

To Geoff Smith, Narromine Rotary Club and everyone involved with "RYCOTT 2017",

I would like to thank you for the invitation and organisation of this RYCOTT camp. Being my first camp organised by the Narromine Rotary Club I was unsure about not knowing anyone there. When I arrived I was warmly welcomed and instantly knew it was going to be a great week.

I really enjoyed the experience and it gave me an extensive knowledge and understanding in to the world of cotton which I have had no previous exposure to. Being in year twelve it had application in my study of agriculture and opened many doors to new job opportunities. It has been a privilege to learn from experienced individuals in their specialised fields. The lectures containing agronomy, financial factors, insurance and genetic modification were informative and enjoyable. The visits to local farms and gins provided a tangible and practical aspect into the life of cotton farmers and the production process from growing seeds on farm to bales produced in the gin within the Narromine region. The camp provided an extensive range of views from the farm, to advisory services and then the financial exploration of putting a crop into the ground. This allowed insight into all aspects, which for educational purposes was extremely beneficial.

Geoff's nightly games such as a 'Mock Auction' and Feed the Seals provided laughs and entertainment for all as well as a time to reflect on what has been seen and learnt. The days were action packed and the nights were relaxing with great food, good company and good facilities. The leaders were all extremely approachable and were happy to help anytime.

Geoff has done a tremendous job in organising this camp and did an excellent job to make it all run smoothly. I'm sure everyone else enjoyed it as thoroughly as I did. I learnt so much and met lots of people for possible contacts in the future.

Geoff and his fellow Rotarian's have organised an awesome camp that I highly recommend to anyone that is interested to learn about the cotton industry and all the aspects of financial and advisory services to the industry.

Yours sincerely,
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