



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.

Professor Grant Edwards
Vice-Chancellor

Bruce Gemmell
Chancellor