

# Charles Massy

**BSc PhD OAM**

Charles Massy gained a Bachelor of Science (Zoology; Human Ecology) at ANU in 1976 before going farming for 35 years and developing the prominent Merino sheep stud 'Severn Park'. Concern at ongoing land degradation and humanity's sustainability challenge led him to return to ANU in 2009 to undertake a PhD in Human Ecology. Charles was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his services as Chair and Director of a number of research organizations and statutory wool boards. He has also served on national and international review panels in sheep and wool research and development and genomics.



Charles has authored several books on the Australian sheep and wool industry, the most recent being the widely acclaimed *Breaking the Sheep's Back* (UQP 2011), which was short-listed for the Prime Minister's Australian Literary Awards in Australian History in 2012. *Call of the Reed Warbler: A New Agriculture - a New Earth* is Charles's fourth book; it has attained best-seller status, and has been shortlisted for the 2018 Queensland Literary Awards - Non-Fiction Book Award, the 2018 Waverley Library Award and the 2018 ABIA Book Awards - Small Publishers' Adult Book of the Year.

**We warmly welcome Charles Massy to our Environmental Forum on Saturday 4th April at the 2020 Cavendish Red Gum Festival**