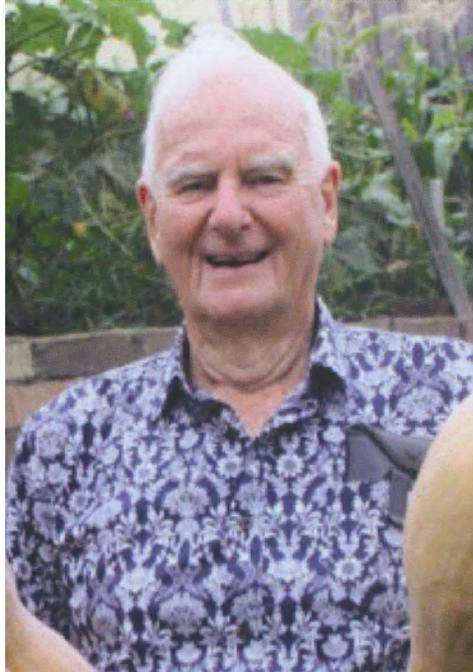


Ted Taylor

11 April 1929 - 15 February 2017



It is with great sadness that we record the loss of Edward Ernest Taylor, who died suddenly in February. Ted had been treasurer of the Society for 50 years, a remarkable record of service. The stability he brought to the Society saw it through various vicissitudes and is deeply missed.

Born in England, Ted spent much of his working life in the Wood Technology and Forest Research Division of the Forestry Commission of New South Wales, and had a magnificent knowledge of pest and pathogen damage to living trees, and also of pests of timber. After reluctant retirement from Forestry Ted continued his interests as a consultant, and found plenty to enjoy in the work and in his beautiful local environment.

Apart from his meticulous book-keeping, Ted, with his wife Mary-Lynne, organised the group's annual dinner for many years. The occasion always featured a wide array of insect toys and decorations, including radio-controlled spiders, giant blow-up locusts, wind-up beetles, plastic flies in drinking glasses, and a notorious quiz, mostly about insects but often with curly questions from other areas of science, and needless to say, with insect-themed prizes. Ted owned a remarkable range of entomological shirts and ties, worn not only at Society meetings and functions, but in private life as well. He was enthusiastic about motor bikes and regularly attended musical and other theatre productions with Mary-Lynne and a group of friends. He had a close involvement with his local community of La Perouse in Sydney, where he had many friends and was known for his kindness.

Ted's commitment to entomology was such that he could not understand how an entomologist could ever cease to be one. On one occasion I asked: "What is (X) doing these days?" The answer was indignant: "It's terrible! He just plays golf and has no interest at all in entomology!"

Members of the Society have lost a great friend as well as a lynch-pin of the Society's management. The Society hopes to organise a student prize to commemorate Ted's life and service.

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