



# TRAVEL, CONFERENCE or SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE REPORT 2017

## *Part 1 - Summary Details*

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**CRDC Project Number:** UQ1802

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**Project Title:** Attending and presenting at the 2017 Australian Cotton Research Conference.

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**Project Commencement Date:** 04/09/2017 **Project Completion Date:** 08/09/2017

**CRDC Research Program:** 2 Industry

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**Date Submitted:**

03/11/2017

## ***Part 3 – Travel, Conference or Scientific Exchange Report***

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### **1. A brief description of the purpose of the travel.**

The travel grant was provided for me (Dean Brookes) to attend and present at the 2017 Australian Cotton Research Conference.

### **2. What were the:**

#### **a) major findings and outcomes**

Attendance at this conference allowed me to present the final results of my green vegetable bug (*Nezara viridula*) PhD research to other cotton researchers. I was also able to maintain my relationships with other Australian cotton researchers and remain familiar with cotton industry research while I am between funding sources. Further, I will soon be starting another project funded by the CRDC and attendance at this conference allowed me to discuss aspects of this project with other researchers. These discussions included ways for me to gain further experience with aspects of the cotton industry.

#### **b) other highlights**

None.

### **3. Detail the persons and institutions visited, giving full title, position details, location, duration of visit and purpose of visit to these people/places. (NB:- Please provide full names of institutions, not just acronyms.)**

The conference took place at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Black Mountain campus. The duration of the travel was spent at this institute.

### **4. a) Are there any potential areas worth following up as a result of the travel?**

I had the opportunity to speak with Linda Smith and Paul Grundy about joining them during some of their research trips as a way of broadening my knowledge of the Australian cotton industry. These discussions will be followed up on once my project commences.

#### **b) Any relevance or possible impact on the Australian Cotton Industry?**

The primary impact on the Australian Cotton Industry was that I was able to convey the results of my research, and so other researchers are now aware of the outcome. I also believe that my continued professional development and involvement with the industry will be of significant benefit for my upcoming project.

### **5. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry?**

I will continue to share the knowledge I have gained through involvement in conferences such as this.

### **6. Please list expenditure incurred. (Double click inside the table to enter the data)**

