

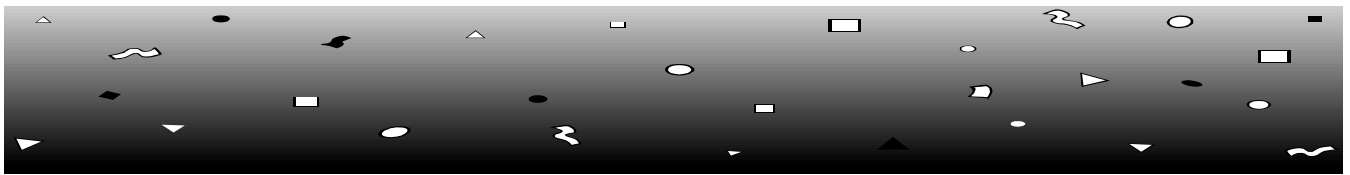


CONGRATULATIONS

TO

IAN BAIRD

**Associations
Communication & Technology Officer**



Outstanding Professional Service Award

^ The Professional Teaching Council (PTC) of NSW introduced this annual award in 2002, in recognition of the voluntary work undertaken by association committees.

^ The NSW Association of Agriculture Teachers is a member of the NSW PTC.

^ This award will be made by the PTC on behalf of professional associations in recognition of the voluntary individual committee member's outstanding professional contribution to education in NSW made through a professional teacher's association.

^ The current Agriculture Association's executive nominated Ian Baird; Communication & Technology Officer of the Association for his four years continued professional work towards the needs of the Associations web site.

^ The award is to be presented to Ian Baird by the Minister for Education & Training, The Hon. John Della Bosca on Tuesday 11th December 2007 at the PTC Annual Presentation Evening at Leichhardt, Sydney

^ Congratulations to Ian on behalf of the Association & all Agriculture Teachers.

Congratulations...



Ian Baird



NSW Association Agriculture Teachers

Mr. Ian Baird
Citation

Mr. Ian Baird is a dedicated and committed Agriculture teacher who has used his expertise in the field of Agriculture Technology to assist in the development and maintenance of the NSW Association of Agriculture Teachers Website over the past four years.

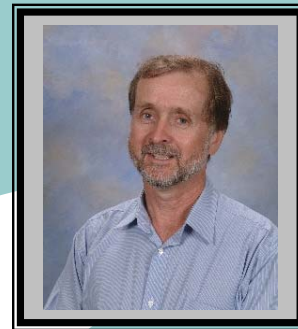
As Website/ICT co-ordinator, Ian has established a statewide network of current Agriculture resources which is readily accessible by teachers and anyone interested in Agriculture education.

Ian's reliable involvement with the Website facility has enriched the teaching of Agriculture by providing education materials required to deliver quality education to all students.

Evidence of Ian's valuable contribution to Agriculture education can be reflected in the Website hosting statistics which reflect an increasing 'hits' and 'traffic usage' to the Associations Website.



Mr. Ian Baird's Briefing Notes:



1975-1977:

- ^ Agriculture Teacher at Yanco Agricultural High School.
- ^ Stockmaster in 1977.

1978:

- ^ Agriculture Teacher at Windsor High School.

1979 to 1982

- ^ Agriculture Teacher in charge in New Hebrides (Vanuatu).
- ^ Established a Farm Club and became involved in Curriculum Development.
- ^ Appointed Chairman of the National Curriculum Development Committee.
- ^ Worked closely with Alan Sutherland who was the consultant to the committee.

1983 to 2006

- ^ Agriculture Teacher at Murrumburrah High School.
- ^ Developed the school farm of 13 hectares.
- ^ Involved in sheep breeding (President of Gromark Sheep Society).
- ^ Showing cattle at local and state shows: 1988 to 1999.
- ^ Principal organiser & coordinator of student workshops for the Murrumburrah High School Field Days which was a feature of the school for a 5 year period.
- ^ The school field days led to Murrumburrah High School hosting the 1993 National Treefest.

2007

- ^ Technology teacher including Animal & Plant units in an Agriculture context.

HSC Marker:

1978-2005:

- ^ Marker for HSC Agriculture.
- ^ Participated in programming workshops in Agriculture.

Association of Agriculture Teachers involvement:

Association Member: 1975-1978 & 1982-2007

- Member of the NSW Agriculture Teachers Association for 27years.

NSWAAT Executive: 2004-2007:

- Member of the NSWAAT State Executive.
- State executive role as the Technology & Communications contact responsible for the Associations Website.
- Committee member for organising the 2006 Biennial Conference.

NSW Association of Agriculture Teachers Web-Site Involvement:

Website/ICT co-ordinator: 2004-2007:

- Further developed and added enhancements to the website which was initially set up by Graeme Harris.
- Established new web-pages, maintained existing web-pages by keeping the information current and enhancing the pages with colour and graphics.
- Deleting obsolete text.
- Testing the updated web-pages in a browser to check user access.
- Checking links, redoing links.
- Uploading files to the website/ organising PDF's and text documents into folders for webpage access.
- Checking on website traffic on a monthly basis.
- Providing the State Executive with statistical information on member access to the website.
- Troubleshooting technical issues with the website which involves communicating with the web-host, often over extended periods of time.
- Liaising with members of the State Executive to establish what is required to keep members up-to-date.
- Teaching materials, resources, Association newsletters, conference agendas and sponsor articles, agriculture correspondence, various reports, Association bulletins are among some of the information provided by the state executive which is uploaded to the Associations web site.