

Dr Warwick Scott, Lincoln University Medal

Dr Warwick Scott has been closely associated with the ANZ Young Farmer Contest for 14 years and in 2012 was appointed the inaugural Patron of the Contest.

Warwick began his association with the Young Farmer Contest at the Regional Final in Blenheim in 2000, initially helping to set questions for the agribusiness section before becoming involved with the photo identification round. In 2006 he became one of the adjudicators for the Grand Final and then became more and more involved in helping to set the questions for both the Regional Finals and the Grand Final.

At the time of his appointment as Patron, the Contest Chairperson Bevan Proffit said “we are thrilled to have Warwick on board as our Contest Patron. His involvement with the Contest in particular his contribution with the question setting has been invaluable. His commitment to the Contest has been outstanding having only missed one Regional Final in 12 years. With Warwick’s passion for Lincoln University and the agricultural industry we are very fortunate for his association with our event.”

Warwick worked as a plant scientist at Lincoln University for 39 years, retiring in 2009 as a Senior Lecturer. He was one of the first two recipients of the Lincoln University Awards for Excellence in Teaching when they were introduced in 1990. The citation described him as an “outstanding teacher” showing “extraordinary performance” at all levels. He won a second award for his teaching in the University’s Blues, Golds and Green Awards of 2008, when students voted him Top Teacher in the Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences. As a researcher Dr Scott conducted important work on subterranean clover, cereals and forage crops, and he used a Nuffield Fellowship to spend a year overseas at the Plant Breeding Institute at Cambridge.

Warwick is an alumnus of Lincoln University where he completed a First Class Honours degree in Agricultural Science and a PhD in Agronomy. He also served as the academic staff representative on Council from 2003 to 2010. For many years he undertook the role of calligrapher for the University’s degree parchments.