

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN COTTON CONFERENCE
 RAMADA HOTEL, SURFERS PARADISE, QLD
AUGUST 17TH AND 18TH 1988

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Agenda for the
Fourth Australian Cotton Conference 1988

VENUE: Ramada Hotel, Surfers Paradise

DATES: August 17th & 18th, 1988

TUESDAY AUG 16TH:

8.00am - 6.00pm Researchers Workshop - closed session

5.00pm Registrations

6.30pm - 8.30pm Welcome Cocktails

WEDNESDAY AUG 17TH:

7.00am Late Registrations

8.15am Welcome and Opening: Richard Williams
Chairman ACGRA

SESSION 1: PEST MANAGEMENT - Chairman:
Walt Bickett Auscott Ltd, Sydney

8.30am - 8.45am RESISTANCE: CAN WE SURVIVE?
Neil Forrester
N.S.W. Agriculture & Fisheries
Narrabri

8.45am - 8.55am THE OVERWINTERING FOE
Gary Fitt: C.S.I.R.O.
Cotton Research Unit, Narrabri

8.55am - 9.10am MITES - WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT ABOUT THEM?
Lewis Wilson: C.S.I.R.O.
Cotton Research Unit, Narrabri

9.10am - 9.25am PEST MANAGEMENT INFORMATION - SIRATAC PLUS - WHY?
Bob Jansen: C.S.I.R.O.
Division of Information Technology
Sydney

9.25am - 9.40am CHEMICALS - WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?
Guest Speaker: Dr Jacob Phillips
University of Arkansas, USA

9.40am - 9.55am Question time

9.55am - 10.35am Morning tea

- SESSION 2:** DISEASES AND VARIETIES
 Chairman: Keith Davies
 Cotton Seed Dist. Ltd. Wee Waa
- 10.35am - 10.50am THE PRESENT AND FUTURE VARIETIES
 Norm Thomson: C.S.I.R.O.
 Cotton Research Unit, Narrabri
- 10.50am - 11.05am SEEDLING DISEASES - ANY BREAKTHROUGHS
BLIGHT AND VERTICILLIUM - ARE WE
WINNING THE BATTLE?
 Stephen Allen:
 N.S.W. Agriculture & Fisheries
 Narrabri
- 11.05am - 11.15am GROWER OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL
VARIETY PERFORMANCE
 Ian Thomas: Grower, St George
- 11.15am - 11.30am HOW THE AUSTRALIAN VARIETIES FIT INTO
THE MARKETS
 Dennis Hughes: Auscott Ltd, Sydney
- 11.30am - 11.45am AUSTRALIAN VARIETIES - THEIR
PERFORMANCE IN THE MILLS
 Chris Gorst: Bradmills, Yarraville
- 11.45am - 12.00pm Question time
- 12.00pm - 1.30pm Luncheon
- SESSION 3:** AGRONOMY
 Chairman: Ken Arnott
 Telleraga Station, Moree
- 1.30pm - 1.45pm CROP NUTRITION - SOIL TESTING AND
PLANT ANALYSIS THRESHOLDS
 Greg Constable:
 N.S.W. Agriculture & Fisheries
 Narrabri
- 1.45pm - 2.00pm NUTRIENTS AND WATERLOGGING
 Arthur Hodgson:
 N.S.W. Agriculture & Fisheries
 Narrabri
- 2.00pm - 2.15pm WATER USE BY COTTON - AN UPDATE ON
STRATEGIES
 Brian Hearn: C.S.I.R.O.
 Cotton Research Unit, Narrabri
- 2.15pm - 2.25pm UPDATE ON RIPPING
 Ian Daniells:
 N.S.W. Agriculture & Fisheries
 Narrabri
- 2.25pm - 2.35pm WATER STRATEGIES FOR COTTON
 John Seery: Grower, Moree

2.35pm - 2.45pm INNOVATIONS IN LAND PREPARATION
Hans Woldring:
Consultant, Trangie

2.45pm - 3.00pm Question time

3.00pm - 3.40pm Afternoon tea

SESSION 4: WORKSHOPS

Co-ordinator: David Anthony,
Vice Chairman ACGRA

3.40pm - 5.45pm Workshop groups

A: Insect Management

Chairman: Peter Twine
Qld Department of Primary Industries
Toowoomba
Rapporteur: Amanda Brumpton
Siratac Ltd
Guest Speaker: Dr Tom Miller
Department of Entomology,
University of California, USA

B: Soils, Nutrition, Irrigation

Chairman: Ted Wolfe
N.S.W. Agriculture & Fisheries
Tamworth
Rapporteur: Peter Gull
Consultant, Narrabri

C: Diseases, Varieties

Chairman: Vince Mungomery
Qld Department of Primary Industries
Brisbane
Rapporteur: Bernie Caffery
Consultant, Dalby

WEDNESDAY EVENING: SEA WORLD Dinner

Dolphin & Whale Show, Jazzband
Show commences at 7.30pm

6.15pm - 7.00pm Courtesy shuttle buses leave from
Ramada to SEA WORLD.

