

AUSTRALIAN COTTON FORUM 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 2nd May 2023 Location: Powerhouse Museum: 500 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW</p>		
TIME	PURPOSE/INFO	WHO
<p>8.30am PLEASE ARRIVE 8.45am – 9.00am</p>	<p>Welcome Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and forum overview.</p>	<p>Brooke Summers - Cotton Australia, Cotton to Market Lead</p>
<p>9.00am – 9.15am</p>	<p>A quick introduction to the key players in the Australian cotton industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotton Australia • Australian Cotton Shippers Association (ACSA) • Cotton Research & Development Corporation (CRDC) 	<p>Nigel Burnett - Cotton Australia, Chairman</p> <p>Matthew Bradd - ACSA, Chairman</p> <p>Allan Willams - CRDC, General Manager, R&D Investment</p>
<p>9.15am – 9.35am</p>	<p>Australian cotton 101 An introduction to the Australian cotton industry.</p>	<p>Adam Kay - Cotton Australia, CEO</p>
<p>9.35am - 10.15am</p>	<p>Sustainability the Australian cotton way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to the myBMP (Best Management Practice) program • Better Cotton and our partnership • The PLANET. PEOPLE. PADDOCK. sustainability framework and targets 	<p>Rob Crothers - Cotton Australia, myBMP Manager</p> <p>Chris Cosgrove - Sustenance Asia, Director</p> <p>Alvaro Moreira - Better Cotton</p>
<p>10.15am - 10.20am</p>	<p>Group Energiser</p>	<p>Brooke Summers</p>
<p>10.20am - 10.50am</p>	<p>More crop per drop - Panel Water regulation in Australia, water use efficiency measurements and water savings in practice.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Stott - Cotton Australia, Board Member - Moderator</p> <p>Michael Murray - Cotton Australia, General Manager</p> <p>Chris Cosgrove - Sustenance Asia, Director</p> <p>Nigel Burnett - Cotton Australia, Chairman</p>
<p>10.50am – 11.20am</p>	<p>Morning tea</p>	



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11.20am – 11.40am	Working with nature Our biodiversity research, challenges and unique approach to regionally-based biodiversity targets.	Stacey Vogel - CRDC, R&D Manager and Extension Lead
11.40am - 12.00pm	The dirt on soil (and carbon) Australian cotton soils and how we're caring for them.	Dr Oliver Knox - University of New England, Associate Professor Soil Systems Biology
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Here for good: Protecting human rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting our people Improving labour conditions in the Australian cotton value chain 	Paul Sloman - Cotton Australia, Policy Officer Professor Alice Payne - RMIT University, Dean, School of Fashion & Textiles
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lunch	
1.15pm – 1.45pm	Behind the swingtag - Panel Working with Australian cotton and supply chain perspectives.	Ashley Hollis - Cotton Australia, Brand Relations Manager - Moderator Hannah Hemmingway-Pearce - Threebyone Sophie Chapman - Country Road Group Sheree Maguire - Hanes Australasia
1.45pm – 2.05pm	Measuring our impact On farm data collection, aggregation and reporting and life cycle assessment metrics.	Allan Willams - CRDC, General Manager, R&D Investment
2.05pm - 2.10pm	Active Farmers Energiser	Joe Briggs, Active Farmers
2.10pm - 2.40pm	Closing the loop on cotton circularity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation research investments the cotton farming circularity project Circularity research project 	Dr Meredith Conaty - CRDC, Research & Development Manager Brooke Summers - Cotton Australia, Cotton to Market Lead
2.40pm - 3.10pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.10pm - 3.30pm	Perspectives on the cotton market Australian cotton markets, the price/value equation and perspectives on the global market.	Matthew Bradd - ACSA, Chairman



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3.30pm - 4.10pm	<p>The global picture: Challenges and solutions Hear from a number of global textile organisations about how they're tackling the big issues for cotton.</p>	<p>Joel Mertens - Sustainable Apparel Cotton, Director, Higg Product Tools</p> <p>Marzia Lanfranchi - Textile Exchange, Cotton and Fibre Crops Lead</p> <p>Subindu Garkhel - Fair Trade, Global Cotton and Textiles Lead</p>
4.10pm - 4.20pm	<p>The future for Australian cotton How are we setting ourselves up to tackle traceability, sustainable cotton, industry data, marketing and human rights in the next 5-10 years.</p>	<p>Rob Cairns - ACSA, Supply Chain Consultant</p>
4.20pm - 4.30pm	<p>Wrap up Word of thanks, close.</p>	<p>Nigel Burnett - Cotton Australia, Chairman</p>
4.30pm - 5.00pm	<p>Carla Zampatti Exhibit - An Australian icon who changed the face of fashion.</p>	



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