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2010 AARES Distinguished Fellow

Garry Griffith



Garry Griffith was an agricultural economist with Industry and Investment NSW for 38 years, holding the position of Principal Research Scientist until his retirement in 2010. He has also had a long association with UNE and was appointed as an Adjunct Professor in 1998. Garry completed a B.Ag.Ec at UNE (1972), a M.Ec at Macquarie (1978) and a PhD at Guelph (1980).

His key research interests are the application of economic models of the Australian livestock industries to predict the impacts of changes in production technologies, advertising programs, government policies, the nature of the adoption process and how adoption can be increased and sped up, and the links between the competitive structure of markets and the distribution of the benefits from effective technological change. He has a longstanding interest in price formation processes in food and fibre markets and in the changing nature of the relationships between farm and retail prices.

Garry's research has been supported by the R&D corporations, the ARC and a number of CRCs. He has led the impact assessment programs in the Beef and Sheep CRCs and has been instrumental in applying formal

economic modelling procedures to the outcomes of CRC research programs. He has been awarded a CRC Association Award for Excellence in Innovation and a Eureka Prize for his contribution to the development and commercialisation of the MSA beef grading scheme. In recent years, he has had advisory roles with ACIAR and MLA in the research evaluation and training arena and has been actively involved in ACIAR projects in southern Africa.

His research output has been substantial, publishing more than 200 refereed articles, proceedings and monographs, and supervising more than 100 honours and postgraduate dissertations. He was co-supervisor of the AARES PhD thesis prize in 2000.

Garry's contributions to AARES and the broader profession have included President of AARES (2000); President, Treasurer and Federal Councillor of the New England Branch; Editor of RMAE; Co-Editor of AAR and AAP; Associate Editor of the AJARE; Editorial Board member for several international journals; external examiner for PhD and M.Ec dissertations at Australian and overseas universities; and external assessor for ACIAR and ARC.