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BSc Forestry ANU final year 1965. Master of *Forest* Science, University of Melbourne, 2012, thesis: Use of artificial hollows by mammals and birds in the Wombat *Forest*, Daylesford.

1959/60 at Kempsey High School.

1961: "Gap year", spent working on the farm at Clybucca; applied for and awarded a 5-year Australian Department of Territories Cadetship in Forestry that would lead to a post of Forest Officer in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

1962 - 1964: On the Cadetship at the University of New England, Armidale; awarded BSc Degree with a major in Botany.

1965 - early 1967: On the Cadetship at the Australian Forestry School and the Department of Forestry Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, graduated BSc (Forestry) (Honours). (Meanwhile had married Gloria from Armidale in December 1965)

1967 - 1969: Forest Officer (Research), Keravat, near Rabaul, New Britain, PNG.

1969 - 1972: PhD studies, ANU, working on a PNG forest tree species.

1972 - 1975: Forest Research Officer, Bulolo, PNG; rising through the ranks to OIC Silviculture, then OIC Forest Research Station, Bulolo.

1976 - 1978: Foundation Professor and Chairman of the Department of Forestry, Papua New Guinea University of Technology (PNGUT), Lae, PNG.

1979 - early 1980: Pro Vice Chancellor, PNGUT

Early 1980: left PNG to live in Armidale, NSW.

1982 - 1984: Senior Forest Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

1985 - 2005: Principal and Consultant in two forestry and environment consultancy businesses operating out of Armidale with projects in Australia and in over 20 other countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan and Ethiopia.

2005 - 2009: Bureau of Rural Sciences, Canberra, advising Australian Government on land, forestry and environmental matters.

August 2009 onwards: "Semi-retirement" in Armidale.

2011: Gloria and I moved from Armidale to Berwick, an eastern suburb of Melbourne. (Our son and daughter and two grandchildren are nearby.)

2011 - present: Retired, editing and writing for forestry publications, writing up experiences, digitising thousands of photographs and 100s of feet of 8mm movie film. Still making model aircraft as a hobby that I have pursued since the early 1950s.