



## Media release

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### **New report ranks Southern Cotton as the best gin in Australia Australia's newest gin achieves 100% compliance**

Southern Cotton's status as the **best gin** in Australia has been confirmed this week, with the Whitton-based gin achieving **100 per cent compliance** in the 2014 Best Management Practice for Cotton Ginning Accreditation report – the benchmark of success for the cotton industry.

The outstanding result is a credit to the [Southern Cotton](#) team, at every level, with the report commending the **independently-owned operation** on its progress and achievement.

“Southern Cotton was built from scratch just three years ago. That means our dedicated team has also hit the ground running and developed and implemented first-rate **management practices** and **ginning processes** in a short period of time. It makes me so proud that this hard work has been recognised,” said **Ms Kate O’Callaghan**, general manager, Southern Cotton.

[Southern Cotton](#), which is located in the heart of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA), has been instrumental in the growth of the region's cotton industry since 2012 – increasing from **11,000 hectares** in 2011 to over **32,000 hectares** this season, and the forecast is more than **50,000 hectares** in 2015.

“Southern Cotton is an industry leader because our management systems and processes are second-to-none, and it's our dedication to doing the very **best job for our growers** that drives us to be better at what we do at the gin every day. We're looking forward to celebrating our wins at a special Cotton Club Gala Dinner in Griffith on Friday, 10 October,” Ms O’Callaghan said.

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## About Southern Cotton

Southern Cotton is an independent industry leader, owned by five local growers. Australia's newest ginning facility, Southern Cotton was commissioned and built in the 2012 season. The Whitton-based operation features state-of-the-art technology in quality measurement, cleaning, humidification, processing and data traceability. Southern Cotton employs 11 full-time staff and 42 seasonal workers.

Southern Cotton won the **Excellence in Innovation** category at the [2014 Murray-Riverina Regional Business Awards](#) and will now proceed as finalists in the Excellence in Innovation category at the [NSW Business Chamber State Awards](#), with winners to be announced on 28 November 2014 in Sydney.

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