



CGA FINAL REPORT

Part 1 - Summary Details

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CRDC Project Number: 1810

CGA: Darling Downs Cotton Growers Inc

Project Title: "Improving skills and capacity of Darling Downs Growers"

Project Commencement Date: 06/18 Project Completion Date: 02/19

Part 2 – Contact Details

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Part 3 – Final Report

(The points below are to be used as a guideline when completing your final report.)

Background

1. Outline the background to the project.

The project seeks to further contribute to two of the broad objectives of the Darling Downs Cotton Growers Incorporated (DDCGI) firstly, in the provision of first aid training in line with Level 1 requirements of the cotton industry myBMP program and secondly in the development of the local industry. Ensuring the safety of farmers has become an increasingly important focus for the DDCGI as well as supporting and promoting participation in the myBMP program. It also aims to provide support networks to men and women in the rural community and access to important weather updates which determines farm operations at all times.

Objectives

2. List the project objectives (from the application) and the extent to which these have been achieved.

- a. First Aid training for growers, family members and farm staff within the region to ensure more people are trained in first aid or have access to someone that has been trained in the event of an emergency. – Achieved – several of these were run throughout the year.
- b. Improve efficiencies and safety by having adequate numbers of people trained as pilot escorts so they are available to assist the industry in peak times and improve road safety. – Achieved – several of these were run throughout the year.
- c. To ensure the women in our rural community are included and have access to support networks and information if required. Achieved – Women in Ag was a very successful day.
- d. To provide information to DDCGI Executive and members for Best Practice Governance and Constitutional changes (where applicable) . Achieved – This was a very good training day for the DDCGI Exec team.
- e. To provide modem replacement (Digital Cellphone Kit RV50X CS I/O) to weather stations to provide text based information for growers. Achieved – this allow access to all growers showing live data.

Outcomes

- 3. Describe how the project's outputs will contribute to the planned outcomes identified in the project application. Describe the planned outcomes achieved to date.**

The Economic Benefits will be:

Assisting and supporting the industry with specific things to help them achieve best practice and improve farm efficiencies, this includes pilot escort and first aid training and up to date weather information.

The Environmental Benefits will be:

No specific benefit to the environment.

The Social Benefits will be:

Educating, empowering and supporting growers, family members and farm staff to build a stronger industry and contribute to a better community.

- 4. Please report on any:-**

Participation was great for all objectives completed. Participants all agree that the organisation of events was great and the information and support provided was great. Participation was great for each event and obtained the desired support and outcome which is participation.

Conclusion

- 5. Provide an assessment of the likely impact of the results and conclusions of the research project for the cotton industry. What are the take home messages?**

6.

All projects achieved in the CGA 1810 were well received and the take home messages for the project were aimed at making sure the Darling Downs growers felt included in the CGA community by providing upskilling programs and community support events. Projects aimed to improve skills and capacity of grower on the Darling Downs through community event and provide information relating to building their businesses (weather stations/first aid & Pilot Training).

Budget

- 7. Describe how the project's budget was spent in comparison with the application budget. Outline any changes and provide justification.**