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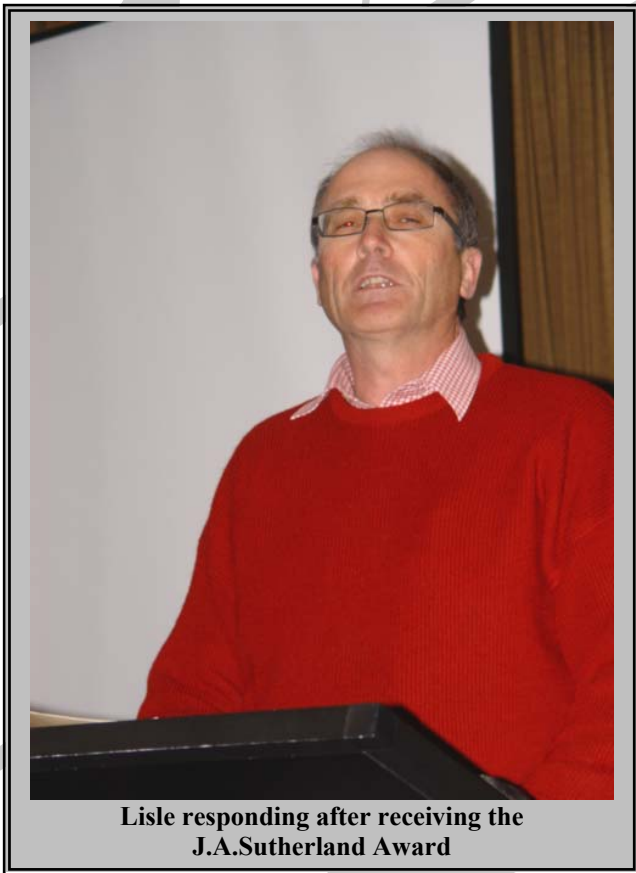
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# CONGRATULATIONS

**Lisle Brown**

**JAMES RUSE  
AGRICULTURAL  
HIGH  
SCHOOL**



Lisle responding after receiving the  
J.A.Sutherland Award

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## Lisle Hector Bown

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- Lisle attended Yanco Agricultural High, obtaining his Leaving Certificate in 1965.



- He undertook his Tertiary Agriculture studies at the University of Sydney and was awarded his B.Sc.Agr in 1970 and Dip.Ed. in 1971. He returned to academic studies in 1979 to gain his M.Ed and again in 1995 for his Dip.Tech.Ed.

- Lisle's first teaching appointment was to Windsor High School in January 1972 as Agriculture and Science Assistant Teacher. Initially he was the only Agriculture Teacher at Windsor High but was later joined by Stuart Hawkins in 1973. Together they developed Agriculture, including the plot from scratch. Lisle also taught HSC Physics, Biology and some Chemistry. He obtained List Two in 1975 (qualification needed to be able to do a Science Head Teachers job - Dave Rowland was the Inspector)



- From 1979 to 2007 Lisle served as Head Teacher Agriculture at James Ruse Agricultural High. He taught Agriculture to all years and only missed teaching a HSC class twice in 29 years. Very occasionally one of his students topped the state in HSC Agriculture. Lisle oversaw the continued development of the subject and the farm at Ruse. He skilfully led his faculty through a period of major change at the school which had significant impacts on Agriculture and all future students at James Ruse.



- Lisle's most pleasing personal achievement as a Head Teacher was to have James Ruse students top HSC Agriculture and win the Charles Mularvy Award every year except three since 1980.

- Apart from his responsibilities as a Head Teacher at Ruse he was actively involved in ISCF and sport coaching - rugby, touch rugby, baseball and soccer.

- Lisle has had a significant influence on how Agriculture (and related subjects) has been taught in NSW for the past 30 years. Lisle has served on Board of Studies Syllabus Committees representing variously the Department of Education and the Teachers Federation. Committees including;
  - HSC Agriculture
  - 7 to 10 Agriculture
  - Sheep Husbandry & Wool Science
  - Design and Technology.
- He acted as Chairperson of the HSC Agriculture Syllabus for several years until syllabus committees were disbanded with the advent of the latest version of the HSC.
- He has served as an Examiner and Senior Assistant Examiner for HSC Agriculture for 19 years from 1973 and then occasionally after that.
- Lisle has been a Member of the NSW Association of Agriculture Teachers since 1973 and President of the Sydney Branch 2005 – 2007.
- He is a co-author of the Dynamic Agriculture text books with Bob Hindmarsh and Ross McGregor. These texts have been invaluable to probably every Agriculture teacher in NSW and beyond. Since 1989 these texts have been used by a countless number of Agriculture students. They have undergone several revisions to ensure their relevance to current Agriculture practices and teaching.
- Lisle has also been Editor of the Independent Trial Examination papers for Agriculture for several years.
- Lisle has been an outstanding Teacher and Head Teacher of Agriculture. He has had a positive influence on an immense number of students and teachers throughout his career. He is a man of the highest principles and is respected by all who have had the honour to work with him. Lisle is a selfless and generous man who is always willing to give his time to help others, without ever seeking reward or recognition.
- After a distinguished 38 year teaching career, Lisle is now taking a well earned retirement.



Lisle Brown receiving his J A Sutherland award from Tony Butler at the biennial conference dinner in Deniliquin

Lisle has dedicated his entire working life to the teaching of Agriculture and in various ways has had a positive influence on the education and lives of countless Agriculture students and teachers.

**Nominated by:**

**John Killeen** (HT Science/Agriculture – Bossley Park High School)

**Nomination supported by:**

**Gail Roberts** (Agriculture Teacher – James Ruse HS)

**Ross McGregor** (HT Agriculture (Hurlstone Agricultural HS))