain relevant and enhance involvement. 100 sample kits were sent to teachers as part of the cotton classroom program.

Public Engagement and Grower Support:

- Acknowledgment of the critical role of grower support at events. Joe Briggs attended the Sydney Royal – said it was great experience, great to engage with community.

Key Events:

Participated in three key events:

- YES Eco Summit
- Moo Baa Munch
- STEM Conference hosted by NSW Dept. of Education.

MAJOR FUNDING FOR QLD TRAINING

PAUL SLOMAN, POLICY
OFFICER

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- Cotton Australia has secured \$3 Million to deliver SmartAg QLD.
- Through Cotton Australia's position on Minister Di Farmers QLD Workforce Strategy Roundtable, we have been integral in developing the TAFE QLD Micro credentials.

BUILDING TRUST THROUGH DIGITAL

DESLEY SHEEDY,
COMMUNICATIONS
MANAGER, DIGITAL
STRATEGY

Foundation for building industry trust is accountability, transparency and fairness. From this position Cotton Australia can leverage stakeholder engagement, risk management and digital communications and media to engage with the public.

Key drivers for trust are:

- environmental responsibility
- responsiveness to community concerns
- reinforcing the importance of agricultural products produced by rural communities.

Cotton Australia is strengthening our brand to begin engaging with consumers and the public to share the great story of Australian Cotton.

UPDATES FROM CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, DARLING DOWNS AND SOUTHERN VALLEYS CGAS

SOUTHERN VALLEY CGA, JOE BRIGGS

Planting Overview:

- 15K hectares in Lachlan, 7K in Murray, and 62K in Murrumbidgee.
- A record 90K planting five to six years ago, anticipation of coming close to this record in 2024.

Replanting and Yield Goals:

- 10-15% replanting effort.
- Aim to double the yield from the previous year.

CGA Membership and Industry Engagement

- Upcoming Golf Day
- Recognition of the need for new CGA members, noting that industry members currently outnumber growers in CGA.
- Recent success at Conargo 25 growers and 15 industry people attended, with growers outnumbering industry attendees – a positive development.

DARLING DOWNS CGA, DERRYCK MICKELBOROUGH

Planting:

- 30K hectares irrigated planted and 9K hectares dryland. planted, more rain could increase this.
- 40% decrease in irrigated planting compared to the previous year.
- Derryck acknowledged the “Grower and High Achiever of the Year” from Darling Downs was a source of pride for the region.

Events and Community Fundraising:

- Positive reception for the Cotton Collective event with strong industry representation.
- Cotton Growers Dinner on September 1st raised \$10K, divided among three charities.

Challenges and Initiatives:

- Spraydrift is ongoing; consideration of alternative products.
- Focus on biosecurity education for contractors.
- Coal Seam Gas (CSG) concerns resurfacing, with subsidence a prominent issue.

Derryck discussed the growing debate on CSG- in the area had varying grower opinions. Lack of consensus among growers hindering collective action but there are a lot of concerns about what provisions exist if something goes wrong.

Michael Murray of Cotton Australia acknowledged concerns and how changes to the existing legislation could impact growers. QFF is working on the issue and has meetings with relevant Government departments next week to go through proposed changes. CA will be advocating for a formal legal agreement for resource companies to make provisions for impacts related to subsidence. Cotton Australia is working to ensure strong legislative protection for growers rights.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COTTON GROWERS & IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION – NIGEL BURNETT

Planting Overview:

- Emerald 19K hectares in now – full capacity for the area
- current allocations at 52% means growers not confident going into next dry period.
- Fairbairn Dam is at 36% capacity

Events and updates:

- Robyn Lehmann started as Regional Manager for the Central Highlands. She has hit the group running myBMP field days and an event with the Fitzroy Basin water forum which was a good opportunity to showcase sustainably grown cotton.
- The CHCGIA Cotton Awards dinner was held on Friday 17 November.



4TH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

CHRIS COSGROVE,
JENNIFER BROWN AND
STACEY VOGEL

The industry is looking for grower feedback on how we can establish non-arbitrary targets and priorities for native vegetation and biodiversity. Several options for moving forward were presented to growers but CGA representatives asked for more information and time to consult with their CGA groups before determining a preferred pathway forward.

Several questions were raised about which of the options would meet EU legislation changes and how definitions for 'high value eco-systems' were set.

Next steps:

- CRDC to get maps developed and feed them back to CGAs to help them better understand the proposed options based on their region, allowing growers to compare
- More online workshops before next General Meeting in May to flesh out the options and impacts and to gain grower feedback.

It is important to note that the presented options are not the only path forward and growers could decide to defer to the current State native vegetation regulations.

No decision will be made until further discussion are held at the next General Meeting in May.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Growers raised concerns that Proclass had shut down in Griffith
- A Liverpool Plains grower asked CA to back them and acknowledge they are saying no to the Santos pipeline. Cotton Australia stated an agreement exists with Santos that they would not put a gas well in if a farmer objected.
- Growers don't understand what is going on with CSD, Cottoninfo etc – who's doing what? Growers don't know – different regions have different groups running events. Jo Eady responded that the Cottoninfo joint venture will continue to exist but there is no clarity around what it will look like in the future. Jo is working to independently gain feedback.



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