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Hector and Andrew Stewart

Memorial Lecture 2020



Food Security and Agriculture in Western Australia

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Food security is not an issue of concern to most Western Australians and access to adequate food is assumed. COVID-19 has illustrated that food insecurity is, for many people in the world, an economic issue. We are witnessing a dramatic rise in those who cannot afford food in Australia and globally.

In his lecture, Dr Robertson will examine the reality of food security in Western Australia, what we produce, what we export, and what future risks there are to our production. Is our research capacity adequate to maintain our food supplies and our global contribution?

Biography

The University of WA graduate Graeme Robertson completed his PhD at the University of Oxford in plant physiology as a Rhodes Scholar. Roles in marketing and economics at the Department of Agriculture then led him to five years leading research and extension teams in the Kimberley.



The salinity crisis of the 1970s saw Graeme appointed as Commissioner of Soil Conservation and Director of Resource Management, where he played a major role in developing the Landcare movement.

Graeme was Director General of Agriculture for nearly 10 years before accepting the position of Director of Muresk and Head of Environment and Agriculture at Curtin University. He has worked in agriculture nationally and internationally, and sat on boards, committees and working groups, including inaugural chair of the Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation, and board member of the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

Since leaving Curtin, Graeme has helped develop national strategies for agricultural research, education and training and food security in several countries in North Africa and the Middle East.

Event Details

This year marks the 27th Hector and Andrew Stewart Memorial Lecture, with the inaugural event held in 1966. The lecture is in honour of the late Hon Hector J Stewart, MLC and his son, the late Mr Andrew M Stewart, both Wagin wool growers. Mr Stewart Jr was President of UWA's Guild of Undergraduates in 1929 and twice Dean of UWA's Faculty of Agriculture.

Date Tuesday 17 November, 2020

Time 5-6pm Lecture

Venue Bayliss Lecture Theatre
G:33, UWA
See map: bit.ly/31Sc9y2

Cost Free, registration essential

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