



2021 Lincoln University Medal

Vincent Alexandra Ashworth

Vince Ashworth came to Lincoln University as a Rural Field Cadet in 1951, from Central Otago. He completed the long and demanding RFC course and was awarded the exclusive Diploma in Valuation and Farm Management in 1955, for which he was Gold Medal *proxime accessit*.

After fulfilling his bond with the Department of Lands and Survey as an Assistant Field Officer, Vince left the Public Service and branched out as an agricultural adviser with a Farm Improvement Club.

In 1960 he established a farm management consultancy in Morrinsville, the first of its kind in New Zealand, which grew into the successful firm of Ashworth and Associates: Farm Management Consultants.

From that base Vince became involved in international agricultural consultancy work, which led in 1976 to an invitation to join the permanent staff of the World Bank as a Senior Agriculturalist.

He stayed with the World Bank for 11 years, working internationally.

Vince's outstanding contributions in his career, in some 30 countries worldwide,

were rightly acknowledged with the award of Lincoln University's Bledisloe Medal in 1980.

Now, the Lincoln University Medal, recognises another strand of accomplishment in Vince's life.

The Lincoln University Medal is awarded for meritorious voluntary service supporting the fabric or reputation of Lincoln University. That 'fabric' has been supported and enhanced by Vince's loyalty as a Lincoln alumnus and in particular his ability as a writer. He is the author of five books and one in particular, *A Full Life*, is a significant contribution to the cultural fabric of Lincoln University.

A Full Life chronicles Vince's personal life and public career and provides an enduring autobiographical record of a notable Lincoln University alumnus, his family, friends, and colleagues. The chapters on Vince's student years at Lincoln, with photos from the time, are a particularly valuable contribution to the cultural heritage of the university.

This substantial work and the contribution it makes to the fabric and reputation of Lincoln University mark Vincent Alexandra Ashworth as a deserving recipient of the Lincoln University Medal.

Professor Bruce McKenzie
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