

Elizabeth Burt

Lincoln University Medal

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After Elizabeth Burt completed her studies at Lincoln in the 1970s, having earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Agricultural Science, she never left.

She now works at the University on a part-time basis, as a Senior Tutor, and still carries out some of the duties she started as a student, making her one of the longest serving staff members at the University.

Elizabeth has been Secretary of the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management (NZIPIM) for decades. The Institute aims to build the capability and capacity of rural professionals within New Zealand. She was also on its council for eight years, ensuring Lincoln University has representation on this national body. Elizabeth was awarded honorary life membership of the NZIPIM in 2008.

Elizabeth has also had a leadership role in the publication of Lincoln University's Financial Budget Manual (with editions every two years) and the Farm Technical Manual (editions every four to five years). She started working on the publications as a student in 1979.

The manuals are purchased by farmers and others in the rural sector, as well as students, and are a source of income for Lincoln University. The current Financial Manual has sold around 1000 copies, while the current Technical Manual has sold about 6000 copies. Elizabeth's involvement with these publications stretches back at least three decades.

In conjunction with Bob Simpson, Elizabeth organises much of the logistics associated with the field trips and field tours, that all students with a farm management element in their course go on. She also attends these one-day or multiple-day events.

Elizabeth has been involved in providing support for our diploma and undergraduate students for many years and most of our graduates in the farm management area would have had some involvement with her.

She is a valued and treasured team member. She takes on additional roles on a voluntary basis without complaint, and is a highly deserving recipient of the Lincoln University medal.