



ANNUAL RD WATT LECTURE PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

David Anthony

*Chair, Auscott Limited,
Director, Plant Biosecurity CRC*

David Anthony graduated with Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Syd) Hons.1 from University of Sydney in 1976 and has worked in irrigated cotton, grains and oilseed production for over 40 years. He is currently Chair of Auscott Limited and has held numerous positions in the company over those 40 years including agronomist, Assistant Farm Manager (Macquarie Valley), General Manager (Namoi Valley), Chief Operating Officer, and from 2000 to 2012 the company's Chairman and CEO based in Sydney. Over his career he has held various industry and other directorships including Director Cargill Oilseeds Australia, Director Cargill Processing Ltd, Chair of the Cotton Catchment Communities Cooperative

Research Centre, Council Member of NSW Agriculture Ministerial Advisory Council and NSW Agriculture Ministerial Advisory of Primary Industry Sciences, Director of Cotton Seed Distributors, Deputy Chair of Cotton Research & Development Corporation, Vice-Chairman

Australian Cotton Growers Research Association, Chair of Career Harvest Inc. and is currently a director on the Plant Biosecurity CRC and council member on NSW Primary Industries Ministerial Advisory Council.



Dr. Greg Constable

Post Retirement Fellow, CSIRO

Dr. Greg Constable holds a BSCAgr (1970) and a MSCAgr (1975) from the University of Sydney, and a PhD from the Australian National University (1981), Canberra. His 46-year career in cotton research at Narrabri focused on the application of agricultural science in the field, firstly in cotton physiology and agronomy with NSW Agriculture (1970-1991) and then in cotton breeding with CSIRO (1991-2015).

His research interests and leadership of research teams include cotton breeding, and the development and application of transgenic traits into the modern cotton cropping system.

This research has been done from within the agricultural production zone and has also involved a large amount of extension and research promotion.





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Adam Kay

CEO, Cotton Australia

Adam Kay was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of Cotton Australia in January 2007. Cotton Australia is the peak grower body in Australia representing the interests of 1500 cotton producers in NSW and QLD.

He started his career as District Agronomist for the NSW Agriculture Department in Warren 30 years ago and has spent his entire career working within the Australian cotton industry.

Before Cotton Australia, Adam was General Manager of Cotton Seed Distributors, Wee Waa for 11 years, during which time he played a major role in commercialising and introducing biotechnology into the Australian cotton industry.

Adam also served two terms as a Director of the Cotton Research and Development Corporation, a cotton industry body that funds research and development projects across many industry sectors.

Adam is well known to the Australian cotton industry with roles on a range of industry organisations and committees and has broad industry knowledge and specialist skills in grower relations, advocacy and business management.

He was awarded the 2005 Australian Cotton Industry Service to Industry Award, is a Churchill Fellow, Graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program, and a Graduate of the AICD Directors and Mastering the Boardroom Courses.

Adam graduated from University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1984 and Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) in 1985.

