



Australian Government

Cotton Research and
Development Corporation

FINAL REPORT 2014/2015

Part 1 - Summary Details

Please use your TAB key to complete Parts 1 & 2.

CRDC Project Number: 1515

Project Title: "Consultancy Agreement: Project Management and Extension
Management Tasks"

Project Commencement Date: 1/7/14

Project Completion Date: 30/6/15

Part 2 – Contact Details

Administrator: Sallyanne Knight

Organisation: Warrenbri Farming Partnership

Postal Address: P.O. Box 476 Wee Waa NSW 2388

Ph: 02 67955133 **Fax:** 02 67955233 **E-mail:**
pandsknight1@bigpond.com

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.

Represent CRDC as the Co-Ordinator of the 2015/16 AES School based trainees programme.

Represent the CRDC and industry at the Primary Industry Health & Safety Partnership Teleconferences and at the National Farmsafe Conference, October, 2014.

Objectives

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

Milestone 1 AES Schools Programme

a) Facilitate 2015 AES School programme. Four trainees were sort in original plan, with only three applications. Three trainees have been placed with local business hosts, 2015 includes the first commercial host placements.

Representation from three growing regions;

1. St Marys High School Gunnedah – Graham McRae placed at AutoPro Narrabri
2. Narrabri High School – Joel Sampson placed at CSIRO Entomology
3. Wee Waa High School – Curston Small placed at C&W Accountants, Wee Waa.
4. Two second year Trainees are also currently placed at CSIRO - [Ethan Towns](#) and [Mikeul Hughes](#)

b) Negotiate placement venues and co-sponsorship

Co-sponsorship has been negotiated for the second year of the programme for Joel with CSIRO 50:50 and Curston with C&W Accountants 60:40. AutoPro is not able to fund due to reduced business levels resulting from drought.

The second year trainees are co-funded with CSIRO 50:50.

c) Liaise and assist interview process with AES, Schools and selected placements for 2015 intake.

Currently, funding from CSIRO will be available on a 50:50 for one 2016 student. As a result of discussion between CRDC and Administrator, it is planned to speak with the schools to assess interest areas and then seek Host positions that will co-fund additional school based trainees. Testimonials from both hosts and trainees is being compiled to create a news story for circulation and cross publication in local media and industry to tell the story and create an interest from local cotton business for placements for 2016.

Additionally, philanthropy funding is being explored to assist with our AutoPro trainee for second year and potential other Host opportunity for first year 2016 trainees. To this end, a survey of Schools, Hosts and trainees has been completed. Comments see 5. Additionally, an article with photos of trainees on placement is currently being developed and will be circulated for cross publication purposes the Courier, Wee Waa News, Spot Light Magazine and e news once it is reviewed.

Milestone 2. CRDC Representative for Primary Industries Health & Safety Partnership

- a) i) Represent industry at Partnership teleconferences and once a year a Face to face Meeting – 2014 October Launceston. Attendance at the National Farmsafe Conference in 15-16th October 2014, face to face committee meeting was achieved. Additional future funding planning face-to-face meeting attendance on the 6th February, 2015 in Canberra. Due to poor attendance, a further face to face was organised for the 5th June, 2015 which I attended by teleconference.
- ii) Attendance at PIHSP Committee & Reference Group teleconferences;
3/9/14
16/9/14
12/11/14
5/6/15 Face to Face by phone link all day meeting.

b) Represent industry at National Conference – 2014 Launceston – see a)

c) Industry focus analysis of Research tenders as required:

The Communications Writer fund was awarded to Cox Inall Communications in July 2014. These services included the development and distribution of 12 media releases, 12 written case studies, nine videos and social media content to partners and other relevant organisations. Review and distribution across industry for publication as required involved the

1) 12 Media releases. 10 completed, 2 to be delivered.

<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-programs/rural-people-issues/primary-industries-health-and-safety-partnership>

- Shifting the safety culture on farm □Jun 03, 2015
- Cotton harvest safety: check and check again □Mar 26, 2015
- Experts warn “don’t work alone in grain storages” □Feb 02, 2015
- Act now on WHS to protect your business □Dec 15, 2014
- Guiding harmonised health and safety □Dec 15, 2014
- Taking kids safely to work on the farm this Christmas □Dec 08, 2014
- Be safe for your loved ones □Nov 18, 2014
- Conference calls for culture change □Oct 21, 2014
- Editorial: Peace of mind the greatest on-farm asset □Oct 16, 2014
- Red meat industry boosting workplace safety □Sep 18, 2014
- Lobster training:
<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/news/2015/03/24/national-effort-to-improve-onboard-safety>
- Risk mapping:
<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/news/2015/03/09/counting-the-real-costs-of-workplace-injury-in-agriculture>
- Be safe this harvest:
<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/news/2014/10/28/be-safe-this-harvest>

2) 7 video’s, 2 further to be reviewed & delivered

- Barriers to adoption:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgWNFNvYAKE>
- Kids safety: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gd1SJg_LHZU
- Eastfield: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXoSXuByUdY>
- Cotton harvest safety:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0mO9CX6csk>
- Hassad: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyTQVhkoieY>

3)10 cases studies delivered in conjunction with 1)

Methods

- 3. Detail the methodology and justify the methodology used. Include any discoveries in methods that may benefit other related projects.**

Outcomes

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

CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1.Reducing rates of death and injury in the Australian fishing industry
- 2.Addressing the Barriers to Adoption
- 3.Managing WHS for Beef Cattle Production
- 4.Managing Sheep & Wool Production Safety
- 5.Research Communications Writer PIHS Program

Completed during the 2014/15 year

Synthesis of Projects Delivered

http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-project-details/custr10_PISH/PRJ-009419

Mapping the Work Health and Safety Risks in the Primary Industries

http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-project-details/custr10_PISH/PRJ-009458

Work Health and Safety Legislative Responsibilities

http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-project-details/custr10_PISH/PRJ-009463

2014 Farm Safe Australian Conference Sponsorship

2014 Farm Safe Australian conference Sponsorship (Bi-annual event)

http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-project-details/custr10_PISH/PRJ-009584

WHS for Cotton Farms

<https://rirc.infoservices.com.au/items/14-089>

Also refer to 2 for outputs. Each of the said Communications Writer outputs has been circulated through industry channels both through CRDC and Cotton Australian. Several media releases have also been picked up by local newspapers. Spotlight ran its first "Spotlight on Farm Safety" in the March release. It has been agreed to run a quarterly column on the subject of Work Health Safety, highlighting topics.

5. Please report on any:-

- a) Feedback forms used and what the results were
- b) The highlights for participants or key learnings achieved
- c) The number of people participating and any comments on level of participation

AES programme:

Feedback was sort from AES Hosts, Trainees, and Schools. The response has been extremely positive and I have compiled the attached Record of Responses.

Budget

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

Budget has been in line for the AES Programme.

Budget for the PIHSP had to be reviewed with an additional Face To Face meeting in Canberra in February 2014, unbudgeted. Additionally, the review of the range of Communications Writer outputs by Cox Inall has been more time consuming than budgeted on. However, additional approved budget has not been fully utilised. It is appropriate to allow for further close review in the coming financial year, however, the conference is bi-annual.

Conclusion

- 7. 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?**