

APPS Fellow



Dr Malcolm Ryley completed his undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the University of Queensland (UQ), St Lucia. He was awarded a PhD, for his thesis 'Systemic diseases of some subtropical grasses' in 1985. He accepted a position of Plant Pathologist at Toowoomba in 1981, with the then Queensland Department of Primary Industries where he was appointed to work on diseases of summer field crops.

Mal developed and conducted research projects on major summer field crop diseases in collaboration with industry stakeholders and he developed effective disease management practices, including biosecurity measures, for field and horticultural crops, including, sorghum, maize and pulses. Throughout his career, he has shared his knowledge freely with students, young plant pathologists, agronomists, government regulators and the crop industries he worked in. He has published and extended research information in scientific and extension publications to all stakeholders.

Mal has received four awards in recognition of his services in, plant pathology, disease management and extension, to industry groups and his employer. These included: The Pacific Seeds Industry Support Award 2006; the Australia Day Achievement Medallion from the Queensland Government 2012; the GRDC Seed of Light award, Northern Region 2013, and; the Australian Mungbean Association awarded Mal a life membership in 2014. Mal is very highly respected by his colleagues, and growers in the sorghum and pulse industries.