



**Information** when you need it



# the cotton tale

January 2024

## Southern Valleys Irrigators Tour to Wee Waa and Narrabri

A Coach tour of CSD facilities (Wee Waa), CSD annual field day and Irricom (CottonInfo Irrigation forum Narrabri) has been scheduled for the last week of February this year. **At this stage I need a commitment from growers to secure a seat by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. With funding, the full cost will be \$150/person.**

### Itinerary for Southern valleys tour

- Leave Monday 8 am 26<sup>th</sup> February Griffith Visitors centre to Narrabri.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 9 am – 4pm CottonInfo Irricom (Getting the best from siphon-less irrigation) in Narrabri.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 8.30 am – 12 noon CSD annual field day, CSD Farms. Lunch at CSD and Tour of CSD factory and labs.
- Thursday 8 am 29<sup>th</sup> February Travel back

## Getting the best from siphon-less irrigation

**2024 CottonInfo Irricom forum Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Narrabri, The Crossing theatre 9am – 4pm.**

This will be the third Irricom forum, following on from 2014 and 2021. Throughout this time, we have seen improvements in our Irrigation Water Use Efficiency, but there is still more that we can do.

During the time the industry has been benchmarking performance, growers have been consistently adjusting their irrigation designs. Many of the designs receiving attention have removed siphons

from fields, opting for siphon-less or bankless designs. There are many different designs, the most successful of which are designed to meet the needs of the individual farm.

As an industry we need to continue to strive to understand the Water Use Efficiency of these designs and to ensure we are selecting the right designs for the individual farm. Quite often the implementation of siphon-less and bankless systems is primarily targeting improved labour efficiencies and improved lifestyle, with Irrigated WUE secondary.

Adoption of siphon-less designs in Southern NSW has been taken up quickly with around 40 - 50% of the current southern valleys cotton crop estimated to be grown using these systems. Labour savings have driven this change, but can we also improve water productivity?

The 2024 Irricom forum gives growers a prime opportunity to network with and to hear from growers from other valleys about their experiences. The forum will be facilitated by CottonInfo staff with irrigation researchers and commercial partners also participating.



## **CSD Annual Field day 28<sup>th</sup> February**

CSD are pleased to host their annual field day on the 28<sup>th</sup> February at 'Little Mollee', between Narrabri and Wee Waa. The day is going to kick off with breakfast and coffee at 08:30 before a host of interactive presentations. There will be updates on the ACDC disease initiative, the latest in insect resistance and monitoring, the CSIRO breeding programmes, Bayer's trait development and, to round it all off, an update on CSD activities – all presented by a host of industry technical experts. The day will also present an opportunity to see how the current XtendFlex® lines are performing and to hear from a panel on their experiences with the new traits and approaches that they have used to manage these lines.

After the field day, CSD are pleased to invite anyone interested in seeing the Wee Waa facilities to 'Shenstone' for lunch, ahead of a guided tour of the production and lab facilities to round off the day.

## SOUTHERN VALLEYS TOUR TO IRRICOM & CSD FIELD DAY 26-29 FEBRUARY 2024



Join tour leader  
CottonInfo REO Kieran O'Keeffe for a  
4-day coach tour, including:  
CSD Annual Field Day & a tour of CSD facilities  
plus  
CottonInfo's Annual Irrigation Forum,  
Irricom.

### Proposed itinerary

- Leave Monday 26th 8am from Griffith Visitors Centre. Pick up growers at Forbes and Dubbo on the way. BBQ Dinner at Southern Cross Motel
- Tuesday 27th: Irricom Forum, Narrabri
- Wednesday 28th: CSD Field Day 8 am - 12 noon + lunch and tour of factory and labs
- Thursday 29th 9am, start return home.

Accommodation at Southern Cross Motel include twin share and family room options.

