

# CURRICULUM VITAE \*

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**Current Positions:** **Director, Rangelands Australia\*\***, and **Professor of Rangeland Management**, at The University of Queensland, Gatton Campus.

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**Tertiary Education:** (a) B.App.Sc. (Rur.Tech.) Hons 1. Univ of Queensland, 1968-72  
(b) Ph.D. (New England), 1973-1979  
(c) Certificate IV, Workplace Assessment & Training, 2006  
(d) Diploma, Australian Institute of Company Directors, 2007

**Awards & Honours** Churchill Fellowship 1990

## **Employment:**

**2001 – present:** **Director**, Rangelands Australia, and **Professor of Rangeland Management** at The University of Queensland, Gatton Q (*On secondment from CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems*)

**1995 – 2001:** **Research management** (ie, **Deputy Chief** and **Chief**, CSIRO Divisions of Tropical Agriculture and Tropical Crops & Pastures respectively, Brisbane Q).

**1985 - 1995:** **Research leadership** (ie. **Program Manager** and **Project Leader**, CSIRO Tropical Crops & Pastures, Brisbane Q)

**1980 - 1985:** **Research scientist** (CSIRO Wildlife and Rangelands Research, Darwin NT)

**1975 - 1979:** **Teaching Fellow** (Dept of Ecosystem Management, University of New England, Armidale NSW).

\* As at June 2009

\*\* Note: Rangelands are 80% of Australia, corresponding to ABS' remote and very remote regions

**Research interests and skills:** Sustainable grazing and farming systems  
Rangeland ecology and management  
Community needs analysis and participatory research

**Communications** **a) Publications:** Over 65 publications dealing with rangeland/savanna ecology and management, sustainable grazing systems, stakeholder perceptions of sustainability, and education and skills needs and gaps in the rangelands.

**b) Presentations:** Over 35 invited presentations in the last 5 years, including topics such as *'Key personal attributes and areas of knowledge for future success in the rangelands'* and *'Building capacity in Australia's rangelands'*, *'Learning for a future in the bush'*, *'Australia's rangelands – Issues and challenges'*.

**Key external and other professional responsibilities** (over the past ten years only)

- Non-executive Director, Land & Water Resources Research & Development Corporation (LWRRDC), 1996-9
- Advisory Editor, Grass and Forage Science, 1996+
- Member and Chairman of the Board, Agricultural Production Systems Research Unit (APSRU), 1996-2001
- Deputy Chairman, North Australia Beef Research Council (NABRC), 1995-2001; now invited as an Observer with special expertise in education and training, 2002+
- Member and Acting Chairman, Advisory Board of Central Queensland University's Institute of Sustainable Regional Development, 1998-2001
- Member, Expert Panel for the Land Chapter of the 2002 and 2006 State of the Environment reports
- Member, Board of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre (CRC), 2003+; with oversight of the CRC's Education program (ie. VET to RHD levels) and Social Process Monitor
- Chair, Desert Advisory Forum, Desert Knowledge CRC, 2003-5
- Member, Council of the Australian Rangeland Society, 2007+
- Member, Remote Enterprise Centre Ministerial Advisory Board, 2009+

### **Professional Memberships**

- Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Australian Rangeland Society
- Range Science Education Council (USA)
- Rural Press Club (Q)
- Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia
- Society for Range Management (USA)