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1914 - Born in Edmonton, England

1935 - Forbes Memorial Prize and Medal received from the Royal College of Science

1935 - Bachelor of Science (BSc) completed at the University of London

1939- 1946 Research Assistant then Scientific Officer at the Research institute of Plant Physiology at the East Malling Research Station in Kent, UK

1941 Education - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) completed at the University of London

1946 1947 - Plant Physiologist at the West African Cacao Research Institute in Tafo, Ghana 1948 Life event - Migrated to Australia

1948 – 1952 - Senior Lecturer in Botany at the University of Melbourne

1952 – 1954 - Senior Lecturer, then Reader in Botany at the University College of the Gold Coast in Achimota, Ghana

1953 - Doctor of Science (DSc) received from the University of Melbourne

1954 – 1956 Professor of Agricultural Botany at the University of Reading, UK

1956 – 1961 Director of the CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) Tobacco Research Institute in Mareeba, Queensland

1956 – 1961 Senior Principal Research Scientist at the CSIRO Division of Plant Science

1961 – 1967 Senior Principal Research Scientist at the CSIRO Division of Mathematical Statistics in Perth

1965 – 1967 Honorary Reader in Botany at the University of Western Australia

1967 – 1968 Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of California, USA

1968 – 1974 Professor of Systems Ecology at the Ecology Centre at the Utah State University, USA

1974 – 1978 Member of the Advisory Committee for the Swedish Coniferous Forest Project

1974 – 1979 Senior Principal Research Scientist at the CSIRO Division of Land Resources Management in Canberra, Deniliquin and Perth

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1979 – 1998 Honorary Research Fellow at the CSIRO Division of Land Resources Management then the Division of Wildlife and Ecology

1990 - Doctor of Science Nat. honoris causa received from the Università degli Studí di Trieste, Italy

1998 - Honorary Research Associate at the Centre for Ecosystem Management at Edith Cowan University, Joondalup campus
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