

APPS Fellow



Associate Professor Philip John Keane

Associate Professor Philip Keane has made a unique and distinguished contribution to the science of Plant Pathology in Australia and internationally, particularly through his work in tropical agriculture.

Philip completed honours in Agricultural Science at the University of Adelaide with Professor Allen Kerr. He gained his PhD at the University of Papua New Guinea determining the cause of Vascular Streak Dieback of cocoa, then was appointed Lecturer at the University of Papua New Guinea. He joined La Trobe University in 1975. He has since co-authored a monograph on Vascular Streak Dieback of cocoa, co-edited two multi-authored volumes on diseases of cocoa and diseases of eucalypts and authored over 90 scientific publications. A significant cohort of successful and productive students illustrates the quality of his outstanding record of discovery.

Keane's more recent work has been on diseases of eucalypts, for which he has also established an enviable international reputation.