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**SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: 2014-15 SEASON**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Project Title</b><br>(Maximum 15 words)   | : | CRDC1110 UNE Cotton Production Course                           |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Proposed Start Date</b><br><b>Proposed Cease Date</b>   | : | 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2011<br>15 <sup>th</sup> September 2012   |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Summer Scholar<br/>and University</b>   | : | Rebecca Byrne, University of New England                        |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Organisation &amp; Location<br/>for the project</b>   | : | Department of Primary Industries, UNE (off-campus study), Moree |
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Project Collaborators (Name and Organisation):

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## 1. Executive Summary:

Application for funding to undertake post-graduate tertiary studies in Cotton Production, to enhance knowledge of holistic cotton production, within a local context, to better support the growers of the Border Rivers-Gwydir and Namoi regions through agronomic extension within my capacity as District Agronomist.

## 2. Background:

Undergraduate degree in Natural Resource Management completed in 2008, 2.5 years on-the-job experience as District Agronomist for Moree East, working predominantly in broadacre, dryland cropping and livestock production.

## 3. Aims and Objectives:

To enhance knowledge of holistic cotton production, within a local context, to better support the growers of the Border Rivers-Gwydir and Namoi regions.

## 4. Materials and Methods:

Four units of cotton production; COTT500, 501, 502 & 503, via off-campus, part-time study.

## 5. Results:

High Distinction average

## 6. Discussion and Conclusions:

The course was comprehensive, practical, efficiently conducted and provided direct benefits professionally in being better qualified to assist cotton growers to develop their enterprise, according to the key research presented throughout the course.

## 7. Highlights:

Practical residential school sessions, on-farm studies, working with cotton agronomists.

## 8. Future Research:

No further studies planned currently.

## 9. Presentations and Public Relations:

N/A

## 10. Reference List:

N/A

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