

Wool Industries Australia

(Formerly Federation of Australian Wool Organisations Inc. (FAWO))

Australian Wool Industry Medal 2021 Recipient

Mr John Lewis

John has been involved in many parts of the wool industry pipeline, shared his time, knowledge and expertise without hesitation. Even when he retired he continued on in many roles and was well respected and still is in the wool industry.

He was a former Divisional Manager, AWTA Ltd Product Testing and former Managing Director, Macquarie Textiles.

During 2004-05 he was the Australian Wool Processors Council (AWPC) President and represented AWPC as an AWTA Director during that time.

He was appointed by FAWO as a Trustee for the Australian Wool Education Trust in 2004 and was in this role until November 2021.

During 2005-10 he was the Chairman of the Federation of Australian Wool Organisations In his role as Chairman and representing the Australian wool industry, he led a committee into China and initiated the China Australia Joint Working Group in 2007. Through FAWO he coordinated the Australian contribution towards the IWTO Test Marketing Campaign.

Once he stepped down as FAWO Chairman he continued on as the FAWO Arbitration Chairman and then with WIA.

His knowledge and experience in business, arbitration and dispute resolution ensured that Australian exporters were well represented when it came to disputes with overseas customers.

He developed many overseas connections in the UK, Italy, China, India and by attending the IWTO congresses.

In his retirement he has given up his time freely to assist and mentor others in the wool industry.