

## Life Member

### Dr Mike COX



Mike was born in Warwick on 6 November 1949. He was educated in Warwick and gained a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from the University of Queensland in 1972. He commenced his career with QDPI at the Queensland Wheat Research Institute (QWRI) in Toowoomba as a wheat breeder and, in 1978 commenced a PhD in Genetics at the University of California, Davis. He was awarded his PhD in 1981 and returned to QDPI to commence a rice breeding program in the Burdekin, based at Ayr. In 1989, he joined BSES as a sugarcane breeder, based in Bundaberg. He is currently Manager of Plant Breeding in SRA (Sugar Research Australia, formerly BSES Limited) based in Bundaberg. Mike is retiring in August 2015.

Mike married Sandy Powe in January 1974 and they have three children (Belinda, Michael and Elizabeth) and four grandchildren (Lucy, Sophie, Alexander and William).