### To book a ticket (\$150 +bf)

access the QR code  
or visit

<https://events.humanitix.com/tour-to-irricom-and-csd-field-day>

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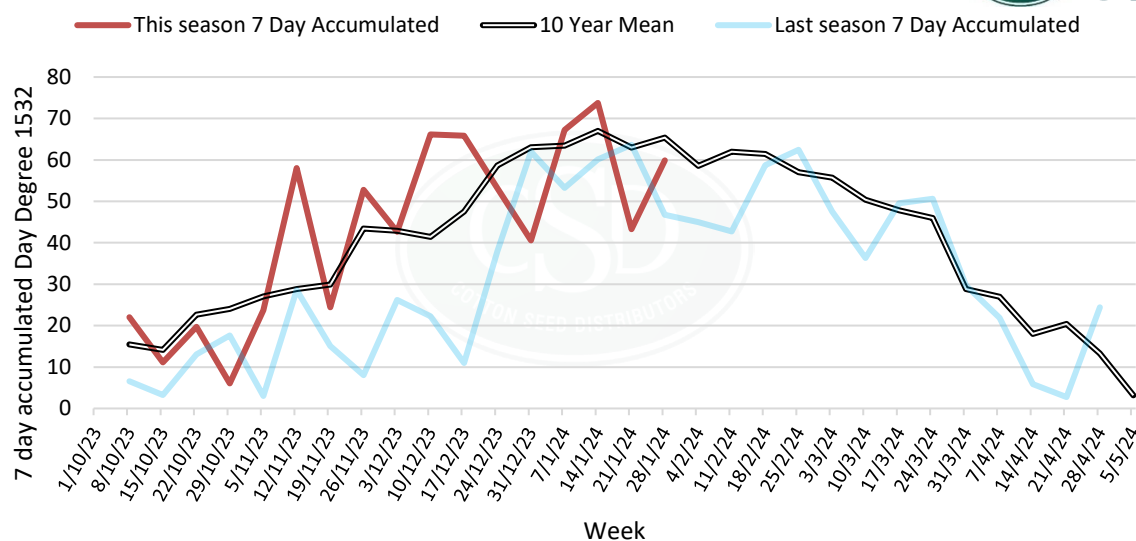
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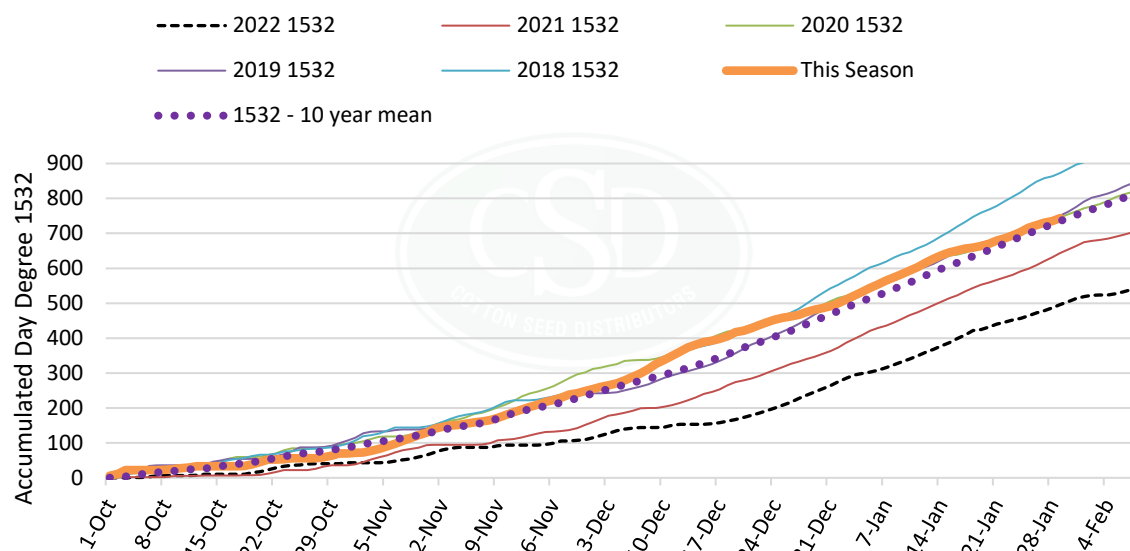
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## Griffith Weekly Accumulated DD1532



## Griffith Comparison Accumulated Day Degree - 1532





## December quiz answer – Where is this? Hay



## January quiz Where is this park?



## Regards Kieran

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