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## MDA announces additional Cubbie Station tour as part of 75<sup>th</sup> National Conference

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The Murray Darling Association (MDA), Australia's peak body representing local government across the Murray Darling Basin, is excited to announce a visit to the nationally significant Cubbie Station as an optional add-on tour for delegates following the MDA 75<sup>th</sup> National Conference.

The tour will depart Toowoomba on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October and arrive at Cubbie Station in the early afternoon for a tour of the cotton production site with Cubbie's Chief Executive Officer Paul Brimblecombe.

Cubbie Station is Australia's largest cotton farm and covers approximately 80,000 hectares, with 19,153 hectares of irrigation area.

Recently, Cubbie Station announced that they will voluntarily handover up to 10 gegalitres of water, back to environmental flows and downstream users, after dry periods.

"Cubbie wish to extend a warm invitation to all delegates attending the Murray Darling Association 75th National Conference to travel out and kick a few clods at Cubbie Station," Paul Brimblecombe, Cubbie Station Chief Executive Officer said.

"Cubbie Ag management believes that the production of irrigated agriculture and a viable environment can co-exist. Come and see for yourself."

Cubbie Station also plays an important economic role in the region and employs 50 full time employees with the farming operation, 12 full time employees with the ginnery, up to 120 casual / seasonal employees at both the farm and the ginnery in full production years.

"One of the main themes for this year's conference is intensifying agriculture sustainably, with much of the program focusing on how local government can play an important role in shaping the future of Australian communities in the face of changing water availability," said MDA Chief Executive Officer Emma Bradbury.

"We are really excited to host a Cubbie Station tour as part of the conference to develop a shared understanding of what Cubbie's performance means for the Murray Darling Basin community."

This tour is only available to MDA Conference delegates.

Register for the tour at [www.mda.asn.au](http://www.mda.asn.au) or contact the Murray Darling Association office on 03 5480 3805.