

Turner, Brian John, Dr (based on City of Cessnock Hall of Fame website)

Graduated from Australian Forestry School in 1958, PhD in Forestry at Yale University in the United States. Fellow of IFA

This citation was read on the occasion of Brian Turner's induction into the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame on 25 November 2009.

Brian Turner was born in Cessnock in 1937, and was educated at Cessnock High School.

Brian spent much of his earlier working life in the US, teaching and researching at the Pennsylvania State University, where he reached the positions of Professor of Forest Management and Co-Director of the Office for Remote Sensing of Earth Resources. In 1984, returned to Australia to take up the position of Reader in Forest Management at the Australian National University (ANU).

Brian's career and achievements reflect his lifelong interest in forest management planning, prediction of future production of managed native forest goods and services, and the collection and analysis of GIS and remotely sensed data. His work has included forestry and remote sensing research projects in Australia and around the world, teaching and consultancy, participation in numerous professional and academic committees, presentation of papers at conferences and an extensive list of publications including reports to government agencies.

In recent years, Brian has been one of Australia's substantial contributors to the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the body which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. In recognition of his contribution to the IPCC and this prize, Brian was the recipient of a special IPCC award.

Although now retired, Brian is still a Visiting Fellow (Emeritus Reader) at the Fenner School of Environment and Society at the ANU, conducting research, supervising research students and undertaking consultancies.