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Jackes, Betsy Rivers

(1935 -)

Born	19350319, Bingara New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Botanist

Summary

Jackes was Head, Tropical Plant Sciences and Deputy Head, School of Tropical Biology at the James Cook University when she retired in 2018, having worked as a lecturer since 1973. She was earlier a member of the academic teaching staff of the University of New England and the University of Queensland. She is the author or co-author of refereed journal papers, refereed conference papers, miscellaneous papers, articles, posters etc and environmental consultancy reports. Her books include: *Poisonous Plants in Northern Australian Gardens, Plants of Magnetic Island, A Guide to the Plants of the Burra Range* and *Plants of the Tropical Rainforest*.

Details

Jackes was born 19 March 1935 at Bingara NSW to Allan and Bessie (née Curtis) Paterson. Following the completion of her Bachelor of Science degree (1957) and her Master of Science degree (1959) at the University of New England, Jackes became a Research Scholar at the University of Chicago where she obtained her PhD in 1961. She married E Michael Jackes in 1962 and they had 2 children.

Jackes was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by James Cook University in 2021 and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in January 2023 for significant service to botany, to conservation and to tertiary education.

Published resources

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Resource
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