

## Lester Burgess Awards for Diagnostics and Extension



**Dr Kevin Moore** joined the NSW public service as a trainee plant pathologist in 1966 and remains an active senior plant pathologist with the NSW Department of Primary Industries. This undoubtedly makes him one of the longest serving plant pathologists within Australia. However, more impressive is his contribution to the Australian grains industry. The outbreak of *Ascochyta* blight in chickpea crops nationally in 1998 had a devastating impact on production. However, through Dr Moore's efforts in rapidly developing and extending integrated disease management strategies which limited losses to this disease the chickpea industry in the northern grains region expanded in the following seasons, whilst it declined in other states. Dr Moore has had a strong focus on the extension of findings to growers and agronomists throughout his career which saw him awarded the northern region GRDC 'Seed of Light' in 2002 for excellence in communication in grains industry research.