

CLEAVE ROGAN

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Cleave Rogan and his wife Johnelle, have grown cotton for the more than 30 years in the St George area of Queensland. He has been deeply committed to and heavily involved in the cotton industry over this time holding a range of roles in groups from local to national level.

The St George CGA can rely on Cleave to gladly participate in every activity that they undertake; from field days educating and inspiring fellow growers, through to passionately advocating the benefits of the cotton industry to the wider community and even effectively communicating during emergencies such as the 2012 floods. He has been a member and key driver of the Fusarium Working Group, the Rural Water Users Efficiency Regional Committee and was an instigator of a local Area Wide Management Group. His local group describe him as incredibly dedicated whilst being a lovely, personable gentleman, willing to work with anyone.

Cleave was a long term member and board member of the Australian Cotton Growers Research Association (ACGRA) and was therefore actively involved in the historic merging of the ACGRA and Cotton Australia in November 2008. As an Executive of the ACGRA at the time, Cleave moved onto the new Cotton Australia board with a mandate to provide advice and direction on research, policy and best practice on behalf of Australia's cotton growers. This merger ushered in an exciting new period for the cotton growing industry and Cleave played an important role within that.

Cleave continued to serve on the Cotton Australia board until 2011. During this period he was also the Chair of the TIMS Herbicide Technical Panel where he reviewed and discussed the proposed and existing resistance management plans.

The importance of communicating the developments in the cotton industry to the growers was well understood by Cleave, stimulating his involvement in the Cotton Conference Committee. He went on to be the chair of a hugely successful Australian Cotton conference in 2010 following many years involvement on the committee.

In 2011 Cleave took the opportunity to further his passion for R&D, becoming a Director of the Cotton Research and

Development Corporation (CRDC). He also completed the Australia Company Director's course, becoming an MAICD and better fulfilling his role on this board. He has for a long time

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acted in an advisory role to CRDC, working on research projects related to biosecurity, insects, weeds, diseases, cotton fibre processing and quality enhancement.

With a personal emphasis on farm hygiene, Cleave walks the walk, ensuring his 1,200ha farms are always immaculately weed-free. 2015 was the fifth year-in-a-row that he claimed the St George Cotton Growers Association Farm Hygiene Award.

An important part of Cleave's involvement with the industry has been his co-operation with on-farm research trials. He has been a long term co-operator with Cotton Seed Distributors in their cotton seed variety trials. He has also selflessly offered his farms, his time and resources for countless fertiliser, chemical and irrigation trials and research projects all aimed at improving the sustainability and viability of cotton production.

Cleave makes time for younger members of the industry valuing their future contribution. He has mentored a number of key industry personnel over the years and taken pleasure in seeing their growth within the industry he loves.

Cleave is highly respected by his contemporaries for his immense dedication to the cotton industry and to his St George community. He is a tireless member of many community organisations including the Show Society and Pony Club and yet he still has time to run a model cotton farm and be a dedicated family man. He is the gentleman of the cotton industry.

