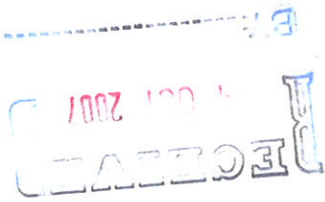


2 Pryor Place
Emerald, QLD, 4720
1st October, 2007



Dear Helen;

I would like to thank you and the CRDC for the opportunity have this travel bursary. I really feel I have benefited greatly from my Public Speaking Course. I would not have had the opportunity to attend one without the generosity of the CRDC.

If you are able to do direct debit please forward the invoiced amount to:

Annabel L Wiseman
BSB: 732-188
Acc no. 52-2233

Or please send a cheque to:

Annabel Wiseman
PO Box
Emerald QLD 4720.

Thanks again.

Regards:

Annabel Wiseman



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The Cotton Research and Development Corporation has made available up to \$1000 for travel to support your Future Cotton Leader project. The guidelines stipulate that once approved, you can the make your own arrangements for travel. **Within one week of your travel** please send a Tax Invoice with copies of your expenses in line with the amount approved to Helen Dugdale, CRDC, PO Box 282, Narrabri NSW 2390 Telephone: (02) 6792 4088. Up to \$1000 will then be reimbursed. Also include a one page report of your travel including benefits to you, enterprise, industry and whether you would recommend this activity / event to others. Use this report format. Please email a copy of your report to jo@furaiscope.com for feedback prior to sending to Helen at CRDC.

PART A: PERSONAL DETAILS

Name:

Phone:

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PART B: YOUR TRAVEL

1. Provide a short overview of what your bursary achieved. (Include name / aims of travel / course. Location of travel etc)

On August 30th I attended an all day one on one public speaking course at the Point in Brisbane. This was an intense course that aimed at providing me the skills to present confidently in any future public events and courses. Kevin Ryan from "Kevin Ryan and Associates" was the course leader and has had significant experience in teaching the desirable skills necessary for professional public speaking.

For this course I arranged travel myself to Brisbane and back. The Bursary fortunately was able to cover the costs of the one on one session with Kevin Ryan.

Throughout the day we focused on the skills necessary to professionally present as well receiving some helpful hints in order to be able to speak to a wide variety of audiences.

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| <p>The course was incredibly valuable for my personal development. Public Speaking has in the past held me back as I have lacked confidence. With the skills I have learnt and further practice I feel my confidence will grow and I will be able to present more confidently and professionally.</p> | <p>For you</p> |
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3. What benefits have you achieved from your travel bursary?

PART D: BENEFITS

2b. Is there anything you would improve to gain more from this course / activity / bursary?

I really feel that I got a lot out of the day. I don't feel there was much to improve on.

2a. What are two or three key things that you learned through your travel bursary?

PART C: KEY LEARNINGS

Throughout the day I learnt a lot of new skills to improve my public speaking skills. Presenting confidently was a new skill that I definitely learnt. Even if you aren't that confident up there proving to the audience that you are is always a challenge. Kevin went through a number of exercises and tips in order to help with confident presentations. Other skills included:

- On the spot thinking when asked hard questions.
- Owning the room before your audience arrives so you are more comfortable.
- How to engage your audience throughout the whole presentation.
- Where and how to look at your whole audience when presenting to small and large groups.

My specific audiences include cotton growers, fellow colleagues, teachers and students. My project for the Future Cotton Leaders program is to communicate with teachers and students and I found the skills Kevin provided me with very useful. We also tackled situations in the case of tough audiences and also when English is not the audiences first language. This course has enabled me to more confidently stand up in front of a group and present as I noticed last week at my Monsanto conference in Malaysia, where for most English was certainly not their first language. I feel the skills I learnt will be very valuable for my project through the future cotton leaders program as well as my own personal development.

I would definitely recommend this travel bursary to anyone who is seeking to develop their public speaking skills in the future. Kevin Ryan taught me a lot of skills that I did not already know. I now feel I will be able to walk into a room to present with a lot more confidence than I would have had before. I really appreciate the opportunity to have this bursary and I feel it was very valuable to my development.

4. Would you recommend this travel / course to others? Why / Why not?

PART E: RECOMMENDATION

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| <p>For the cotton industry</p> | <p>Inevitably I will need to do some presentations to groups from the Australian Cotton Industry. Whether it is through my involvement with Monsanto, Wincott, Local CGA's or GoAgro. When I am asked to present to the cotton industry I will now be able to do so with more confidence and really deliver something more professional than I would have done before.</p> |
| <p>For your project, enterprise or job</p> | <p>Being able to communicate effectively to a wide variety of audiences is a terrific skill to have. This travel bursary enabled me to learn further skills in order to do so. For my project I need to communicate to School children and Teachers which varies greatly to my job where I am speaking in front of grower groups and work colleagues. Knowing how to tackle the challenges of all audiences and create a speech that is interesting and engaging is a wonderful skill to have. The professional public speaking course that I attended has given me very valuable skills in order to present to a wide variety of audiences.</p> |
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