



## Doctor of Commerce *Honoris Causa*

### Andrew Webster Macfarlane BAgSc *Lincoln*

Lincoln University alumnus Andrew Webster Macfarlane of 'Pencarrow', Mid Canterbury, has given a lifetime of service to farming, farm consultancy and roles in national and international agricultural organisations.

He is a practitioner, a leader and an inspiration in the primary sector, always open to innovative ideas, and renowned for boundless energy.

For the first 37 years of his career, after graduating from Lincoln University in 1981, he practised as a registered farm consultant, quickly winning recognition as a dynamic and innovative professional.

Macfarlane Rural Business (MRB), co-founded with wife Tricia and Jeremy Savage, has assisted numerous farmers to innovate and build their agricultural operations with resilience and sound foundations.

To this end, he encouraged the adoption of increased irrigation efficiency along with technologies relating to integrated forage, crop and animal husbandry systems that drive higher productivity while taking care of environmental management and stewardship. He has also devoted much time to farm family succession planning.

The award of Life Membership of the New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management reflects the significant contribution he has made to the agricultural industry in New Zealand.

Andy and Tricia developed their home farm, 'Pencarrow', in partnership with Andy's brother John, into a model

property where agricultural science innovations are incorporated into modern farming practices.

For the past 15 years of his career, Andy has had leadership and governance roles in New Zealand and internationally, including serving on the Lincoln University Council, being President of the New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management and holding directorships with ANZCO, Ngai Tahu Farming, AgResearch, Fonterra, as well as chairing Deer Industry NZ.

His abiding principle is that farming, research and education must work together for the common goal and purpose of sustainable long-term profitability in the primary sector.

Andy has always been a leader with an ability to connect people and ideas. He is an alumnus of the prestigious Royal Agricultural University Leadership Development Programme and of Stanford University's Design Thinking Bootcamp programme. As a member of the International Farm Management Association, he has presented at IFMA, and as a Fonterra ambassador to the Global Dairy Platform. He has too attended United Nations' FAO conferences and COP28.

**Lincoln university values Andy's wisdom, energy, knowledge and experience, which he shares so willingly, and is proud to confer on him the degree Doctor of Commerce honoris causa.**

Professor Grant Edwards  
Vice-Chancellor

Bruce Gemmell  
Chancellor



## Bledisloe Medal

**Dr Robyn Ann Dynes BAgSc (Hons) *Lincoln*, PhD *Lincoln*, FNZIAHS**

Dr Robyn Dynes is a Principal Scientist and Farmer Engagement Specialist with AgResearch, Lincoln, who has made, and continues to make, an outstanding career contribution advancing New Zealand's land-based interests.

Additionally, as a Lincoln graduate, BAgSc (Hons) 1985, PhD 1994, Dr Dynes has brought great reputational credit to her university.

Both these elements more than qualify her as a worthy recipient of Lincoln University's prestigious Bledisloe Medal.

Dr Dynes' career, spanning to date almost 35 years, has been at the interface of forage and animal sciences, and her influence has been immense at the meeting point of agriculture, science and politics.

While farming activities and change practice are a central focus, her influence extends over many aspects of the 'rural-urban' divide, bringing together diverse communities of interest to achieve sustainable, science-based farming practices with beneficial outcomes for all New Zealand.

Her recent research focuses on interactions between the emissions to air and water and agricultural systems, looking towards the changes in practice that will be needed by farmers to mitigate climate-change impacts and adapt to new realities.

Key words and phrases that emerge in any review of Dr Dynes' career include:

'Builds multi-disciplinary, agriculture-focussed research and adoption programmes'.

'Passionate about working with farmers to bring science to the questions that matter to them'.

'Works in a practical, by-example, win-win, collaborative way that leads to long-term success'.

'Her knowledge of pastoral and arable farming includes a deep understanding of biology'.

'Builds collaborations quickly and shares knowledge generously'.

Robyn is a scientist with outstanding communication skills, and is a past winner of the NZIAHS Sir Arthur Ward Trophy for Communication of Agricultural and Horticultural Science.

In 2023 she was appointed a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Agricultural and Horticultural Science.

In addition to her AgResearch positions she led the Whitiwhiti Ora Land Use Suitability Programme which partnered with farmers and communities to deliver science with impact. She holds governance and research advisory roles within arable, sheep and beef and catchment groups across New Zealand.

**Lincoln University is proud to add Dr Robyn Dynes to its distinguished roll of Bledisloe Medal recipients, only the third woman honoured in this way in the medal's 95-year history.**

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# Lincoln University Alumni International Medal (Joint Award)

**Leighton James Pace BSc Cant, BLA (Hons) *Lincoln***

**Samuel George Dennistoun Martin BLA (Hons), MLA *Lincoln***

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Together they have contributed to the transformation of many landmark London locations, with the 40-acre site of the iconic Battersea Power Station, and the huge 245 Hammersmith Road co-working facility just two of numerous examples.

Founded by Sam Martin in 2003, and co-owned with Leighton Pace since 2012, London-based Exterior Architecture Ltd works with external professionals and practitioners in architecture, engineering, interior design, lighting, product design and sculpture.

Leighton and Sam bring complementary strengths and expertise to their professional partnership, and they have lifted their company to the leading rank of British landscape design practices.

Localism and the endemic nature of 'place' are key inspirations for Leighton's work, resulting in designs that reflect place, meaning and culture.

Leighton leads the practice's master planning and international work sectors across Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, and now more widely in Africa.

Earlier work before partnering with Sam, included the Stonehenge Environmental Project, a regional hospital in

Austria, a park in Berlin, and a city district and public realm design in Beirut.

Sam too takes his design inspiration from the concept of 'place' and the way in which people use that place, 'while always ensuring the natural environment can express itself'.

His earlier work includes the New Zealand Garden in Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park, one of Britain's greatest ornamental gardens which, through Sam's involvement, houses one of the largest collections of native New Zealand plants in Britain. He is also a past Excellence Award winner for design work at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Exterior Architecture's landscaping work on the Battersea Power Station job, London's biggest regeneration project on the last remaining large riverfront development space in the central city, stands as one of the company's highest profile undertakings and was completed to great acclaim.

The company's work on 245 Hammersmith Road, a huge collaborative co-working facility of office space, retail units, roof terraces, a public plaza, urban park and event locations, won similar plaudits.

Beyond London, the company's notable projects include landscaping at Harwell Campus, near Oxford, the UK's leading science and innovation campus.

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