

**WILLIAM A. PATTIE**

William Anthony Pattie (Bill) was born at Leura NSW, and graduated from the University of New South Wales with a B.Sc. in 1960. He was appointed Livestock Research Officer at Trangie Agricultural Research Station, NSW, working with Bob Dun, where he conducted research into inheritance of growth and wool production of Merino sheep and crossbreeding systems in prime lamb production. Following postgraduate studies, supervised by Helen Turner, on realised selection responses in single character selection lines established at Trangie by Fred Morley, he was awarded a PhD in animal breeding by UNSW in 1966. In 1968, he was appointed Principal Livestock Research Officer, NSW Department of Agriculture, and was responsible for the direction of livestock production research in that Department.



From 1971 to 1974, Bill served as Head of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, NSW, where he was responsible for the establishment of a new department, developing curricula, teaching courses in genetics, animal breeding and wool technology. Then from 1974 to 1991, he was successively Lecturer, Senior Lecturer then Reader in Animal Breeding in the Faculties of Veterinary Science and Agricultural Science at the University of Queensland, teaching Animal Genetics and Breeding. He also supervised research Masters and PhD students and developed computer assisted learning programs for Genetics and animal Breeding. Bill's research activities involved studies of the inheritance of growth, reproduction and cashmere production in Australian goats and the design of cattle, sheep and goat breeding programs.

As well as his work in Australia, Bill has worked in Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, China, France, The Netherlands and the South Pacific. He has made significant contributions in Australia and overseas in the areas of university management and development, academic staff development, academic program and curriculum development in agriculture, distance education, animal breeding and genetics.

From 1991 to 1997, Bill was Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor of Agriculture and Head of the School of Agriculture at the University of the South Pacific. As Pro Vice-Chancellor, he was responsible for the Alafua campus and its associated teaching farms, the School of Agriculture and the Institute of Research, Extension and Training for Agriculture in Samoa. As Professor of Agriculture, he was responsible for the academic program in Agriculture for the University of the South Pacific, which serves 12 countries of the region. During his tenure, all academic programs in Agriculture were revised and restructured, while courses in the B.Agr. program were made available by distance education.

Since his retirement at the end of 1997, Bill has maintained his interest in Animal Breeding and Production and has devoted much of his time to assisting with the organisation of the last three AAABG conferences and producing the conference proceedings. He has developed the AAABG internet web site to be the main channel of communication and operational support for the Association and its members. This includes on-line databases and secure financial transaction facilities for membership subscriptions and conference registrations. The web site also provides a full range of editorial support for the conference proceedings from receipt of papers, review and revision to production of the proceedings. Now, to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association, Bill is putting the proceedings of all the AAABG conferences on the Association's web site, fully indexed and searchable.

## **JIM WALKLEY**

James Richard Whenan Walkley (Jim) was born at Moonta on SA's Yorke Peninsula graduating from the University of Adelaide with a B.Agric.Sc. in 1968. From 1969 to 1977 he worked with Scott Dolling as a Livestock Research Officer in the SA Department of Agriculture managing research projects to estimate phenotypic and genetic parameters for Merino sheep and to extend technical information on sheep breeding to wool growers.



During 1977/78 he studied for a Master of Science (Animal Breeding) at the University of Edinburgh, and supervised by the late Prof. Charles Smith prepared a thesis on the use of traits measured in males and females to estimate breeding values for reproductive rate in sheep.

During the 1980s he was Executive Officer, Woolplan the national sheep performance recording scheme developed on behalf of Animal Production Committee/Standing Committee of Agriculture.

In 1987 he was a member of the Organising Committee for the Australian Wool Corporation's "Merino Improvement Programs in Australia" conference at Leura which advised their Production Research Advisory Committee on R, D and E priorities for Merino breeding and genetics.

Jim held various research management positions in the SA Department and SARDI from 1987 to 1994 including: A/Principal Livestock Research Officer leading the sheep and wool research group consisting of six scientists and their technical staff. He was also Principal Officer, Research Management and a foundation member of SARDI's "Management Committee" and briefly their Interim Chief Livestock Scientist managing 36 State and 12 externally funded staff.

In May 1995 he started work with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries as a Principal Geneticist then was Acting Industry Manager, Beef and Sheep for several years responsible for some 80 staff and then as a Program Leader in the Queensland Beef Industry Institute and its successors.

From mid-2002 till the present he has been involved in Beef CRCs as a Program Manager, a member of the Re-bid Team for the CRC for Beef Genetic Technologies and again as a Program Manager.

During his career he has been actively involved with both the sheep and later the Northern beef industries in the use of genetic technologies. He assisted the SA Stud Merino Sheep Breeders' Association organise conferences in regional SA and Broken Hill and in Queensland he was Secretary of the South and SE Regional Beef Research Committees which provide advice on R, D & E priorities to the Northern Australian Beef Research Council and on project funding to MLA's Northern Beef Program Industry Committee .

Jim joined AAABG in 1979 attending 13 conferences up to and including 2009. He authored/co-authored and refereed papers and in 1984 was on the Editorial, Newsletter and Social Committees. Until he left SARDI in July 1994 he was Secretary of the 1995 conference Organising Committee. For the 16<sup>th</sup> AABG conference in Noosa Lakes he was Vice-President and is a member of the Organising Committee for the 2009 meeting in the Barossa Valley.

Jim has provided an outstanding example through his commitment to our employers, professional associations and livestock industries and in mentoring junior staff.