10.30pm - 12.00am Shuttle buses return to Ramada or
via Jupiters Casino by request

THURSDAY AUG 18TH:

- 7am Late Registrations
- 8.15am - 8.45am Chairman: David Anthony
Rapporteurs Reports on Workshops
- SESSION 5: TECHNOLOGY IN PRACTICE
Chairman: Alan Brimblecombe
Queensland Cotton, Brisbane
- 8.45am - 9.05am PERSPECTIVES IN THE APPLICATION
OF PESTICIDES TO COTTON
John Harden:
Queensland Agricultural College
Gatton
- 9.05am - 9.15am CHEMICAL FARMING - NEW OPPORTUNITIES
Dick Browne: Auscott Ltd, Moree
- 9.15am - 9.35am TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FUTURE
a. A Growers View - Mostyn Fletcher
Emerald
b. A Consultants View - Maurie Fay
Moree
- 9.35am - 9.50am GENETIC ENGINEERING -
A MYTH OR A REALITY
Danny Llewellyn:
C.S.I.R.O. Division of Plant Industry
Canberra
- 9.50am - 10.00am THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW OF THE
TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS OF THE COTTON
INDUSTRY
David Smith: Chairman
Cotton Research Council, Canberra
- 10.00am - 10.15am Question time
- 10.15am - 10.55am Morning tea

- SESSION 6:** **FOCUS**
 Chairman: David Dowling, Editor
 Australian Cotton Grower Magazine
 Toowoomba
- "PRODUCING AN EARLY CROP"**
- 10.55am - 11.35am a. Irrigation Approach: Peter Corish
 Grower, Goondiwindi
 b. Central Qld Approach: Bruce Pyke
 Queensland Cotton, Brisbane
 c. Nutritional Approach: David Blows
 Grower, Wee Waa
 d. Short Season Approach:
 Steve Warden Consultant, Tamworth
 e. A Siratac User's Way to an Early
 Cotton Crop - Hugh Holland
 Telleraga Station, Moree.
- 11.35am - 12.00pm Question time.
 Panel plus Greg Constable
- 12.00pm - 1.30pm Lunch
- SESSION 7:** **INDUSTRY ISSUES**
 Chairman: Ralph Schulze,
 Australian Cotton Foundation/
 ACGRA, Narrabri
- 1.30pm - 1.50pm **ATTITUDES TO PESTICIDES, PRODUCERS,
 CONSUMERS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
 Guest Speaker: Dr Kate Short,
 Total Environment Centre, Sydney
- 1.50pm - 2.10pm Guest Speaker: Nick Geach
 ICI, Agrochemicals
 Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey, England
- 2.10pm - 2.25pm Question time
- SESSION 8:** **MARKETING AND THE INDUSTRY**
 Chairman: John Howes
 Namoi Cotton Co-operative Ltd
 Wee Waa
- 2.25pm - 2.45pm **WORLD COTTON OVERVIEW -
 IS COTTON TRENDY?**
 Guest Speaker: John Garner,
 Cotton Outlook. Liverpool, England
- 2.45pm - 3.05pm **EFFECTS ON THE AUSTRALIAN COTTON
 INDUSTRY FROM U.S. FARM BILL AND
 OTHER POLITICAL MOVES**
 John Glenn:
 Department of Primary Industry &
 Energy, Canberra

3.05pm - 3.35pm Panel discussion on markets with questions from the floor

Panel: Walt Bickett (Auscott)
David Farley (Colly Farms)
John Garner (Cotton Outlook)
John Glenn (D.P.I.E. Canberra)
Peter Harris (QLD Cotton)
John Howes (Namoi Cotton)
Barry Mackay (Twynam Past Co)
Tripp Thornton (Dunavants)
Cliff White (Ralli Bros)

3.35pm - 4.15pm Afternoon tea

SESSION 9: INDUSTRY AFFAIRS

Chairman: Richard Williams

4.15pm - 4.35pm Cotton Researcher of the Year Presentation

4.35pm - 5.00pm Questions from the floor

5.00pm Close
