

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Trustees of the AW Howard Memorial Trust met as a committee on May 7 2015, 7 August 2015 and 16 November 2015, during the course of which advice was considered from the Trust's Research sub-committee on the awarding of Travel Grants, Grants-in-aid and Research Fellowships.

Travel grants were awarded in support of research programs as follows

NAME	TRAVEL GRANT DETAILS
Claire Lewis	Attendance and presentation at the International Farm Management Association Congress, Quebec, Canada, 12-17 July 2015
Daniel Kidd	Attendance at the 9th International Symposium of Society of Root Research - Roots Down Under, Canberra, 6-9 October 2015
David Kemp	Attendance at the 23rd International Grassland Congress, New Delhi India, 20-24 November 2015; and visit to ICIMOD in November 2015
David Michalk	Attendance at the 23rd International Grasslands Congress, New Delhi, India, 20-24 November 2015. Pre-congress workshop on Sustainable Asian Grasslands based on outcomes from ACIAR Project LPS/2008/048 Sustainable Livestock Grazing Systems on Chinese Temperate Grasslands
David Peck	Attendance at the 17th Australian Agronomy Conference, Hobart 20-24 September 2015
Hayley Giles	Attendance at the 23rd International Grasslands Congress, New Delhi, India, 20-24 November 2015
Jason Terpolilli	19th International Congress on Nitrogen Fixation, California, 4-9 October 2015
Karl Behrendt	Attendance at the 23rd International Grasslands Congress, New Delhi, India, 20-24 November 2015
Louise Thatcher	Attendance at 28th Fungal Genetics Conference & 61st Conference on Soilborne Plant Pathogens (encompassing the 47th Annual California Nematology Workshop)
Marta Monjardino	Attendance at the 23rd International Grasslands Congress, New Delhi, India, 20-24 November 2015
Meredith Mitchell	Attendance at the 23rd International Grasslands Congress, New Delhi, India, 20-24 November 2015
Milou Dekkers	Attendance at 18th Biennial Conference of the Rangeland Society, Alice Springs, 12-16 April 2015
Nicolas Lyons	Deliver presentation at the European Federation of Animal Science annual meeting and participate in an AUTOGRASS MILK International Workshop
Penny Roberts Craig	Attendance at the 17th Australian Agronomy Conference, Hobart 20-24 September 2015
Skye Gabb	Attendance at the 17th Australian Agronomy Conference, Hobart 20-24 September 2015

Steve Hughes	Attendance at the 23rd International Grassland Congress, New Delhi India, 20-24 November 2015; and developing opportunities for collaboration and germplasm exchange with NBPGR, New Delhi and ICRISAT, Hyderabad
Suzanne Orchard	Attendance at the 9th International Symposium of Society of Root Research - Roots Down Under, Canberra, 6-9 October 2015
Ted Wolfe	Attendance at the 23rd International Grassland Congress, New Delhi India, 20-24 November 2015
Warwick Badgery	Attendance at the 23rd International Grasslands Congress, New Delhi, India, 20-24 November 2015

An Australian Graziers or Rangeland Pastoralists Travel Grant was awarded to Fiona and Ian Koch at a value of \$7,070.

Grants-in-Aid were awarded to Professor John Irwin who will use the funds to *"Identify elite M.sativa X M.arborea hybrid derivatives based on half sib family performance in row trials in the field"* while Rob Shea's award was to provide financial assistance for the Perennial Pasture Systems 7th Annual Conference in Ararat, August 2015.

At the May 2015 meeting, Jane Kelly and Jaime Manning were supported to receive AW Howard Research Fellowships. Nicolas Hansen was the successful applicant for a Tim Healey Scholarship.

At the August 2015 meeting, the Trust amended its Constitution, upgraded the titles of Trustees to reflect current nomenclature and added a By-law to provide for the Dr Tim Healey Scholarships

At the November 2015 meeting, three-year \$10,000 p.a. Research Fellowships were awarded to Alison Hall, Natalie Shadwell, Aerial Ivanovici, Rebecca Garrad and Max Cowan, payable in 2016. Tim Healey Scholarships (\$10,000 p.a. for 3½ years) were awarded to Sabrina Chin and Thomas Edwards.

Professor David Coventry resigned from the Trust after many years' service, while Glenn Macdonald as incoming President of the South Australian Division of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science (Ag Institute Australia) replaced out-going President Hamish Dickson. Appreciation is expressed for the contributions of Professor Coventry and Hamish Dickson to the deliberations of the Trust. Professor Mike Keller (representing the Waite Institute) attended his first meeting on 7 May 2015, Wayne Hein (representing the Roseworthy campus of Adelaide University) attended his first meeting on 16 November 2015 and Dr Alison Southwell (a previous recipient of a Research Fellowship) was appointed in December 2015 for a period of three years to commence in January 2016. The Trust's Chair, Professor Pauline Mooney, was given leave of absence in November 2015 for an urgent medical opportunity.

A review of a future strategy for the Tim Healey Scholarships was initiated in November 2015, being conducted by Dr Bob Clements (Chair), Professor Mike Keller and Mr Andrew Inglis (the former Chair of the CRC for Future Farm Industries, whose surpluses have funded the Healey scholarships).

Andrej Wojciechowski from Macquarie Private Wealth, assisted by Geoff Glasson, have continued to advise the Trust on its investment portfolio. Details are in the separate Financial Statements for 2015.

John C Radcliffe
(Acting Chair)

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