

The Crop Science Society of SA

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Crop Science Society recognizes three new life members.

Since 1975 the Crop Science Society of South Australia Incorporated (CSSSA) has advocated for the use of sound science to provide improvements in agricultural crop production for South Australian producers. CSSSA is an active organisation of farmers, farming consultants and agricultural research scientists. It was felt that a society was needed to provide a forum for the exchange of information between people in academic and applied fields; between research, teaching, extension workers, farmers and marketing representatives.

CSSSA provides a forum for the interchange of ideas from a membership extending beyond that spanned by any existing organisation. Currently, the society has approximately 400 members from rural and metropolitan SA, as well as a small interstate membership. Meetings are held on the third or fourth Wednesday of the month at the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy campus.

At an invitation dinner at Gawler on the evening of the 20th December the Society recognized three new worthy recipients.

The evening was an opportunity for five of the previous Life Membership recipients, committee members, members & member's wives to meet before the Christmas break.

John Both was an influential agriculture researcher up until November 2018 when he retired from Nufarm Limited after 27 years with them. John led & conducted extensive research which was critical for the creation of broader use patterns of existing chemistry, as well as development of new products to bring to market. He influenced and aided many farmers and Agronomists in their daily operations. John was also a past Crop Science President and committee member and was influential in helping to shape local planning policy with respect to the Ag/urban interface. He also aided in communication with industry and government on matters of chemical drift & spray management.

Peter Smith has recently retired from his position as Assistant Principal at Urrbrae Agricultural High School after 31 years with the school. Peter had a back ground in animal studies through the University of Adelaide but was appointed the Grains lead with Urrbrae when he started teaching as an Ag teacher. With linkages to Crop Science through a past life membership recipient Tony Rathjen, Peter has been a regular participant at our regular meetings, and been influential through committee positions & most recently as the elected Secretary. Peter is also a contributor to the Royal Agriculture & Horticulture Show society & Deputy Chair of their Grains & Fodder Committee. He was instrumental in developing the new National Grain & Fodder Innovation awards, presented at the Royal Adelaide Show for the first time this year.

Peter Cousins is an Agricultural Consultant based at Crystal Brook in the Mid North. Peter has had extensive experience in the industry, and has been extremely busy with important activities such as spray drift management and planning policy. He also contributes through organisations such as the Hart Field Day Group. Peter has been a strong Crop Science advocate. Most recently Peter has taken on a Director's position with Grain Producers SA (GPSA).

All three recipients were present to receive their awards and were warmly congratulated by the members present.

Yours sincerely,



Craig Davis.

