

David Peasley

*Diversity in the subtropics*

David is a Certified Practising Agriculturalist with over 35 years' experience in the Australian subtropical horticultural industries. He has written several book chapters, handbooks and grower manuals on all aspects of subtropical plant production. His main interests are working with growers to develop integrated pest and disease management systems and screening of varieties suitable for the subtropical growing conditions. In 2015, David was recognised by the Australian Banana Industry with the "*Award of Honour*" for outstanding dedication and service to the Australian Banana Industry. The Award recognised his part in the industry's response to the disease threat posed by exotic diseases and his dedication in representing the subtropical banana industry on the leadership team of the Banana Plant Protection Program and leading the National Banana Bunchy Top Project. He is a member of the Agricultural Institute of Australia and of the Australian Association of Agricultural consultants.