

Tony Barnett

"J.A. Sutherland Award"

i. Criteria for Award:

^ The award is presented to an Agriculture teacher who is judged to have made a significant contribution to the teaching of Agriculture.

^ The recipient is a member of the NSW Association of Agriculture Teachers

i. Presentation:

^ The J.A. Sutherland Award was presented to Tony on 7th May 2004 by members present at the NSWAAAT Bi-Annual Conference at Armidale.

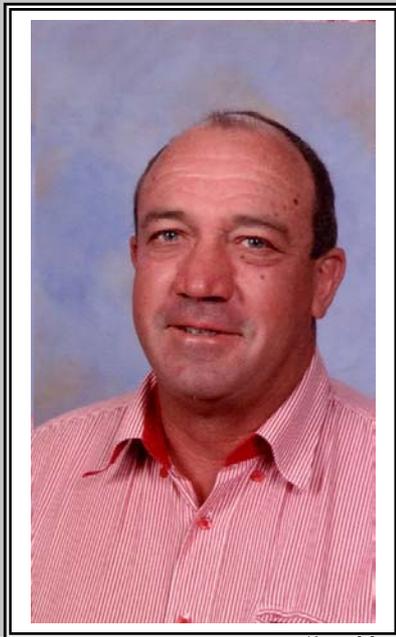
iii. Citation:

^ Tony Barnett attended Dodingolong Primary School & Kempsey High School. He enrolled in a Forestry Science course at University of New England in 1966. However, however he learned more about grog & girls in those early years & therefore attended Armidale Teachers College as a trainee teacher in 1967 graduating as a two years trained junior science teacher.

^ Tony spent approximately six years at Kempsey High School from 1968 teaching junior science and maths. He was transferred to Walcha Central School in 1974 as a science/maths teacher. In 1980 due to a shortage of Agriculture teachers, the Department of Education recognized his qualifications to teach Agriculture and he was subsequently appointed at Walcha Central School in 1982. He loved teaching Agriculture & pursued it with a passion. Tony maintains that Agriculture studies now addresses the average student who needs a hands on approach; real experiences to help them survive at school as well as the smarter kids who wanted a career in Agriculture.

^ He also believes that there are many opportunities given to teachers of Agriculture and that the best thing is that we are all still learning and the more we learn the more there is to learn.

Besides Tony's long and dedicated teaching career he has always been a leader and an active member of any organization or committee in relation to Agriculture education which he believed would improve the situation for all students. Some examples of his involvement in more recent years include:



- Active member, leader & role model within Armidale District Agriculture and Primary Industries teachers' network.
- Initiated, organized & facilitated Primary Industries competency training at Walcha Central School for PI students throughout the district for the past six years. This has involved up to 100 students.
- Organised & conducted the Northern Schools Steer competition in 2001 & has been a participant for many years.
- Organised & conducted the Northern Schools Prime Lamb competition in 2000 & has been a participant for many years.
- Organised numerous personnel from DET & BOS for training & development days over many years.
- Has recently been a member of the HSC Agriculture Examination Committee for three years & has really been a voice for country students with a practical background.
- Has been a marker & senior marker of the HSC Agriculture paper for the past four years.
- Has been an active member of the NSWAAAT since its inception.

Congratulations Tony....NSWAAT

organised & facilitated two state wide Agriculture Teachers Conferences at both Tamworth & Armidale.

^ Tony's personal qualities are probably the factors that have ensured the tremendous respect of his peers in terms of his leadership and contribution to Agricultural education at all levels within our system.

^ He has always been that gentle giant who is so humble, honest & forthright who has been prepared to speak up for students with lesser ability levels, in other words, country students who have and need a practical base from which to work. He has been a voice for rural students & teachers on all committees that he has participated & he has always conducted himself with great integrity and civility.

^ Tony has been a great Agriculture teacher leader & role model for students & teachers to follow.

^ Congratulations.....Well Done.....Big Fella!

Rowan Chandler

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