

ELLE STORRIER

*Chris Lehmann Trust Young Achiever
of the Year*, SPONSORED BY BAYER CROPSCIENCE



Elle Storrier has been an Agronomist for 9 years, following in her father's footsteps. Elle grew up scouting cotton in school holidays which sparked her interest in the industry and led her to completing her degree in Agriculture at UNE.

Initially working in the traditional cotton growing areas of the Macintyre and Namoi Valleys with experienced growers, Elle moved south to the Riverina in 2014. She started her own agronomy consultancy in the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Valleys at the age of 27.

This move opened Elle's eyes to a different environment, one with a new and different grower base, and she saw huge potential. She is passionate about the opportunities in the south in terms of cotton and is pleased to have been an active part of its growth in the last three years.

To better service her clients she has begun the process of completing her pilots licence. A thrilling and challenging experience so far, that she hopes to complete in the near future.

For the last four years as a Board Director of Crop Consultants Australia (CCA), Elle has been highly active in all industry development matters, providing good governance and sound decision making to help build the professional reputation of the organisation.

As Survey Director of on the Board of Crop Consultants Australia, she has helped revise the cotton market audit reporting process, providing greater robustness and therefore leading to an increase in confidence in the data used in industry reporting.

As part of the CCA Egg Collection Team she has been instrumental in helping the industry better understand and plan for resistance management. Through a better understanding the current *Helicoverpa* status, more timely decisions can be made.

LOCATION

Hillston, NSW

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Continual professional development is important for Elle, completing both the Future Cotton Leaders Program and the Cotton Field to Fabric Course in 2013. In 2014 she travelled to USA looking at USA cotton production and insecticides. She regularly attends industry events and activities in order to remain informed and up to date with new products and best management practices.

Through more localised, applied research, Elle wants to address what she has identified as an information gap. She seeks to provide more insight and information to southern growers, about the specific characteristics of southern soil types, particularly in relation to water utilisation and efficiency. She has a strong desire to build the





collective southern knowledge and experience. She sees this being achieved through greater interaction with researchers, increased research trials on farms in the southern valleys, and improved application of these findings to local conditions.

If successful in receiving the Young Achiever of the Year Award, Elle would use her bursary to further enhance the research knowledge of soils in southern NSW by working with soil scientists. She would seek to better understand soil constraints and their impact on management decisions regarding water use and rotations, and extending this information out to growers across the valleys.

Elle is an outstanding example of the quality of today's cotton industry crop consultants. She has clearly demonstrated her dedication to a hands-on approach of helping growers and her enthusiasm for the future of the southern valleys. At a young age she has already kicked a number of goals and shows great potential for her future contributions to the industry.

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