

**Australian Rangeland Society
Fellowship for Dr Ron Hacker**

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Citation

Dr **Ronald Barry Hacker** is one of Australia's foremost rangeland scientists. His appointment as a Fellow of the Australian Rangeland Society recognises his long and on-going contribution to Australian and international rangeland science and practice, and to the life of the Australian Rangeland Society.

During his 47 year career, Ron has had a large and beneficial influence on our understanding of how rangelands function and how they can be managed for multiple benefits. His research and management experience has included inter-disciplinary investigations combining ecological and economic aspects. He is a skilled and thoughtful observer and interpreter of the whole rangeland environment – ecological, economic and social – and his understanding has benefited many colleagues over the years. In particular, he has supported the career development of many young scientists.

Ron is a charter member of the Australian Rangeland Society and has given and continues to give sterling service to the Society. Ron was a member of the Council of the ARS from 1994-1999. He was the Vice-President of Society 1994-1995, President 1995-97 and Immediate Past President 1997-99. He was the Chairperson, Editorial Committee and Editor of the Society's Journal from 1985-1990, and subsequently served on the Publications Committee from 1989-1995. He rejoined the Publications Committee as Chairperson in 2013. He represented Australasia on the Continuing Committee of the International Rangeland Congress (IRC) from 1995-2003, and was Vice Chair of the Organising Committee of the VIth IRC in Townsville in 1999.

In summary, throughout his career, Ron Hacker has been a source of carefully considered and wise insight concerning the management of Australia's rangelands.

