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MEDIA RELEASE

Rural leaders celebrate graduation from Australian Rural Leadership Program

Cotton industry participants Peter Cottle and Harvey Gaynor recently graduated from Course 5 of the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

The ceremony took place in the Senate Chamber of Old Parliament House in Canberra on September 18, with a presentation of certificates by the Foundation's patron Sir Ninian Stephen.

Their graduation marked the conclusion of two years of leadership development for the participants from rural industries and communities from all parts of Australia.

Peter Cottle, who was sponsored by the Cotton Research and Development Corporation, is General Manager Cotton Operations with Clyde Agriculture and a Director of Cotton Australia.

Harvey Gaynor was sponsored jointly by Auscott, Colly Cotton, Queensland Cotton Corporation and the Namoi Cotton Co-operative. He is currently Assistant General Manager of Auscott's Gwydir Valley Operations.

Shared vision

Through the Program the 33 leaders were exposed to other leaders from a wide range of industries and community interests, and to national and international issues. They were given the opportunity to develop the skills, networks and knowledge to lead their industries and communities at high levels.

As part of their graduation ceremony the Course 5 graduates presented their shared vision for the future of rural and regional Australia. The theme of this vision *Creating our Future Together*, has as its main principles: learning together, inspiring change, future focus, identity, equity and access and working together.

The experience

The Course Five graduates spent over 60 days completing the Australian Rural Leadership Program. They began in the East Kimberley in April 1998 focusing on leadership issues, building relationships and personal growth. In the north they examined issues relating to indigenous people, regional

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and agricultural development in the Ord River, and trading with Asia from Darwin.

This was followed by 6 one week sessions in the various States of Australia. During these sessions they examined the challenges facing rural Australia, such as regional development, conservation and environmental issues. In an urban environment they delved into the banking and finance sector and Australia's economic performance and were exposed to social issues such as the prison system. They also learnt about leading change and resolving conflict.

In July 1999 the group visited Argentina and Chile to look at among other things the political, cultural and economic environments of these countries. They examined the impact of trade and agricultural policies, changing demands for food and fibre, opportunities and pitfalls for joint ventures, international competition, and trade support networks.

A list of graduates is attached.

Successful applicants for Course 7 of the Australian Rural Leadership Program are expected to be announced in late November. Applications for Course 8 close on 31 July 2000.

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See photo attached



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PARTICIPANTS - COURSE 5

Australian Rural Leadership Program Course 5: April 1998 - September 1999

Grains R&D Corp Scholarships

Margaret BRIDGEFORD Warra QLD
Grain Grower
Peter FLOTTMANN West Pymble NSW
National Grains Manager - Goodman
Fielder

Cotton R&D Corp Scholarship

Peter COTTLE Moree NSW
Grower Services Manager - Colly
Cotton Ltd

Auscott/Colly Cotton/Qld Cotton Corp/Namoi Cotton Cooperative Scholarship

Harvey GAYNOR Moree NSW
Assistant General Manager - Auscott Ltd
Cotton Valley Operations

The Patrick Rowley Leadership Award- Dairy R&D Corp Scholarship

Shane GITTINS Kilcoy QLD
Dairy Farmer

Fisheries R&D Corp Scholarship

Graeme HILLYARD Woy Woy NSW
Professional Fisherman

Meat Research Corp Scholarships

Lucinda CORRIGAN Bowna NSW
Beef & Wool Producer
Helen MURPHY Alice Springs NT
Beef Producer

Sugar R&D Corp, Canegrowers, CSR Ltd & Australian Sugar Milling Council Scholarships

Drew WATSON Mossman QLD
Senior Cane Grower
Julian PRATT Sarina QLD
Sugar Mill Manager - CSR Ltd

Rice R&D Committee Scholarship

Daniel HOGAN Hay NSW
Rice Grower

QLD Department of Primary Industries Scholarship

Leith BOULLY Dirranbandi QLD
Director, Land & Water Resources R&D
Corp, Wool Grower

Dept of Employment, Education, Training & Youth Affairs Aboriginal Scholarship

Noel BRIDGE Walkerville SA
Manager Indigenous Issues -
Normandy Mining Ltd

Horticultural R&D Corp/Qld Fruit & Vegetable Growers Scholarship

Joe ZAPPALA Mena Creek QLD
Papaw/Sugar Cane Grower

Horticultural R&D Corp/Citrus R&D Levy Scholarship

Alan WHYTE Wentworth NSW
Citrus Grower

International Wool Secretariat/Elders Scholarship

Duncan FRASER Hay NSW
Wool Grower

International Wool Secretariat Scholarship

John WALMSLEY Deniliquin NSW
Merino Stud General Manager-Boonoke

National Association of Forest Industries Ltd Scholarship

Nils GUNNERSEN Yea VIC
General Manager - Timber Sawmilling
and Harvesting Company

NSW Agriculture Scholarship

Eric DAVIS Dubbo NSW
Senior Veterinary Officer -
NSW Agriculture

Dept of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Energy and Minerals - Victoria Scholarship

Ronald HARRIS Kialla VIC
Agricultural Scientist - Vic Agriculture

Rural Industries R&D Corporation - Rural Communities Scholarship

Lynda POLLOCK Middlemount QLD
Rural Support Worker

Pig R&D Corporation/Australian Pork Corporation Scholarship

Bruce LOCKWOOD Westbrook QLD
Pork Producer

Commonwealth Dept of Primary Industries & Energy Scholarships

Helen BOARD Red Hill ACT
National Rural Women's Co-ordinator-
DPIE

Mike NUNN Torrens ACT
Principal Veterinary Officer - Bureau of
Resource Sciences - DPIE

QBE Insurance Scholarship

Diana GIBBS Cootamundra NSW
Wool and Grain Grower/Consultant

Rural Press Scholarship

Joe ROSS Fitzroy Crossing WA
Aboriginal Tourism

SA Dept of Primary Industries Scholarship

Chris PARKER Burra SA
Wool and Grain Grower

Victorian Dairy Industry Authority Scholarship

Tim McCURDY Cobram VIC
Dairy Farmer

National Australia Bank Scholarships

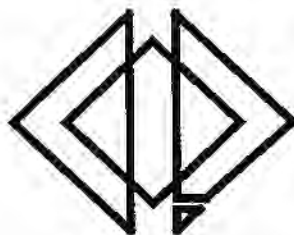
Deb GOUNDREY Toorak VIC
Communications Manager, Industry De-
velopment - IWS
Jeff GOODING Kununurra WA
Kimberley Development Commission,
Horticulturalist

Commonwealth Department of Primary Industries & Energy - Rural Woman's Scholarship

Teresa ALLEN Kumbia QLD
Pork & Beef Producer

Rural Industries R&D Corporation - Small & Emerging Industry Scholarship

Robert DOWNIE Copping TAS
Agro-Forestry, Wool & Cattle Producer



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