

## Lester Burgess Awards for Diagnostics and Extension



**Greg Platz** is a name synonymous with Australian plant pathology Research, Development and Extension. Greg is highly valued and respected by the Australian and international grains research community. Greg's career is measured by many millions of dollars delivered to the grains industry through applied research and social impacts on growers, researchers and industry leaders he has met and influenced.

Greg was justifiably acknowledged when he was awarded: The Bruce McClelland memorial award, 2007 in recognition of his commitment to enhance the long term sustainability and profitability of the grain industry through innovation, technology and development; and the extremely prestigious GRDC Seed of Light Award in 2012 – honoring an exceptional communicator with the ability to communicate concepts and advances in crop protection and biosecurity to diverse audiences. Greg's leadership and ability to mentor young researchers is highly regarded by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, his peers and team members along with professionals and industry leaders globally, but he still remains one of the most down to earth, humble and accomplished professionals you could ever meet.